

## **Parish of Bonane/Glengarriff - Your Marriage Ceremony**

*I hope that your marriage preparation will be fruitful, that your love for each other and your relationship with Christ will grow, that in your marriage, you will be a sign of Christ's love for his people. I am happy to be part of your wedding preparation and hope the following information will be helpful to you.*

While we are happy to accommodate your marriage ceremony, we ask couples to respect the church as the place of worship of the parish community. It is a sacred place for us. It is the place where the parish community celebrate the sacraments on a weekly basis. We like to think of your marriage in the church as a continuation of this sacred tradition. It is not 'renting a space' or renting a room. In this context we ask that hymns and music are in keeping with the rich faith tradition of the parish. We ask that no furniture be rearranged around the Church. Flowers are in keeping with the setting. For insurance purposes, we ask that no candles are lit in the body of the Church.

*Please complete the application form and forward it to me at the address below.*

### **THREE MONTHS' NOTICE:**

Three months' notice of the marriage should be given to the priest of the parish where the bride lives, in order that the pre-nuptial enquiry form may be completed. The groom's pre-nuptial enquiry form is to be completed by the priest of his parish.

The State obliges you to give **at least** three months' notice. This notice can be given at any office of Registration of Births, Deaths & Marriages throughout Ireland. Your local office can be located at [www.groireland.ie](http://www.groireland.ie)

### **PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE:**

A pre-marriage course must be completed, as part of the marriage preparation. In this area, pre-marriage courses may be arranged through ACCORD, 5 Main Street Bantry 027 50272. or ACCORD Killarney 0646632644. Early booking is essential. It is advisable to speak to your priest before attending a Pre Marriage Course.

### **PRE NUPTIAL ENQUIRY FORM:**

This form is completed by both the bride and the groom with the priest of their parish. In completing this form a recent Baptismal and Confirmation Certificates will be required. A Letter of Freedom is also necessary if either of you lived for six months or more in another parish. It is your responsibility to ensure that the necessary paperwork is completed well in advance of your wedding. If the Pre Nuptial Enquiry forms are being forwarded to me, please do so to, the address below three months before your wedding.

The marriage ceremony, including the rehearsal should be prepared with the couple by the priest who will celebrate the wedding Mass.

Papal Blessings are ordered directly from the Vatican. Visit [vatican.va](http://vatican.va) and search for Papal blessings for more

### **MUSIC:**

The musician or singer can advise you on appropriate music for your Wedding Mass. The celebrant should also be consulted about your choice of music. Secular music and love songs are not appropriate.

### **VIDEO:**

If the ceremony is being video recorded, the priest responsible for your ceremony should be consulted beforehand, regarding position and movements.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

The Photographer should consult with the priest beforehand regarding the liturgy and when it is deemed suitable to take photos during the ceremony.

## **LITURGY**

I encourage family members and friends to participate in the liturgy, (Readings, Prayers of the Faithful, Offertory Procession). Those taking part are invited to attend the rehearsal.

## **FLOWERS and CANDLES**

It is important that flowers should be arranged in consultation with the Sacristan before the flowers are ordered. If you decide to go with an Arch at the entrance to the Church we ask that it be self standing and not tied to the Church by screw or nail. In accordance with Health and Safety regulations, unprotected candles should not be placed in the main body of the church. We request that confetti be not scattered in the immediate vicinity of the Church.

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Out of consideration for all concerned the bride should arrive on time.

If you wish the priest to attend the reception, please ensure that he is invited.

## **BOOKING OF THE CHURCH:**

A fee of €250 is payable to Glengarriff Parish when booking the church for your wedding. This secures the date and, covers the use of the Church including a contribution for the Sacristan, who will assist at the rehearsal and your wedding ceremony.

## **OFFERING TO THE PRIEST**

The amount of the offering to the priest who will have prepared your ceremony with you, ensured that the necessary paperwork has been completed, will have been present at your rehearsal is at your own discretion.

*The Priest and people of the parish wish you every happiness and God's blessing in your future life together.*

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