

## GUIDELINES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO MARRY IN ST. BRENDAN'S COOLOCK

Congratulations on your decision to be married. Please God it will be a very happy occasion for both you and your families.

The Church takes this marriage just as seriously as you do. So the parish community is available to help you plan ahead through the final few steps. Here are some practical hints and guidelines:

1. Both you and your fiancé(e) are expected to give three months notice **to a priest from your own parish**. It is not enough to simply book the Church. You also need to give three months notice to the State. An application form is available from the Parish Office. Without this notice, your marriage will be invalid.
2. Your priest will fill out the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form (which includes letters of freedom). This must be done by each of you in your own parish before you can get married in Church. It would be best if you went to see the priest as soon as you book the Church. He will then be able to tell you exactly what you need to do.
3. If you are not from St. Brendan's Parish, you need to get **a priest from your own parish** to perform the ceremony. You can organise this when you meet the priest to fill out the pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form.
4. Some pre-marriage preparation is required. There are many courses available in the Dublin area:-

ACCORD	478 0866
N.A.O.M.I.	878 6156
Milltown Park, Dublin 6.	269 8411
Mercy Centre, Coolock	848 7259
Mount Argus, Dublin 8	298 6076

It is advisable to book your place on one of these courses well in advance.

5. The fee for the use of the Church (see priest at time of booking wedding) In addition a contribution to the sacristan is standard . A small donation to the altar servers is also customary.
6. Our Organist is Mrs. Mamie Devlin. Should you wish to contact her to arrange music for your wedding, her phone no. is 848 0131. If you are going to arrange your own organist, the fee of € for the resident organist must also be paid. Please let us know your arrangements in advance. Our Florist is Mrs. Marcella Campbell. Should you wish to contact her, her phone no. is 848 0625.
7. Please ask your guests not to use Confetti in the Church Grounds. It is difficult to clean up afterwards.
8. Photographers may use the Sanctuary, but are expected to act with respectful discretion, in keeping with the sacredness of the occasion. They should consult the priest before the ceremony.

Bride's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Groom'sName: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest: \_\_\_\_\_