Declaration of Consent

You may choose from a number of forms of the Declaration of Consent. Some are simpler while others allow more participation by yourselves. Choose the one you feel most comfortable with, and the priest celebrating your marriage will help you on the day.

Music

Some couples like traditional pieces (e.g., Ave Maria etc.), while others prefer something more modern. The most important consideration is that the music and singing that you choose reflect the meaning of Christian Marriage. You may prefer another style of music (e.g. folk group etc.) These are welcome, always providing that the music is appropriate to the liturgy.

Flowers

Please keep us informed of your plans in relation to flowers, so that we can facilitate whoever is making these arrangements for you. We ask you particularly to ensure that floral arrangements are tied, and not fixed to the seats using adhesive substances, pins or nails. A maximum of four floral arrangements are allowed in the church, along with seating decorations. After the ceremony, floral arrangements may be left at the church, however seating decorations must be removed.

Wedding Rehearsal

It is usual to have a short rehearsal near the day of your wedding. In so far as possible, anyone playing a part in the ceremony should be present. The rehearsal, as well as finalising details of the ceremony, allows the priest the opportunity of meeting the other members of the bridal party etc.

Please consult the parish secretary about the time of the rehearsal.

Photographs and Video:

We will be happy to facilitate a photographer and/or videographer at the church. Please ask them to arrive in plenty of time to allow them familiarise themselves with the church layout, and to take any pre-marriage photos on time. We do not allow the use of drones on the Church premises.

Confetti and Rice

We are sure you will understand if we ask your guests to refrain from using confetti or rice in the Church grounds.

Fees and Offerings

The fee to hold a Wedding at Our Lady Help of Christians Church is €400. This covers all expenses incurred by the church and staff for the event. A deposit of €200 is taken at the time of booking, with payment in full due on or before the wedding date.

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Celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage

at

Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Navan Road.

Guidelines for Parishioners of the Navan Road Parish.

Congratulations, and welcome to Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road, for the celebration of your marriage! We hope that this time of preparation will be a happy time for you, and the parish staff will be happy to help you in your preparation. We have put together the following guidelines to get you started.

Reserving the Church:

As soon as you have chosen a date for your marriage, please ring the Parish Office to ensure that the date is available in the Church.

Pre-Marriage Courses:

The Diocese of Dublin requires couples presenting for marriage to participate in a pre-marriage course. Pre-marriage courses are provided by:

Accord: Tel. 01-4784400.

Marriage Registration Form:

To get a marriage registration form you need to give your local civil registration service 3 months notice that you intend to get married. Follow the link https://www2.hse.ie/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/getting-married/how/

for full details and instructions.

Church Documentation

Pre-Nuptial Enquiry:

Each person completes this form with the priest in their own present parish of residence. The form is provided by the Priest, and should be completed as soon as can be arranged after noticed of the proposed marriage has been given.

Baptismal and Confirmation Certificate:

Catholics will need a Baptismal Certificate & a Confirmation Certificate which has been issued and dated not more than six months prior to the date of your marriage. This can be obtained by contacting the Church where you were Baptised/ Confirmed.

Declaration of Freedom to Marry:

This form can be obtained from your parish and must be completed by a parent or sibling in the presence of a priest.

Inter-Church Marriage:

The Catholic partner requires the documents already mentioned above, and will also need to apply for a dispensation for inter-church marriage.

The partner of the other denomination will need a baptismal certificate, and be able to prove their freedom to marry.

Marriage with a Person who is not a Christian:

Arrangements can also be made to celebrate a marriage in the Catholic Church, between a Catholic and a person who is not-baptised. This should be discussed in the first instance with the priest in your parish of residence.

Who completes the papers for you?

Irrespective of where you are celebrating your marriage, if you are currently resident in the Navan Road Parish, then your notification is made to the Parish Priest, who will prepare the papers with you.

If your normal residence is outside the parish, somewhere in Ireland, and you are celebrating your marriage here, your papers should be completed with the priest where you are living, and sent to the Navan Road Parish Priest at the address given on the last page.

If you are living abroad, then the priest in the parish where you live prepares the papers. He then forwards them to the Bishop of the Diocese in which you are living, who checks them, and sends them to: The Chancellery, Archbishop's House, Drumcondra, Dublin 9. They will notify us that everything is in order. This process can take some time, so they should be sent no later than three months before the marriage.

The Wedding Ceremony

Readings:

You may choose one or two Scripture Readings, a Responsorial Psalm, and a Gospel passage, for the celebration of your marriage. Also a selection of Prayers Of the Faithful. The priest will normally read the Gospel. If you wish, the other readings may be read by family members or friends. The priest will guide you.