

PASTORAL CARE AND PRE-REQUITES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE CANONS 1063-1165 AND DIOCESAN REGULATIONS

To ensure that the Sacrament of Marriage may be fruitfully and worthily received. Pastors of Souls are obliged to ensure that the Catholic parties to marriage:

1. Are full members of the Catholic Church, i.e. Baptised and Confirmed.
2. Have not seriously rejected their Catholic faith nor formally defected from the Catholic Church.
3. Participate in a regular manner in the Eucharistic Celebration of the Community, as well as in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist and also share in the life of the Community, plus pledge commitment.
4. Give advance notice of intended reception of the Sacrament of Marriage. (minimum of 3-4 months)
5. Be prepared to undergo a pre-marital preparation course as outlined by the Church.
6. Be prepared wherever possible to undertake whatever spiritual exercises may be deemed necessary for the fruitful reception of the Sacrament.
7. Be prepared in the case of Mixed Marriages (Catholic and other Christian Faith) to do all in his/her power to have the children baptized as Catholic and brought up in the Catholic Church.
8. Meet with all the other requirements regarding age, maturity, consent, place of celebration or any impediment involved.
9. Submit copies of Baptism, Confirmation and Decree of Nullity where applicable.
10. Place of Celebration: Marriages are to be celebrated in officially designated place of worship i.e. Church
11. Format: The choice of format, whether a Nuptial Mass or "Service of the Word" is determined by the reality of the situation. Where the couple are both committed Catholic and regularly participate in the Eucharist a Nuptial Mass would appear appropriate. Where one member is not a Catholic, a "Service of the Word" may be more appropriate, minimizing any form of exclusion or discrimination and highlighting the unity arising from the Table of the Word.
12. Music: Music settings and hymns are to be of a Religious character. These should be discussed with the Priest and choir in advance. A list of options is provided on a separate sheet.
13. Sacred Scripture: A list of Scripture Reading options is provided on a separate sheet. Others may also be chosen.
14. Confetti and Petals: The scattering of confetti and petals is not permitted either in the foyer or around the entrance and steps of the Church.

LEGAL DOCUMENTATION

(See attached examples)

S.A. CITIZENS:

- Couple:**
1. Submission of original I.D. and copies of same
If not in possession of above - it is necessary to complete
"Declaration for the purpose of a Marriage" (Bi-31)
 2. Submission of 3 I.D. photographs
 3. If previously married, submission of copy of Decree of Divorce
Or Death Certificate of spouse.
 4. Completion of A.N.C. if applicable

NON - S..A. CITIZENS AND NON PERMANENT RESIDENCE HOLDER

1. Submission of Letter of Freedom from country of domicile
2. Submission of Declaration for the Purpose of Marriage
3. Submission of Entry Permit with details of Date of Issue and Expiry
4. Submission of copies of Passports

Witnesses: If S.A. Citizens submission of copies of I.D.

SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT:

Genesis	1 : 26-31,	2 : 18-24
Tobit	7 : 9-17	8 : 4-9
Song of Psalms	2 : 8-10	
Sirach	26 : 1-4; 16-21	
Jeremiah	31 : 31-34	

PSALMS: 30; 34; 103; 127; 145 also see separate page "Music"

NEW TESTAMENT:

Romans	8 : 31-36	12 : 1-2; 9-13
1 Cor	6 : 13-20	12 : 31 13 : 1-8
Ephesians	5 : 2; 25-32	
Colossians	3 : 12-17	
1 Peter	3 : 1-9	
1 John	3 : 18-24	4 : 7-12
Revelations	19 : 5-9	

GOSPELS:

Matthew	5 : 1-12; 13-16 19 : 3-6	7 : 21-25 22 : 35-40
Mark	10 : 6-9	
John	2 : 1-11 17 : 20-23	15 : 9-12; 12-16

MUSIC

ENTRANCE:

The Bridal March - Wagner

Trumpet Voluntary - Purcell

GATHERING HYMNS:

387 Lord, of all loving, we stand before you, (Tune Morning has broken)

731 This is the day that the Lord has made

773 We celebrate this festive day

O/H Enter rejoice and come in

READINGS: See separate sheet

PSALMS:

No: 23 The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I want,
fresh and green are his green pastures (Liam Lawton)

May the God of Israel join you in one,
in joy and in sorrow the Lord is your way (Lucien Duis)

105 I have carried you on eagles wings (P. Anderson)

116 How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me (Liam Lawton)

102 The Lord is compassion and love

26 The Lord is my light and my help

139 Yahweh, I know you are near, standing always at my side (Hymn 816)

AFTER EXCHANGE OF VOWS:

Hymn 4 A new commandment I give unto you

80 Bind us together Lord

546 O perfect love

165 Father, we come in prayer to witness to your love (Song of Ruth)

813 Will you let me be your servant

GIFTS:

Hymn 23 All that I am

302 In bread we bring you Lord

S3 Gifts of bread and wine

COMMUNION:

Hymn 160 Father in my life I see

O/H I am the vine

SIGNING OF THE REGISTER:

Ave Maria

Panis Angelicus

Pie Jesu

Hymn 398 Love divine, all loves excelling

RECESSIONAL:

Wedding March - Mendelsohn

