

MARRIAGE INFORMATION

The Marriage provisions of the civil registration act 2004 became law on 5th November 2007. This new legislation brought about some major changes in the procedures for solemnising and registering marriages. To help engaged couples to prepare for their marriage and wedding day, the following are the main changes for those getting married in the church;

1. All couples are required to attend in person, at the register's office to give their notification, establish their identity and freedom to marry and sign declaration of no impediment.
2. All couples are required to be issued with a Marriage Registration Form (MRF) by a registrar before the marriage can proceed.
3. There is a new register of "Solemnisers" (Priest/Person officiating) and only those on the Register may act as a Solemniser at a marriage.

SUMMARY FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Book the church in plenty of time.
- Make an appointment to meet the civil registrar in person.
- This meeting must take place at least 3 months before the wedding
- The nearest civil registrars is; Adelaide Court, Adelaide Street, Cork. Tel 021 42751260
- West End mallow 022 50230

The Couple are required to bring the following documentation to the registrar's Office:

1. Photo identity (e.g. Passport/driving licence)
2. Names and dates of birth of witness (Best man & Bridesmaid)
3. Name of the church where ceremony will take place.
4. Date of Marriage.
5. Name of Priest who will officiate at the marriage. (The Priest must have agreed to officiate)
6. Their PPS number

When all civil requirements have been completed satisfactorily the couple will receive from the Registrar a Marriage Registration form (MRF). Without the MRF the couple cannot get married, nor may a Priest proceed with the marriage. The couple must present the MRF to the Priest. Only after this is done, can the Church documentation be completed.

CHURCH DOCUMENTATION

There is no change to the requirements for the Church.

- Baptism Certificate (Must be issued no sooner than 6 months prior to the marriage)
- Confirmation Certificate.
- Letter of Freedom/Declaration of Freedom to marry (Evidence of previous non- marriage).
- Pre-Nuptial form to be completed by the priest in the parish you are living in at present. (Please confirm this with the Officiating Priest).
- Marriage Preparation Course Certificate (Accord Pre Marriage Course, tel 025 31899)