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### *An engaged couples prayer*

Lord Jesus, you have called us to be united in your love. We wish you to be at the heart of our marriage. Help us now to prepare for our wedding day when we will become one with each other and one with you. As we look forward to the day of our wedding, we pray to you Lord Jesus that our love and understanding of each other may continue to grow and deepen day by day.

# Parish Of Saint Jude The Apostle



### A guideline for couples intending to marry in our Parish Church

The priests of the parish wish to congratulate you on your decision to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church. We encourage you to read this booklet which may provide answers for any questions you might have.

## THE CEREMONY

### Notification to State

**Due to the recent change in Civil Law in relation to the registration of marriages couples intending to marry must make an appointment to see the Registrar in person over three months before the wedding this is a legal requirement.**

A Letter of Freedom is required where someone has lived for more than six months outside the parish since the person was 16. If a person has lived in a number of places especially overseas it may be easier to obtain a Statutory Declaration from a solicitor.

Baptismal and Confirmation Certificates dated within six months of the date of wedding.

**Pre Nuptial Enquiry Form-** Each person intending to marry must make an appointment with one of the priests in the parish in which they are living to have their Pre Nuptial Enquiry form filled out. When going to see the priest in your parish you should have copies of your Baptismal & Confirmation Certificates dated within six months of the wedding and a letter of freedom from any other parish you have lived in for more than six months since the age of sixteen. You will also need to bring along proof that you have been to see the registrar  
Please arrange this appointment at least two to three months prior to the actual wedding

### Pre Marriage Course

In preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Marriage we strongly recommend that you attend a Pre-Marriage Course Accord provides pre-marriage courses in a number of centres. The Accord address is given overleaf.

Please book course well in advance as places are limited.

- **Readings**

It is a great privilege to read scripture at a wedding ceremony. When inviting someone to read please ensure the person is a believer and a competent reader..

There are many books on wedding readings one of which is “A Wedding of your own by Padraig Mc Carthy “ published by Veritas.

- **Music**

Music enhances every liturgical occasion and this is very true of wedding liturgies. There is a great variety of Christian music both traditional and modern available. Certain types of music while pleasant and romantic are more appropriate to the reception at the hotel. Our preferred option in keeping with the dignity of the Mass is the Organ & Solo Voice Our Parish Organist Judith Mété is an accomplished organist & can be contacted at the number overleaf .

- **Flowers**

Our Parish florist Susan Brady arranges the flowers for the Church throughout the year, therefore it is a regulation that all weddings use Susan for their Church flowers.

- **Photography/Video Recording**

If you intend engaging Photographers we would ask that they respect the sacred character of the church especially the sanctuary area. We would appreciate if they make contact with the Celebrant prior to the ceremony. Group photographs in our Church are strictly forbidden.

- **Church Offerings**

We would be grateful if the offerings for the Church could be handed into the Parish Office a week prior to the wedding.

The usual offerings are	<b>Priest</b>	<b>€100</b>
	<b>Sacristan</b>	<b>€ 50</b>
	<b>Offering for the use &amp; upkeep of Church</b>	<b>€200</b>

- **On the day;**

Please be on time & ask guests to switch off mobile phones  
Confetti is not allowed in the church or church grounds

- A rehearsal makes for a relaxed liturgy and should be arranged with the presiding priest and the sacristan.