

Your Order of Service

You may wish to produce an order of service for your wedding. We encourage this but it is necessary that this conforms to the proper liturgical requirements. The priests will be able to advise you as to the appropriate choice of prayers, hymns and readings. You must show one of the priests your final draft copy before you send it to be printed.

Informing the Registry Office

Once you have booked a date for your wedding at The Cathedral or St Augustine's, you need to go to your local registry office and inform them of your intention to marry. Please make these arrangements as soon as possible. From 1 January 2001, the civil preliminaries to marriage have changed. Notice of marriage by license is abolished and instead, there is a standard 28 day notice period. Notice must be given in the district(s) where both parties have had their usual residence for the 7 days prior to giving notice. Each party must now attend in person before their superintendent registrar in order to give their notice of marriage. You will be issued with a certificate granting legal permission for your wedding to take place. Please give this certificate to one of the Cathedral Clergy as soon as you have it. You may be asked who will register the marriage and will need to tell them that Canon Malachy Brett, has that responsibility. The other person who can register marriages at the Cathedral is Mrs Alison Lokes.

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The Celebration of Marriage at St Barnabas Cathedral



Marriages at The Cathedral are generally celebrated at 12 noon and 2.00pm on designated Saturdays throughout the year; marriages on weekdays are permitted on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 11.00am and 2.30pm only. All weddings are arranged in the first instance by appointment with the Cathedral Dean or one of the Assistant Priests at The Cathedral. ***Diocesan Law requires a minimum of six months notice prior to the wedding. This is to enable all the necessary arrangements and preparations to be made. All couples without exception have to attend the Marriage Care Preparation Course.***

If you or your intended spouse have been married before, a booking cannot be made for your wedding until such time it can be verified that you are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Can I get married at the Cathedral?

YES:

If it is your regular place of worship.

YES:

If you live in the Parish.

OTHERWISE:

You must approach the parish priest where you live as a matter of courtesy.

Music for your Wedding Ceremony

You will be guided in your choice of hymns and music by the Director of Music, or the Cathedral Organist. You will be contacted by the Director of Music in good time before the ceremony. All fees for the Organist, Soloist or Choir are as set by the Director of Music. As this is a religious ceremony, music or songs deemed to be inappropriate will not be permitted. In the first instance please contact:
The Music Administrator at:
stbarnabasnottingham@gmail.com



Flowers at your Wedding

Mrs Mary Mulvenney and the team of Flower Arrangers at the Cathedral are prepared to arrange the flowers for your wedding if they are available. If you do not require their services, we would be grateful if you would inform Mrs Mulvenney of this. If there is another wedding on the same day, you may wish to make contact with the other couple, as an agreement with them may save you both some money.

Contact: Mrs Mary Mulvenney,
01332 872147





Why Get Married in Church ?

Many people get married in Church because they want to recognise that marriage is a gift from God. When two people exchange their marriage vows in the presence of the Church, they are not simply "joined together" in the married state, but God gives them a special grace to support each other in their union. Because of this, marriage becomes a sacrament of God, and as such cannot be broken by human means. Jesus said himself, *that which God has joined, let not man divide.*

Marriage is a lifelong commitment to each other and to God. It is not to be embarked upon without serious thought, because when you get married, there are a lot of sacrifices to be made, but many blessings also to be received!

Marriage Preparation Course

We organise a Marriage Preparation Course each year which promotes marriage and family life. The course runs at various times during the year and is compulsory for all people being married in the Cathedral or St Augustine's, unless some other arrangements are made in consultation with the Clergy.

There is a fee payable for this course.

The Sacrament of Marriage



Marriage between the Baptised is a Sacrament, a sign of the Covenant of love between God and His people. By the solemn vows a couple confer this Sacrament and God gives them the Grace to be faithful to the promises they have made.



Marriage is a vocation

Marriage is a specific way of living out the Christian faith. Through their faithful love and through the generous living of Christian family life husband and wife witness to their faith and help to strengthen and build up God's family, the Church.

Marriage is not a private matter and it is a sign to the world of God's presence with us



The Practicalities of Marriage

The rehearsal will take place within a fortnight prior to the wedding. The people who should attend the rehearsal are the bride and groom, the best man and head bridesmaid and those who will be taking an active part in the Wedding Service (i.e. readers etc.).

By the time of the rehearsal it is imperative that the Marriage Licences from the Registrar be ready and already have been presented to the priests.

All fees for the marriage are due in full three months before the wedding takes place.

A practical point for those marrying at The Cathedral! The bride will enter through the Derby Road side of the Cathedral and leave through the garden side. Wedding cars may wait in the Cathedral Yard (but drivers must remain with the vehicles to prevent anyone from being blocked in!)



Marriage fees 2020/2021

Weddings at the Cathedral £490.00, £300.00 to Cathedral Funds, £75.00 as a stole fee, £40.00 Registrar Fee. There will also be a fee for a Marriage Preparation Course.

Preparation of couples marrying elsewhere £75.00 plus a fee for the Marriage Preparation Course Fee.

For non-Cathedral member of the Clergy officiating at the Wedding there will be a charge of £300.00 towards Cathedral Funds, £40.00 Registrar Fee and a Marriage Preparation Course Fee.

~ Please note ~

fees are subject to change.

If for any reason money is a major problem, this will be renegotiated to meet your needs.