

# Wedding: St Gregory's RC Church Bollington

If you choose to marry at St Gregory's Church in Bollington you will be made very welcome. We want your church wedding to be the best day of your life. These notes are to help you plan everything beforehand so you can enjoy your special day.

Please discuss any particular concerns with our parish priest when you come for marriage preparation meetings.

# **SETTING THE DATE**

Ideally with twelve months' notice, you need to contact the Parish Office (01625 572108), to set a date and time for your wedding, which can be either a Marriage Service or a Nuptial Mass. Either the bride or groom must be a practising Catholic to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in a Catholic Church.

### FIRST MEETING WITH THE PARISH PRIEST

If you a parishioner here we will have your baptismal and confirmation record. If you are from another Parish you will need to provide from your Parish Priest your baptismal and confirmation certificates and written confirmation of regular church attendance.

When you first meet the Parish Priest at St Gregory's he will need to record: your full names, ages, current addresses, employment, the names and professions of your parents and the names of your 2 witnesses.

## **REGISTERING YOUR WEDDING**

Less than 12 months away and at least 28 days before your marriage, you must go to a Registry Office to register your wedding. Then you send the Registry Office's Blue form to our Parish Priest and it is retained here. Our weekly church bulletin will announce your wedding in advance.

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Our Parish Priest will help you plan the Order of Service advising you on suitable readings and hymns. If you have this Order of Service printed for your wedding, please send to us at least 2 extra copies in advance of your wedding.

# FLOWERS AND CONFETTI

St Gregory's does not arrange special wedding flowers although simple flowers are usually in place. If you choose to make arrangements with your own florist, contact the Parish Office to arrange for your florist to set out the flowers.

We request that any flowers placed on the window-ledges are watered cautiously; overflowing oases and vases stain the walls.

Additionally, please invite your guests to use environmentally-friendly confetti and throw it away from the main doors.

# **MUSIC**

St Gregory's Church organist and choir can be booked to play at your wedding. If you would like these services please contact the Parish Office 8 weeks before your wedding.

The Office will put you in touch with our Music Director who can talk to you about hymns or prerecordings.

# **REGISTRAR AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES**

On your wedding day our own Authorised Person will complete the Civil Registers. There is a fee of £47 for this, which includes one marriage certificate.

If you would like extra copies of the marriage certificate they can be made available at £5 each on the wedding day or £10 each thereafter. These fees are identical to getting married in a Registry Office.

# **OFFERING**

In the Catholic Church there is no charge for sacraments – they are freely given. However, if you would like to make an offering towards our administrative and overhead costs we would be very grateful. The suggested offering is £250. Offer what you feel you can, at or before the wedding rehearsal.

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