

KENMARE PARISH - GETTING MARRIED

We congratulate you on your engagement and we wish you calm and happiness over this time of planning for your most special day.

We believe that Marriage is a sacrament, with the love of the husband and wife mirroring the love that God has for us, his people. We pray that God will journey with you as you make this important commitment.

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INFORMATION FOR COUPLES GETTING MARRIED IN KENMARE PARISH

- At least 6 months' notice to the Church.
 - Complete the Booking Form and return to Fr. Tom Crean, The Presbytery, Kenmare, Co. Kerry. A provisional date will be reserved.
 - Contact Fr. Tom Crean and make an appointment to meet with him.
 - **The wedding will not be booked until the couple have met the priest.**
 - Attend a Pre-Marriage Preparation Course – Book well in advance due to limited availability. Only ACCORD courses are acceptable to the Diocese of Kerry for couples who are living in Ireland.
For details of Pre-Marriage Courses in your area - go to <http://www.accord.ie/courses/>
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- **Make an appointment with the priest in the parish where you each currently reside to complete the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms. (6 months in advance)**

You will need to bring with you the following documentation:

Baptismal Certificate (issued within 6 months before wedding)

Confirmation Certificate (issued within 6 months before wedding)

Letter(s) of Freedom - If you have lived in places other than your present parish, since you were 16, you will need to get a Letter of Freedom from each parish in which you lived for more than 6 months to state that you did not get married while you lived there. If this presents a difficulty, your priest will advise you.

Certificate from Pre-Marriage Course.

Other documentation – may be required in individual circumstances.

The priest who completes the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms will forward same to Kenmare Parish.

- **For couples who are not parishioners** it is requested that they provide their own priest. Please ensure that he is placed on the List of National Solemnisers. If necessary, download Form from parish website – *Addition of Temporary Solemniser* - and complete. He must get a letter from his Diocese/Religious Congregation stating that he is a priest in good standing, and these 2 documents should be sent to Bishop's House, Killarney, Co. Kerry.
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- At least 3 months' notice to the **State's Civil Registrar**. For more information on the documentation and information required go to http://www.groireland.ie/getting_married.htm

When all the civil requirements have been completed satisfactorily you will receive, from the registrar, a Marriage Registration Form (MRF). **Without this form, you cannot get married nor may the solemniser proceed with the marriage ceremony.** This must be presented to the solemniser as early as is convenient prior to the wedding. A verbal declaration of no civil impediment is made not more than 2 days before the wedding in the presence of the solemniser and the two witnesses. The signed MRF must be returned to any civil registrar by the couple not later than 1 month after the wedding.

FOR COUPLES WHO ARE LIVING OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY:

Contact the priest where you are living to complete the Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms.

Please note: Some additional information is also required for the Parish Marriage Register - names and addresses and contact details for the couple's parents and witnesses. (Please give mothers' maiden name.)

These Papers must be sent to the Bishop in the Diocese where you reside who will send them to the office for the Bishop of Kerry. **Contact details:** Bishop's House, Killarney, Co. Kerry. Email: admin@dioceseofkerry.ie ☎ 00353 64-6631168

Please also note that you must provide your own priest. See previous page for information.

Contact the Irish State's Civil Registrar. (At least 3 months' notice is required.) See preceding paragraph for information.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND GUIDELINES TO FACILITATE YOUR PLANNING.

- The Pre Nuptial Enquiry Forms and certificates should be sent to the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the wedding.
 - The proposed wedding booklet and hymns/music should be sent to the Parish Office at least **6 weeks** before the wedding.
 - Weddings are scheduled for 2pm **only**.
 - It is customary to make offerings for the priest celebrating the nuptials, the parish, and the sacristan.
 - For Health and Safety reasons, the use of lighted candles outside the sanctuary is not allowed.
 - You may find the following link helpful in planning your wedding: www.gettingmarried.ie
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