

St Colman's
PARISH CHURCH, DUNMURRY

WEDDING GUIDE

Guidelines for Weddings at St. Colman's Church

**"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."
Genesis 2 v24**

St. Colman's Church has to be one of the most beautiful settings for a wedding!

The following points have been drawn up as a 'guide' to help you plan the day. However, there may be some questions relevant to your circumstances that have not been answered. If that is so, please contact the Rector - (028) 9061 0984.

- 1: When the date has been decided consult the Rector **before** going ahead with other arrangements. It has happened that the date has been set with the hotel, photographer, etc. only to discover that the Rector is unable to officiate on that particular day.
- 2: If an Organist is required, the Church Organist is the next person to be contacted. Contact details available upon request. Fees are privately arranged between the two parties.
- 3: At the initial meeting with the Rector personal details, date and time of the wedding will be recorded. Information regarding fees, flowers etc. will be made available as well.
- 4: Arrangements will be made for participation in a Marriage Preparation course.

This year the course looked at such topics as conflict, finances, faith and parenthood and was attended every other week over a period of two months. It is informal, fun and friendly. The topics studied may change with time.

If there is more than one wedding this is done as a group exercise. It gives an opportunity to meet other couples.

- 5: The Wedding Service is usually planned a few months prior to the wedding. This is done in consultation with the Rector. The Order of Service is based on Marriage Service 2 in The Book of Common Prayer (page 416). (Please do not print off Orders of Service without final approval).
- 6: The Marriage Notice Application form must be signed by the Officiant (usually the Rector) and must be served on the Registrar sometime during the twelve month period prior to the wedding but NO LATER than 14 days before the date of the intended marriage.

It is advisable to submit this form sooner rather than later.

- 7: The Marriage Schedule will not be issued any sooner than 14 days before the marriage date and must be collected personally by either the prospective bride or groom.

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DOCUMENT.
NO MARRIAGE CEREMONY CAN PROCEED
WITHOUT THIS DOCUMENT.**

*** AFTER THE CEREMONY IT MUST BE RETURNED
TO THE REGISTRAR WITHIN 3 DAYS TO
REGISTER THE MARRIAGE.**

- 8: The week before the wedding, a date is arranged for a rehearsal in the church. Generally, all those in the bridal party come along. If anyone is taking part in the service and wish to come and view the set up they may do so. Any others who want to come along are welcome to. The more the merrier!

- 9: On the evening of the rehearsal the fees are usually paid. This means one less thing to remember on the morning of the wedding.
- 10: The church Flower Group, if requested, can provide flowers for a wedding. Details are available from the Group upon request.
- 11: During the Service, no photography please. As many photographs as required may be taken in and outside the church before and after the Service.
- 12: If a video of the service is planned the camera must remain stationery.
- 13: The signing of the Registrar usually takes place in the church.
- 14: We encourage the bride not to be too late otherwise everyone (especially the groom) gets very nervous!!!
