

Enquiry Stage

In order to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony in the Catholic Church, at least one of you must be a Catholic. If you do not normally worship at Kensal Rise, please state the name of the parish where you normally attend Mass. **Please remember that it is important to approach the church first before making your plans for a reception venue. No dates will be confirmed until you both meet with the Parish Priest.**

Normally you should start making enquiries no less than six months before the proposed wedding date.

Essential Documents

1. If you are not resident in this parish a letter from your local parish priest confirming that he has no objection to you being married in this church.

2. Declaration of Freedom to Marry for each party, notarised by a Commissioner for Oaths (Solicitor). This form can be obtained from the Parish Office, or download it from [here](#).

3. A currently-dated baptismal certificate from the church where you were baptised. The certificate must be no older than 6 months before the date of the wedding. A Confirmation Certificate if you have received this sacrament.

4. From your local Registry office: a certificate for each of you which permits you to be married. These must be applied for as soon as possible and not less than fifteen days before the wedding. The certificates must be given to the priest by law before the ceremony so please deliver them as soon as possible (at least one week before the wedding). It is absolutely essential that the certificates are presented since the wedding cannot take place without them.

5. A Marriage Course certificate (see below).

6. A cheque for £40 addressed to WRCDT, for mixed marriage, mixed religion couples, or if your marriage is taking place outside the parish. This is to cover administration costs for the Diocese of Westminster. A cheque for £40 payable to The Church of the Transfiguration to cover admin fees in the parish. The registration fee is £50 payable to the individual who is the registrar for your wedding

7 Marriage Preparation

Your wedding should be the culmination of much prayer and reflection as you commit yourself to your spouse for the rest of your lives. To assist you in this, it is required that both of you attend a Marriage Course at St Mary Moorfields near Liverpool St Station. Please make sure you book this as soon as possible with Canon Peter

Newby as the course gets very busy. Canon Newby can be contacted at 02072472537 and moorfields@rcdow.org.uk

8 FLOWERS

Please supply your own flowers for your wedding day.

9 Music

When arranging the music for your wedding ceremony please speak to the Parish Priest who will put you in contact with an organist.

Please note that only sacred music can be used at weddings in our church.

10 Fees

Many people today spend large amounts on their wedding day on items such as wedding cloths/dresses, flowers, receptions and honeymoon. Other people are not in a position to do this. The

churches fees are very small in comparison to these expenses. If you are a parishioner who attends Mass in the Church every Sunday we ask for a gift of £300. If you are not a parishioner we ask for an offering of £500. Please speak to the parish priest to discuss the fees if you are unable to give the amounts above. If you are a UK tax-payer, this should be gift-aided (an envelope will be provided). This offering should be sent to the parish offices no later than 10 days before the Wedding date. Should you require further assistance or clarification, please do not hesitate to ask.

Marriages outside Kensal Rise Parish.

If you are resident in this parish and are arranging a marriage to take place outside of the parish, either in this country, or abroad, please contact the Parish Priest.