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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 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 Parish Priest wishes to congratulate you on your decision to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in our Church. I encourage you to read this booklet which may provide answers for any questions you might have.

Paperwork

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. You may also now use the Civil Registration Service online appointment booking system at www.crsappointments.ie to arrange our appointment with the Registrar.

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 it may be easier to have a family member complete a Statement concerning the Freedom to Marry form and have it signed by them in the presence of a priest these forms are available to download on our website www.stjudesparish.net or from the parish office.

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 or a copy of your freedom to marry form duly signed by a priest. You will also need to bring along proof that you have been to see the registrar & proof you have attended a pre marriage course. 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.

THE CEREMONY

- **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.

A template of the wedding Mass to help you when compiling your wedding booklet is available from the parish office please email judesparishoffice1@gmail.com requesting a copy.

- **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 Máté is an accomplished organist & can be contacted at the number overleaf.

- **Flowers**

Our Parish florist Kate Timson arranges the flowers for the Church throughout the year, therefore it is a regulation that all weddings use Kate 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 or at the rehearsal.

The usual offerings are	Priest	€100
	Sacristan	€ 50
	Offering for the use & upkeep of Church	€200

- **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.