

Planning your Wedding – Things to do... Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Monaleen

- Once you are engaged you will need to enroll for a <u>pre-marriage course</u>, usually with Accord. This needs to be done as soon as possible as these courses are usually very busy. You can also book online, <u>www.accord.ie</u> Preparation for your wedding day is much easier once this course is done.
- 2. Within six months of your wedding you will need to go to your local priest and ask him to fill out your **pre-nuptial enquiry papers**.

Before you meet your local Priest you will need the following:

- Baptismal Cert (Issued within six months of wedding)
- Confirmation Cert (If not detailed on the Baptismal Cert)
- Freedom to marry; one of the following is needed.....
 - a. Letters of freedom
 - b. Statement of freedom to marry
 - c. Sworn affidavit
- Pre-marriage Course Certificate
- At least three months prior to your wedding date make an appointment to call into your local <u>'civil registry office'</u>.
 You need to let them know in person of your intention to marry. The charge for this consultation is 200 euro.

You will need the following: NAMES OF BRIDE AND GROOM AND PHOTO ID NAMES OF BEST MAN AND CHIEF BRIDESMAID DATES OF BIRTH OF ALL FOUR ABOVE

You will also need to supply the date of the wedding, the name of the Church, the name of the Priest / Solemnizer

4. The <u>Civil Marriage Certificate</u> will be given to you by the Registrar of Marriages. This is a very important document. It is <u>your responsibility</u> to have it at the Church on the day of your wedding and to return it to the registrar after the wedding.



Finally, happy planning! Contact me anytime if you need any further clarification.

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