

AN ENGAGED COUPLE'S PRAYER

Lord Jesus,
You have called us to be united in your love,
we thank you.

We thank you for the gift of each other;
for the joy and happiness we share.

We thank you for family and friends
who support and encourage us.

We thank you for our faith in you
may it sustain and strengthen us
through the ups and downs of our lives.

May the love we experience become the bond
of our commitment.

As we prepare for our wedding day
deepen that love, and make it as
the love you have shown us,
a love that will never end.

We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord. Amen

PARISH OF ST. PETER'S

LITTLE BRAY



WEDDING NOTES

SOME PRACTICAL NOTES TO ASSIST YOU IN
PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING



Date of Wedding: _____

Time: _____

Priest to contact: _____

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations on your decision to marry.

The priests of the parish wish you every joy and happiness. Your decision to marry in Church is a public statement of your faith in Jesus Christ, and in celebrating the Sacrament you are inviting Jesus to be present at the heart of your new life together:

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Experience has shown that couples who undertake some form of pre-marriage preparation are better equipped to face their future together:

ACCORD is the Diocesan Marriage Care Agency who provide pre-marriage courses. All couples are obliged to do a pre-marriage course. So please find enclosed details of Accord Courses. Even couples who have gone to courses reluctantly have come back to say how much they enjoyed them.



Early booking is essential as courses are in great demand and full up quickly.

PAPERWORK REQUIRED

A certain amount of paperwork is involved in your preparation. This is to establish your freedom to marry and to record your details for both civil and church records.

You will need to give at least 3 months notice of your intention to marry to the Civil Registrar. Contact The Civil Registrar, Civic Centre, Bray.

Tel: 2744100 to make an appointment.

It is imperative that this be done to avoid legal complications.

You will need to give to the priest looking after your papers:

*A Certificate of Baptism (*issued within six months of the date of your wedding*)

*A Certificate of Confirmation.

* A document known as a 'Letter of Freedom' from any parish in which you have lived for more than six months since reaching the minimum age for marriage or a document supplied by the parish office to be filled out by a parent.

* If you are marrying a non-baptised person or a member of another Christian Church you will need to seek a dispensation from the Archbishop. Your priest will discuss this with you.

* The priest of your parish will provide you with the pre-nuptial enquiry form.

Your paperwork is the responsibility of the priest of the parish in which you are currently residing, providing that you have lived there for at least six months.

He should forward the completed papers to the priest at St. Peter's who is looking after your preparation, at least three weeks in advance of the wedding.

MUSIC

Appropriate Liturgical music can add a great deal to your ceremony. It can create a prayerful and dignified atmosphere of religious celebration. It needs to be carefully planned. Please bear in mind that the only music permitted in the church is specifically religious music, the rest can come later at your reception.



Please ensure that any singer or musician you engage is aware of these guidelines.

CHURCH FEES

When booking your wedding, a deposit of €300.00 is requested. At the wedding rehearsal the balance of €50.00 for the sacristan must be paid.

For non-parishioners an extra €50.00 is requested.

(When a visiting priest officiates at the ceremony, what you give to him is separate from the church offerings.)