

Prayer for Engaged Couples

O, God, by your power you have made everything out of nothing. In the beginning you created the universe and made us in your own likeness. You gave man the constant help of woman so that man and woman should no longer be two, but one flesh, and you teach us that what you have united may never be divided.

Lord Jesus, look with love upon us as we prepare for our lives together as husband and wife. We ask your blessing to live with each other in peace and harmony.

May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Your Contact Details

Bride's details

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Religion:

Groom's details

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Religion:

Proposed Date for Marriage & Church:

Please post these details to the presbytery. Further information will be needed once initial contact has been made.

Times of services

Christ the King		
Sunday	9.00 am	Mass
	12 noon	Mass
	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer: First Sunday of the Month
Monday	9.15 am	Mass
Tuesday	9.15 am	Mass
Wednesday	12 noon	Mass
Thursday	12 noon	Mass
Friday	9.15 am	Mass
	9.45 - 10.15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	& 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Mass
Saturday	10.00 am	Mass
	10.30 - 11.30 am	Holy Hour & Confessions
	6.00 pm 7.00 pm	Mass for Sunday Confessions
St. Augustine's		
Sunday	10.30 am	Mass
Wednesday	9.00 am	Mass
Saturday	11.00 - 11.30 am	Confessions: First Saturday of the Month

Contact details

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St. Augustine's	
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The Catholic Churches of

Christ the King

& Our Lady of Lourdes

with St. Augustine's

Getting Married



This leaflet will tell you a little about what you need you need to do when getting married.

About Getting Married

First of all: congratulations! It is wonderful that you are considering getting married and you are thinking about having the wedding here at Christ the King. We are pleased to welcome you both to our parish.

There will be many, many things on your mind at this time; lots of plans to make and no doubt you are perhaps a little nervous. This leaflet aims to help you to be better informed about some of the things you need to think about.

Get in Touch

The most important thing is to meet with the Parish Priest, and talk about your plans. You can see him after Mass, telephone, or email him.

Please provide him with the information requested in the 'Your Contact Details' section on the reverse side of this leaflet.

It is important that you get in touch at least six months before you plan to get married, longer if you can. There are many aspects to talk about and you should certainly arrange the church date and time before you book any venue for a reception.

Marriage Preparation

Like all the best things in life, you need to prepare for your wedding as well as other arrangements.

You also need to prepare spiritually and emotionally for the rest of your lives together. Normally you will be asked to go on a Marriage Care course which may be either a couple of evenings or over a day at the weekend.

You will also need to spend some time with your parish priest as he helps you to understand the commitment you are about to make and the promises which you will have to honour. This is usually over a period of three months or so, but this can be arranged nearer to the big day.

It is really important, that you stay in touch with your parish priest. He will also help you plan the Wedding Ceremony.

The Legal Requirement

After you have discussed your requirements with the priest, you will need to contact the Registrar's Office and give notice in person. For Coventry this is:

Coventry Register Office,
Cheylesmore Manor House,
Manor House Drive,
Coventry,
CV1 2ND.
Telephone: 024 7683 3141
Email: registeroffice@coventry.gov.uk

A notice of marriage is valid for twelve months. You therefore may not give notice of marriage to the Registrar more than twelve months before the date of your marriage.

The Paperwork

Before you can get married in church it is important that the priest has the necessary permission from the church for you to marry, as well as the legal notice. This paperwork is important and must be completed before the ceremony can begin. Things like baptismal certificates, necessary signatures and all the legal information has to be to hand. This is partly why we ask you to give us six months notice at least.

Wedding Fees

There are a lot of expenses associated with getting married but the priest will marry you for free, if necessary. It is, however, normally the custom to make an offering to the church and to the priest to cover the costs of heating, lighting and so on and as a gift to the minister. Here at Christ the King our fees are £150 divided £100 for the church and £50 for the Registrar. Please be aware that money must never be an obstacle to the celebration of the Sacraments and you can talk to the priest about this.

If you want to have an organist, or flowers then these will be charged at cost. The organist is £60 and flowers can be arranged to suit your budget. You may want to use your own florist, organist or musicians.

Mass or Service

The Church provides three options for you to consider when it comes to the celebration of the day itself. If both bride and groom are practising Catholics then you may want a Nuptial Mass. If one is not Catholic you may want to consider a simple Wedding Service or a Wedding Service with Holy Communion.

The symbolism of unity in the Sacrament of Matrimony is an essential element of the nature of the celebration. The priest can help you to decide which is best for you both.

You can also have a choice of Christ the King or St. Augustine's.

Photography and Videography

Your wedding day is something that you will want to remember for the rest of your lives and to have a visual record of your joy is wonderful. It is also a very solemn and sacred event that you contract before God, your family and your friends. It is good to record the moment.

Photographs are allowed during the wedding ceremony but ask the photographer to keep the noise of cameras to a minimum. You don't want to be distracted! An official photographer or videographer is welcome in church but should avoid standing on the sanctuary. Your family and friends are very welcome to take photographs and there will be plenty of time to pose after the ceremony itself.

Videography should only be taken by a professional who has the necessary copyright licence. All of the wedding service is subject to copyright law, including the music, hymns and wording.

Any Questions?

Please feel free to write down a list of any questions you may have concerning the preparation for your wedding day and ask the priest. He will do his best to help you celebrate this very special event in your lives, so that it is both memorable and a celebration of great joy.

May God bless you both as you prepare to celebrate your marriage.