

*Our
Wedding
Day*



Naas - Sallins - Two Mile House

Preparing for your Wedding

Booking the Church

Catholic marriages in Ireland are required by church law to take place in a church. Here in Naas, Sallins and Two Mile House weddings take place in each of our parish churches. In order to book a church in our parishes you must make contact with the parish office located on the Sallins Road, Naas (beside the Parochial House), phone 045 879 730.

Please note there are no weddings on Sundays or Holy Days in our Diocese.

Holy Days are as follows:

6th January, 17th March, 15th August, 1st November

8th December, 25th December

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, All Souls (2nd November)

State Requirements

All state requirements are the responsibility of the couple, not the priest or the parish. If state requirements have not been met, the marriage ceremony cannot go ahead.

Civil law requires couples to give at least **three months** notification of intention to marry (Section 32 of the Family Law Act, 1995). **Form FLA 1.98** is available from Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths, Monread Avenue, Naas (045 887 660). **It is your responsibility to leave it with the appropriate registrar.**

Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Forms

These forms must be completed with a priest from your parish. It is up to each couple to contact a priest and arrange a suitable time with him to complete these forms.

For this you will both require **baptismal and confirmation certificates**, which can be obtained by contacting the parish in which your baptism and confirmation took place. If you have lived outside your Parish you will need a **letter of freedom** from that particular parish confirming that you have not previously been married.

These certificates should **not** be older than **6 months**.

The Ceremony

Two ceremonies are possible:

- **Marriage within Mass**: here the couple exchange vows during mass.
- **Marriage ceremony outside Mass**: for various reasons it may be more appropriate to have a marriage ceremony without mass. You can discuss which option suits your circumstances with the priest.

Marriage Awareness Course

This course is a requirement for any couple getting married in our parishes. They are intended to help couples reflect on the essential elements of a good relationship. Booking for courses are made directly with ACCORD Newbridge, 045 431 695.



Wedding Candles

Wedding candles are provided by the couple getting married. They can be purchased from the parish shop on the Sallins Road, Naas.

Punctuality

Couples are requested to be punctual for weddings, as there can be other weddings, funerals, baptisms, services etc. in the Church afterwards.



Music at the Ceremony

During the ceremony, liturgical music should be used as befits the sacredness of the moment. Please discuss with your Priest.

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As you prepare for your wedding day we hope it is a joyful and exciting time in your lives. We hope that the above information and what follows in this booklet will be helpful as you prepare for your special day.

With every good wish and blessing

The Parish Team

Naas - Sallins - Two Mile House

The Entrance Procession

Music – Instrumental or Sung

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Priest The Lord be with you.

All **And with your spirit.**

The Lighting of Candles to the accompaniment of music or a short sung piece.

The Penitential Rite

First Form

I confess to almighty God,
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault,
therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Or

Lord have mercy...
Christ have mercy...
Lord have mercy...

The Gloria

All Glory to God in the highest,
 and on earth peace to people of good will.
 We praise you, we bless you,
 we adore you, we glorify you,
 we give you thanks for your great glory,
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 O God almighty Father,
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 you take away the sins of the world;
 have mercy on us;
 you take away the sins of the world;
 receive our prayer;
 you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 have mercy on us.
 For you alone are the holy One,
 you alone are the Lord,
 you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father.
 Amen.

Opening Prayer

First Form

Priest Father, you have made the bond of marriage
 a holy mystery,
 a symbol of Christ's love for his Church.
 Hear our prayers for N. and N.
 With faith in you and in each other
 they pledge their love today.
 May their lives always bear witness
 to the reality of that love.
 We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

or Second Form

Priest O God, who in creating the human race
 willed that man and wife should be one,
 join, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love
 these our friends _____ and _____,
 who are to be united in the covenant of Marriage,
 so that, as you make their love fruitful,
 they may become, by your grace,
 witnesses to charity itself.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
 Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Readings

(Choose one from the Old Testament)

1

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The Lord God said,

'It is not good that the man should be alone.

I will make him a helpmate'.

So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him.

So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep.

And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh.

The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man.

The man exclaimed:

'This, at last, is bone from my bones,

and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,

for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother

and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Prophet of Jeremiah
Jeremiah 29:11-14

I know the plans I have in mind for you
– it is God who speaks
– plans for peace, not disaster,
reserving a future full of hope for you.
When you call to me, and come to plead with me,
I will listen to you.
When you seek me you shall find me.
When you seek me with all your heart;
I will let you find me.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



A reading from the Book of Tobit
Tobit 8:4-8

On the evening of their marriage, Tobias said to Sarah,
'You and I must pray and petition our Lord
to win his grace and protection.'
 She stood up, and they began praying for protection,
 and this was how he began:

You are blessed, O God of our fathers;
 blessed too is your name for ever and ever.
 Let the heavens bless you
 and all things you have made forever more.

You it was who created Adam,
 who created Eve his wife to be his help and support;
 and from these two the human race was born.
 You it was who said,
'It is not right that man should be alone;
let us make him a helper like him.'
 And so I take my sister not from any lustful motive,
 but I do it in singleness of heart.
 Be kind enough to have pity on her and on me
 and bring us to old age together.
 And together they said, 'Amen, Amen.'

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Book of Ruth

Ruth said,
 ‘Do not press me to leave you,
 or to turn back from following you!
 Wherever you go I shall go,
 wherever you live I shall live.
 Your people shall be my people
 and your God will be my God.
 Where you die, I shall die
 and there shall I be buried beside you.
 We will be together forever
 and our love will be the gift of our lives.’

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Let those who are at peace with you be many.
 A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter,
 he that has found one has found a treasure.
 There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend,
 and no scales can measure his excellence.
 A loyal friend is the cordial of life
 and those who serve the Lord will find one.
 Whoever serves the Lord makes true friends;
 for as a person is, so is his friend too.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Responsorial Psalm is usually sung. You will need to discuss this with the musicians. The Psalm that appears here is only offered as an option where the Psalm is not sung.

Psalm 32

Response: *The Lord fills the earth with his love*

They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.
The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love. **(R)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
In him do our hearts find joy.
We trust in his holy name. **(R)**

May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hopes in you. **(R)**

New Testament Readings

(Choose one New Testament Reading)

1.

A reading from the First Letter of John

My dear friends,

let us love each other, since love is from God

and everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.

Whoever fails to love does not know God because God is love.

This is the revelation of God's love for us,

that God sent his only son into the world

that we might have life through him.

Love consists in this: it is not we who loved God,

but God loved us and sent his Son to expiate our sins.

My dear friends, if God loves us so much we too should love each other.

No one has ever seen God,

but as long as we love each other

God remains in us and his love comes to perfection in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

2.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

As the chosen people of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. Let the Word of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you.

(please turn over...)

Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and whatever you say or do, let it be in the name of the Lord Jesus, in thanksgiving to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

3.

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Set your mind on the higher gifts. And now I am going to put before you the best way of all. Though I command languages both human and angelic – if I speak without love, I am no more than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. And though I have the power of prophecy, to penetrate all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have all the faith necessary to move mountains – if I am without love, I am nothing. Though I should give away to the poor all that I possess, and even give up my body to be burned – if I am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind;
love is never jealous;
love is not boastful or conceited,
it is never rude and never seeks its own advantage,
it does not take offence or store up grievances.
Love does not rejoice at wrong doings,
but finds its joy in the truth.
It is always ready to forgive,
to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.
Love never comes to an end.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

4.

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

This then is what I pray, kneeling before the Father, from whom every family, whether spiritual or natural, takes its name; out of his infinite glory, may he give you the power through his spirit for your hidden self to grow strong so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith and then, planted on love and built on love, you will with all the saints have strength to grasp the breadth and length, the height and the depth; until, knowing the love of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Sung/Said)

Alleluia, alleluia.

As long as we have one another God will live in us
and His love will be complete in us.

Alleluia.

Gospel Readings

(Choose one from the following selection of Gospels)

1.

A reading from the Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples,
I have loved you just as the Father loved me.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love.
I have told you this so that my own joy, may be in you
and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment:
'love one another, as I have loved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

2.

A reading from the Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.'
Jesus said, 'Woman why turn to me?' My hour has not come yet.'
His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water' and they filled them to the brim.

'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.'

They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, ‘People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort ‘til the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine ‘til now.’

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

3.

A reading from the Gospel according to John

I am the true vine,
and my Father is the vinedresser.
Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away,
and every branch that does bear fruit
he prunes to make it to bear even more.
You are pruned already,
by means of the word that I have spoken to you.
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,
but must remain part of the vine,
neither can you, unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rite of Marriage

First Form

Priest

Dear children of God, you have come to this Church so that the Lord may seal your love in the presence of the Priest and this community.

Christian marriage is a sacred union which enriches natural love. It binds those who enter it to be faithful to each other for ever; it creates between them a bond that endures for life and cannot be broken; it demands that they love and honour each other, (that they accept from God the children he may give them, and bring them up in his love).

To help them in their marriage the husband and wife receive the life-long grace of the sacrament.

Is this your understanding of marriage?

Both **It is.**

or Second Form

Priest

Dear N. and N you have come today to pledge your love before God and before the Church here present in the person of the Priest, your families and friends.

In becoming husband and wife you give yourselves to each other for life. You promise to be true and faithful, to support and cherish each other until death, so that your years together will be the living out in love of the pledge you now make. May your love for each other reflect the enduring love of Christ for his Church. As you face the future together, keep in mind that the Sacrament of marriage unites you with Christ, and brings you, through the years, the grace and blessing of God our Father.

Marriage is from God: he alone can give you the happiness which goes beyond human expectation, and which grows deeper through the difficulties and struggles of life.

Put your trust in God as you set out together in life. Make your home a centre of Christian family life. In this you will bequeath to your children a heritage more lasting than temporal wealth).

The Christian home makes Christ and his Church present in the world of everyday things. May all who enter your home find there the presence of the Lord; for he has said: *“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*

Priest Now, as you are about to exchange your marriage vows the Church wishes to be assured that you appreciate the meaning of what you do, and so I ask you: have you come here of your own free will and choice to marry each other?

Both **We have.**

Priest Will you love and honour each other in marriage all the days of your life?

Both **We will.**

Priest Are you willing to accept with love the children God may send you, and bring them up in accordance with the law of Christ, and his Church?

Both **We are.**

Declaration of Consent

Priest I invite you then to declare before God and his Church your consent to become husband and wife.

They join hands.

Bridegroom I, N., take you, N., as my wife,
and I promise to love you truly,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health
all the days of my life.

Bride I, N., take you, N., as my husband
and I promise to love you truly,
for better, for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health
all the days of my life.

Priest What God joins together no one must separate.
May the Lord confirm the consent that you have given and enrich you with His blessings.



Blessing of Rings

Priest Almighty God, bless these rings,
 symbols of faithfulness and unbroken love.
 May N., and N., always be true to each other,
 may they be one in heart and mind,
 may they be united in love forever,
 through Christ, our Lord.

Both **Amen.**



Exchange of Rings

Bridegroom N, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love.
 In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Bride N, wear this ring as a sign of our faithful love.
 In the name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Candle Ceremony

Together, N and N light their marriage candle, symbolising their unity in marriage and their becoming husband and wife in the Sacrament of Marriage.

*A prayer of the newly married couple or a reflection may be said here.
See page 29 and following.*

Prayers of the Faithful

(Choose 4 or 5)

1. Lord, as we gather today in prayer, we ask you to bless N., and N., as they take their first step in marriage. Give them the patience and understanding to overcome any difficulty along their path. Help them grow in their love for each other by the example of your everlasting love.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

2. For all our family and friends here present, young and old, married or single, that they be blessed with faith, hope, love, health and peace.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

3. For N., and N., as they begin their life together, may they always be blessed with a willingness to listen and a sense of humour in facing the challenges of life.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

4. For the parents of N., and N., in recognition of their guidance, support and love throughout the years, and for their friends and families who have helped them to become husband and wife. May their love and friendship be a constant source of inspiration and support in the years ahead.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

5. Lord, we pray for N., and N., and the love that has brought them together. Make their love grow deeper each day and may they have your divine help at every moment, the constant support of friends, the rich blessing of children and a long and healthy life together.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

6. Lord, we pray for married couples who continue to live out the vows exchanged on their wedding day. Lord, continue to bless their commitment and faithfulness. We also pray for those couples for whom marriage has been a painful and difficult experience. Lord, bring them to a place of healing and of new beginnings.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

7. Lord, we pray for those who experience sorrow and heartache in their lives for whatever reason. While we rejoice today, may we always be grateful for the blessings we have received. Lord, give strength and courage to those who find life difficult at this time.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.

8. Lord, we pray for the faithful departed, especially those whom we ourselves have loved. [We remember...*name of family member(s)*]. Lord, may they share in our joy and hope. We ask you heavenly Father to make for them a home in heaven to last forever.

Lord, hear us.

Lord graciously hear us.



Prayer over the Gifts

When the Sacrament of Marriage is celebrated within the Mass.

Priest Receive, we pray, O Lord,
 the offering made on the occasion
 of this sealing of the sacred bond of Marriage,
 and, just as your goodness is its origin,
 may your providence guide its course.
 Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Communion Rite

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.



Nuptial Blessing

First Form

Priest Let us ask God to bless N., and N.,
now married in Christ, and unite them in His love.
God, our Father, creator of the universe,
you made man and woman in your own likeness,
and blessed their union.
We humbly pray to you for this bridegroom and
bride,
today united in the sacrament of marriage.

May your blessing come upon them.
May they find happiness in their love for each other,
(be blessed in their children,)
and enrich the life of the Church.
May they praise you in their days of happiness
and turn to you in times of sorrow.
May they know the joy of your help in their work
and the strength of your presence in their need.
May they worship you with the Church
and be your witnesses in the world.
May old age come to them in the company of their
friends,
and may they reach at last the kingdom of heaven.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

or Second Form

Priest Let us ask God to bless N., and N.,
 now married in Christ and unite them in His love.
 Father, you created the universe
 and made man and woman in your own likeness.
 You gave woman as companion to man
 so that they should no longer be two, but one flesh,
 teaching us that those you have so united
 may never be separated.
 Father, you have sanctified marriage in a mystery so
 holy
 that it is a sign of the union of Christ and his Church.
 Look with love upon N., as she asks your blessing.
 May she live in peace with you
 and follow the example of those women
 whose lives are praised in the scriptures.
 May N., place his trust in her
 and see her as his companion.
 May he always honour her and love her
 as Christ loves the Church.
 Father, keep this husband and wife
 strong in faith and true to your commandments.
 May they be faithful to each other,
 examples of Christian living, and witnesses of Christ.
 (Bless them with children and help them to be good
 parents.)
 And, after a long and happy life together,
 may they enjoy the company of your saints in heaven.
 We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

First Form

Priest By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord,
 accompany with your loving favour
 what in your providence you have instituted,
 so as to make of one heart in love
 those you have already joined in this holy union
 (and replenished with the one Bread and the one
 Chalice).
 Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

or Second Form

(Appropriate for ceremony without Mass)

Priest Having been made partakers at your table,
 we pray, O Lord,
 that those who are united by the Sacrament of
 Marriage
 may always hold fast to you
 and proclaim your name to the world.
 Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Blessing at the End of Mass

Priest May God the eternal Father
 keep you of one heart in love for one another,
 that the peace of Christ may dwell in you
 and abide always in your home.

All **Amen.**

Priest May you be blessed in your children,
 have solace in your friends
 and enjoy true peace with everyone.

All **Amen.**

Priest May you be witnesses in the world to God's charity,
 so that the afflicted and needy who have known your
 kindness may one day receive you thankfully
 into the eternal dwelling of God.

All **Amen.**

Priest And may almighty God bless all of you, who are
 gathered here,
 the Father, and the Son,
 and the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Signing of Register

Prayers and Marriage Reflections

1. Prayer of a newly married couple

We thank you, Lord,
and we praise you
for bringing us to this happy day.
You have given us to each other.
Now, together,
we give ourselves to you.
We ask you, Lord:
make us one in our love;
keep us one in your peace.

Protect our marriage.
Bless our home.
Make us gentle.
Keep us faithful.

And when life is over
unite us again
where parting is no more
in the kingdom of your love.

There we will praise you
in the happiness and peace
of our eternal home.
Amen.

2. A Marriage Prayer

Lord, help us to remember when we first met
and the strong love that grew between us.

Help us to work that love into practical things
so nothing can divide us.

We ask for words both kind and loving,
and for hearts always ready to ask forgiveness
as well as to forgive.

Dear Lord,

we put our marriage into Your hands.

Amen.

3. Prayer of newly married couple

We thank you Lord for the gift of life
and for bringing us to this day.

We have exchanged our vows in your presence
and in the presence of our families and friends.

We look forward to our future together.

We have so much to share with each other.

May we always have time for you Lord.

You will have a special place in our home.

We promise to practice our faith
and to share it with our children.

May our friends be always there for us
and may we be there for them.

When life is over unite us again
where parting is no more
in the kingdom of your love.

Amen.



Blessing of Parents

God is the giver of all life and love, both human and divine.
May he bless you N., and N.,parents,
and you N., and N.,parents.
You rejoice at N., and N., marriage today.
May you be blessed to see their happiness
in the years that lie ahead.
Today a son and a daughter
have set out from your homes to find their own home.
May you always find a warm welcome in their home,
wherever it may be.
May you always experience the support of their love
and pray the peace of Christ ever dwell in their home.
Amen.



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