



# Requirements for Wedding in UK (St Bridget's) or Overseas

Couples must publicly and sincerely answer 'I will' to these three questions:

- ◆ *N. and N., have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?*
- ◆ *Will you love and honour each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?*
- ◆ *Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?*

Normally the couple should give **at least six months notice** to their local Roman Catholic parish of their intention to marry and the parish where they are going to do the paperwork.

## → Documents required from each person:

1. **Baptism Certificate**, issued within 6 months of the wedding celebration; not applicable to non- Christians.
2. **Confirmation certificate**, not applicable to non-Catholics.
3. **Statutory Declaration** - go to a commissioner of Oaths or Solicitor and arrange to make a legally binding declaration that you have not been married before. (Copy of the forms you can get them from the parish).
4. **Pre-Marriage Course.** - <https://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/marriage-and-family-life/resources/catholic-marriage-preparation--2/>
5. **Pre- Nuptial Enquiry Form** - to be filled out in the presence of the priest.

## → Fees for the Preparation of Marriage papers:

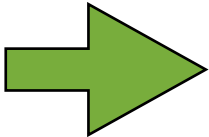
- A standard suggested donation to the parish is **£50**. (For couples who do not require dispensation from the Chancery Office).
- If one party is non-Catholic or is planning to get married outside UK, a dispensation must be obtained from the Bishop (chancery office). There will be a standard fee of **£100** and should be made by cheque to the WRCDT Isleworth or cash to the parish. (*Receipt acknowledgment will be provided*).

## → Wedding Fees:

Couples intending to get married are often anxious to know what donations of fees should be given to the Church on the occasion of their wedding. The following information may be useful.

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| ● Suggested donation to the Church       | £200 |
| ● Suggested offering to priest or deacon | £100 |
| ● Fee for Parish Registrar               | £50  |

For convenience, each amount should be put in a separate envelope marked **'Church Donation'**, **'Priest/Deacon's donation'**, **'Parish Registrar'**, which may be handed to the Priest/Parish Administrator at the rehearsal or earlier.



If you plan to get married at St Bridget's, please contact Fr Nico at [nloboratu@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:nloboratu@rcdow.org.uk) or [isleworth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:isleworth@rcdow.org.uk) / +44 (0) 20 85601431 for an appointment.

## Additional Requirements for Some Overseas Marriages:

### France

- ▶ Birth certificates for all parties (up-to-date copies of birth certificates for French Nationals)
- ▶ Declaration of Intention (samples can be provided)

### Hong Kong

Copies of birth certificates

### Ireland

**IMPORTANT:** Please note that in Disparity of Cult cases only, Irish dioceses now require **an authenticated copy of the birth certificate of the unbaptised party.** Tuam in particular are very strict with regard to this requirement, following guidelines received by the Irish Hierarchy, though not all Irish dioceses are following suit.

### Spain

Copies of birth certificates and passports for all Original paperwork is required. Overseas dioceses expect to receive original paperwork from us, not copies.