

Guidelines for Weddings in the Tullamore Union of Parishes

Celebrant

If you are planning a church wedding it is important to contact the Rector. One of the parties expressing an intention to be married must be a member of the Church of Ireland / Anglican Church or a church in full communion with the Church of Ireland. The Rector will normally conduct the ceremony, however if you wish to have someone else to act as celebrant they must have the approval of the Rector, be a licensed Priest within the Church of Ireland and be listed on the Register of Solemnisers which is maintained by the General Registrar. It is not possible for same sex couples to be married in the Church of Ireland.

Charges

The charge to hold a wedding in the church is €300.
This does not include the services of the Rector, Organist or any other Parish Personnel.

Opening and Closing the Church

Please remember that **ALL PARISH PERSONNEL ARE VOLUNTEERS** and make suitable arrangements for opening and closing the church both beforehand (for flower arrangers, etc.), on the day of the Wedding and afterwards to clean up.

Provision of Service Booklets

The provision of Service Booklets is your responsibility, but the Parish may be able to assist you in this. Normally the copyright for Church of Ireland material will not incur any charge, but copyright charges for non church music are your responsibility.

Music

The following must be agreed with the Rector in advance of the Service:

- The choice of hymns / songs;
- Any additional instruments;
- The Musicians / Singers;
- The Sound /Amplification System to be used. In general we would prefer if the amplification system in the church is not connected to any additional equipment or instruments.

DO NOT ADJUST THE SETTINGS ON THE SOUND / AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM IN THE CHURCH

Photographs and Videos

All photography and video during the service must be discrete and is only with the agreement of the Rector. Please ask your photographer and videographer to check with the Rector before the Service.

Clearing Up

Please leave the church as you found it. Clearing up must be done within two days (or in time for the next Service to be held in the Church, if earlier). It is your responsibility to ensure that **EVERYTHING** that has been brought into the church is taken away and properly disposed of.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR FLOWER ARRANGER IS AWARE OF THIS REQUIREMENT

Miscellaneous

Confetti and bubbles are permitted outside the Church.

No animals are permitted in the Church except Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs.

Please discuss the release of doves/butterflies or similar with the Rector beforehand.

Chinese Lanterns are not permitted.

You may wish to consider arranging parking attendants if the number attending the wedding warrants this.

It is your responsibility to ensure that emergency access is maintained at all times.

The Parish does not accept responsibility for any property, motor vehicles or their contents.

