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INFORMATION FOR THOSE GETTING MARRIED

NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE

To get married in the Catholic Church at least one of the two people needs to be Catholic. Canon Law (the law that governs the church), requires certain criteria to be met and this implies a substantial amount of paperwork. This paperwork is carried out in the parish of residency, i.e. usually the Catholic Parish nearest to where you live. Even when you are planning to get married in another country, you will be directed to your parish of residency to complete the paperwork.

You need to give at least six months' notice to the Parish Priest in your parish of residency before you intend to marry, especially if your marriage is happening in another country. At this meeting the priest will explain what paperwork is required and, if applicable, also discuss your Order of Service.

All Catholic weddings in the UK must also be civil ceremonies, i.e. legally recognized by civil law. The Parish of St. John Fisher, Perivale falls under the jurisdiction of the Borough of Ealing and you must apply to the Ealing Registry Office for authorization. The registry office will provide you with a **Marriage Schedule.**

Ealing Registry Office
Perceval House
14-16 Uxbridge Road,
Ealing W5 2HL.

The Parish Priest will guide you through the paperwork and once completed submit it all to the Diocesan Chancery Office for approval.

One of the forms that you will be asked to complete is a **Statutory Declaration of Freedom:** Years ago, couples had to get Letters of Freedom from parishes they lived in to prove they weren't married already. Nowadays, each person must complete this form and then make an appointment with a Solicitor (Commissioner of Oaths) and sign this form in his/her presence. The signing must be within 6 months of the wedding. You may go to any solicitor or commissioner of oaths of your choice. However, this is a solicitor who lives locally and is willing to meet out of office hours:

Dixon Ward Solicitors
snawar@dixon-ward.co.uk

Pre-Marriage Course: This will need to be done before the wedding and a copy of the certificate must be submitted with the rest of the paperwork. You can find details of Marriage Preparation courses at Ealing Abbey: https://ealingabbeyparish.uk/marriage-preparation/ . However, any course in Preparation for getting married in the Catholic Church may be completed in any parish.

Chancery Office Fee
If your marriage paperwork has to be sent to the Chancery Office at Westminster you will need to pay a processing fee of £50.Payments may be made online to the account below. Please ensure you include both parties surnames for the reference. Alternatively, cheques may be made payable to WRCDT.

Payee: WRCDT
Account Number: 30853801
Sort Code: 40 05 20
Reference: SURNAME / SURNAME - WEDDING PAPERWORK

MARRIAGES TAKING PLACE IN OUR PARISH IN PERIVALE

If getting married in our parish please note the following:

Authorized Person
On the day of the wedding, it is a legal requirement, that an Authorised Person is present to make an official recording of the civil registering. There is a fee for this service which is £50 and preferably this is paid in cash direct to this person – the priest will know the name of the person. Please have this money ready at the rehearsal. It is also customary to offer a donation to the priest for the wedding ceremony, this should be proportional to the couple's means and overall cost of the wedding. If paying by cheque please make it payable to **St John Fisher RC Church**

Rehearsal
Nearer the wedding date, you will need to make an appointment for a rehearsal with the priest. Those who have a specific role should attend as well, for example, Bridesmaids, Best Men, Ushers etc.

Readings
Please choose the reading using the following link
https://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Marriage/Preparation/Prep-Readings.shtml#:~:text=There%20will%20be%20always%20be,which%20is%20not%20a%20Gospel.

Music
In recent times, many couples have started using their mobile phones for the music and there is a speaker available to use with this. However, if you are looking for an organist and or singer then try the following:

ORGANISTS:	Philip Buckmaster	07963252339
	Helen Blake	07946533776
	Mary Banks	07535914060
	Matthew Forbes	07707621997
	Robert Brown	07857338042

Flowers
Our Parish volunteers DO NOT flower arrange for weddings. Please contact your own florist.

Wedding Booklet
If you intend to have a booklet with the order of service, i.e. readings, hymns etc., this must be provided by yourselves. Please make sure that you agree all the Readings and Hymns with the priest and supply a copy of the booklet at least one week before the wedding.