



# Diocese of Westminster

PARISH:.....

## INFORMATION FOR MARRIAGE FORM

### Marriage between

(please print surnames first – followed by given names)

..... and .....

(Groom)

(Bride)

DATE OF MARRIAGE : ..... Time: ..... Nuptial Mass: Yes / No

PLACE OF MARRIAGE:.....

Priest / Deacon's Address (if different) :.....

DIOCESE OF MARRIAGE (if overseas).....

### DOCUMENT CHECK-LIST

Groom Bride Catholic Party(parties):

Baptismal Certificate (up-to-date)  
  Confirmation Certificate  
  Evidence of Freedom \*

Groom Bride Non-Catholic Party:

Baptismal Certificate (where applicable)  
  Evidence of Freedom \*

\*Evidence of freedom can be in the form of parish *Letters of Freedom* (Catholic only and for marriages within England & Wales) or a *Statutory Declaration of Freedom* sworn in front of a Commissioner for Oaths / Solicitor (in all other situations) – **the latter is essential for a party who is not baptised.**

### Additional Requirements: \* Separate application forms required

\* Permission for a Mixed Marriage  
 \* Dispensation from Disparity of Cult  
 \* Dispensation from Canonical Form  
 \* Convalidation / Sanation (see Note 2 below)  
 \* Consanguinity (First cousins)  
 Litterae Testimoniales (for marriages outside Hierarchy)  
 Pre-Marriage Course letter / certificate  
 \* Lack of Canonical Form – cleared prior to date given

Has the Licence from the Registrar's Office been obtained? (not applicable in cases of Convalidation / Sanation) YES  / NO

### **NOTES:**

1. In **Lack of Form** cases **no date should be set** until the Declaration of Freedom is received from the Chancery.
2. **All Convalidations** should be referred to the Chancery Office with a copy of the civil marriage certificate.
3. Where a person wishing to marry is a Catholic, but **not of the Latin Rite**, references should always be made to the Chancery Office before arrangements are made for the wedding.
4. After the marriage, it is the responsibility of the priest/deacon to see a **notification** of the celebration of this marriage is sent to the church of baptism of the Catholic party/parties.
5. This **marriage dossier** is to be carefully preserved in the archives of the parish where this marriage is celebrated, except in the cases of Dispensations from Canonical Form (non-Catholic Church) marriages, where it is to be kept in the parish of the priest / deacon applying for the Dispensation.
6. A **£30 offering** is suggested for all marriage cases processed through the Chancery Office.

**General Information:**

**GROOM**

<p><b>Name (in full) SURNAME</b></p> <p><b>FIRST NAME(S)</b></p> <p><b>Present address</b></p> <p><i>Email: .....</i></p> <p><b>Telephone</b></p> <p><b>Parish</b></p> <p><b>Date &amp; place of birth</b></p> <p><b>Church and place of baptism</b></p> <p><b>Date of baptism</b></p> <p><b>Place &amp; date of Confirmation</b></p> <p><b>Present religion</b></p> <p><b>Occupation</b></p> <p><b>Father's name</b></p> <p><b>Occupation</b></p> <p><b>Mother's maiden name</b></p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>Home .....</i>      <i>Mobile .....</i></p> <p>.....      <i>How long resident there? .....</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
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**Have you ever been through a Previous Marriage – Civil (including Civil Partnership), Religious, Tribal, Traditional or Custom?**  
 If 'YES' - complete the questions in the section below – *no previous marriage can be ignored.*      \*YES / NO (\*delete as appropriate)

<p><b>To whom</b></p> <p><b>Their religion</b></p> <p><b>Were they Baptised? *Yes/No</b></p> <p><b>Place and date of marriage</b></p> <p><b>Was this marriage dissolved?</b></p> <p><b>How was it dissolved</b></p> <p><b>Date of Decree Absolute</b></p> <p><b>Nullity/Lack of Form received?</b></p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>* Details of Baptism .....</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>'Yes'</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>continue with questions below</i> <b>OR</b> <b>'No'</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>move to the Convalidation section</i></p> <p><i>By Divorce (c.f. below): By Death: Death certificate of spouse to be enclosed</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p><b>'Yes'</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> <b>'No'</b> <input type="checkbox"/>      Has an application been submitted? <b>'Yes'</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>OR</b> <b>'No'</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>Convalidation</b></p>	<p><i>For Convalidation a Certificate of Marriage <b>must</b> be supplied:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

**Statements**

<p><b>Any impediment to the proposed marriage?</b></p> <p><b>Are you entering into marriage freely?</b></p> <p><b>Do you accept the meaning and obligations of Christian marriage?</b></p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
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**Declaration**

<p><b>I solemnly declare that the information I have given is true</b></p> <p><b>Signed in my presence</b></p>	<p><b>Signature</b> .....</p> <p><b>Priest / Deacon</b> .....      <b>Date</b> .....</p> <p><i>(Please print):</i> (.....)</p>
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**General Information:**

**BRIDE**

<b>Name (in full) SURNAME</b>	.....
<b>FIRST NAME(S)</b>	.....
<b>Present address</b>	.....
<i>Email: .....</i>	.....
<b>Telephone</b>	<i>Home</i> ..... <i>Mobile</i> .....
<b>Parish</b>	..... <i>How long resident there?</i> .....
<b>Date &amp; place of birth</b>	.....
<b>Church and place of baptism</b>	.....
<b>Date of baptism</b>	.....
<b>Place &amp; date of Confirmation</b>	.....
<b>Present religion</b>	.....
<b>Occupation</b>	.....
<b>Father's name</b>	.....
<b>Occupation</b>	.....
<b>Mother's maiden name</b>	.....

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<b>Their religion</b>	.....
<b>Were they Baptised? *Yes/No</b>	<i>* Details of Baptism</i> .....
<b>Place and date of marriage</b>	.....
<b>Was this marriage dissolved?</b>	'Yes' <input type="checkbox"/> <i>continue with questions below</i> OR 'No' <input type="checkbox"/> <i>move to the Convalidation section</i>
<b>How was it dissolved</b>	<i>By Divorce (c.f. below): By Death: Death certificate of spouse to be enclosed</i>
<b>Date of Decree Absolute</b>	.....
<b>Nullity/Lack of Form received?</b>	'Yes' <input type="checkbox"/> OR 'No' <input type="checkbox"/> Has an application been submitted? 'Yes' <input type="checkbox"/> OR 'No' <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Signed in my presence</b>	<b>Priest / Deacon</b> ..... <b>Date</b> .....
	<i>(Please print):</i> (.....)

**DELEGATION:** When the marriage is to take place before a priest / deacon who is not the Parish Priest / Assistant Priest or Deacon of the Parish.

I hereby delegate/subdelegate: .....

to officiate at the above marriage within the boundaries of this parish.

Signature: ..... Parish Priest/Assistant Priest/Deacon:.....

Date: ..... Parish of: .....

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**PERMISSION:** When the marriage is arranged in a place where neither party has any of the residence qualifications of Canon 1115.

I, the undersigned, being the parish priest of the Bridegroom/Bride, hereby grant permission for this marriage to take place outside my parish.

Date: ..... Signature: .....  
Parish Priest

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**(For the use of the Curial Office, when the marriage is taking place outside England & Wales)**

**LITTERÆ TESTIMONIALES:**

Visis documentis hisce alligatis, testamur .....  
esse in statu libero ad matrimonium contrahendum, dummodo interveniat NIHIL OBSTAT illius diocesis in qua  
matrimonium sit contrahendum.

Datum: ..... Nomen: .....

Locum: ..... (L + S)

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**(For the use of the Curial Office of Diocese of Marriage – when marriage taking place outside of England & Wales)**

**NIHIL OBSTAT:**

Visis documentis huic Curiae exhibitis, NIHIL OBSTAT quominus matrimonium de quo supra contrahatur, servatis de iure  
servandis.

Datum: ..... Nomen: .....

Locum: ..... (L + S)

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