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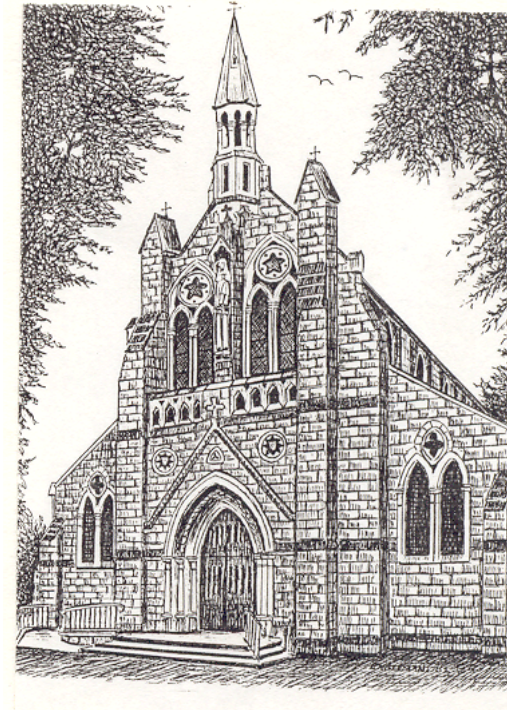
As there is often another wedding or another Church Ceremony after your wedding we ask you to

PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME



We hope you have a very happy wedding day and we wish you every blessing in your married life together

Parish of the Annunciation Rathfarnham



Preparing for your wedding

To be married in this church

- a letter of permission is needed from the parish priest of the bride and
- the couple must have their own priest to officiate.

Then if the date and time required is available you are very welcome.

Marriage Papers

Three months notice, at least, must be given to the priest of the groom's parish and of the bride's parish and also to the civil registrar at Joyce House, 81 Lombard Street East, Dublin 2. (Tel 671 1968)

Marriage papers from the parishes of the bride and groom should be received in this parish at least one month before the ceremony.

Both bride and groom each need to go to the priests of their own parish to fill out what is called a *Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form* – certain documents such as letters of Freedom, baptismal cert etc. are needed to fill out this form, but your own priest will explain this to you.

Please note that your own parish is the parish you have lived in for the last 6 months, not the parish you were brought up in.

Pre-Marriage Courses

These can be arranged through ACCORD (Tel 478 4400)

Music

Music suitable for a wedding in a church should be arranged with the officiating priest and the musicians and singers. If you wish to have organ music at your wedding you must first contact the church organist whose phone number can be obtained in the sacristy.

Flowers

The phone-numbers of the members of the altar society responsible for the month of your wedding can be obtained from the sacristy. Arrangements about flowers for the church should be made with them. There is a red carpet in the church – please ask the sacristan.

Rehearsals

If you would like to have a rehearsal for your wedding ceremony it should be arranged with the sacristan and the officiating priest.

Offerings

It is customary on the occasion of a marriage to make offerings to the church, sacristan, altar servers and officiating priest. For those coming from outside the parish we give the following guidelines: Church 200 euro, Sacristan 50 euro, officiating priest and altar servers at your own discretion. If you are having music, fees should be arranged with those involved.

Photography

If you are engaging a photographer or video technician, please ask that they do their work quietly and with minimum distraction. Make sure that they consult beforehand with the officiating priest. Please bear in mind that it is a religious ceremony and due reverence should be observed in the church by all. No large group photographs are permitted in the church.

Useful resources

A useful book is "*A Wedding of Your Own*" which is available in Veritas. You will also find in Veritas wedding candles and a whole range of books relating to the Wedding ceremony and wedding music.

A very useful website is: gettingmarried.ie where all the readings and prayers for the wedding ceremony are available online.