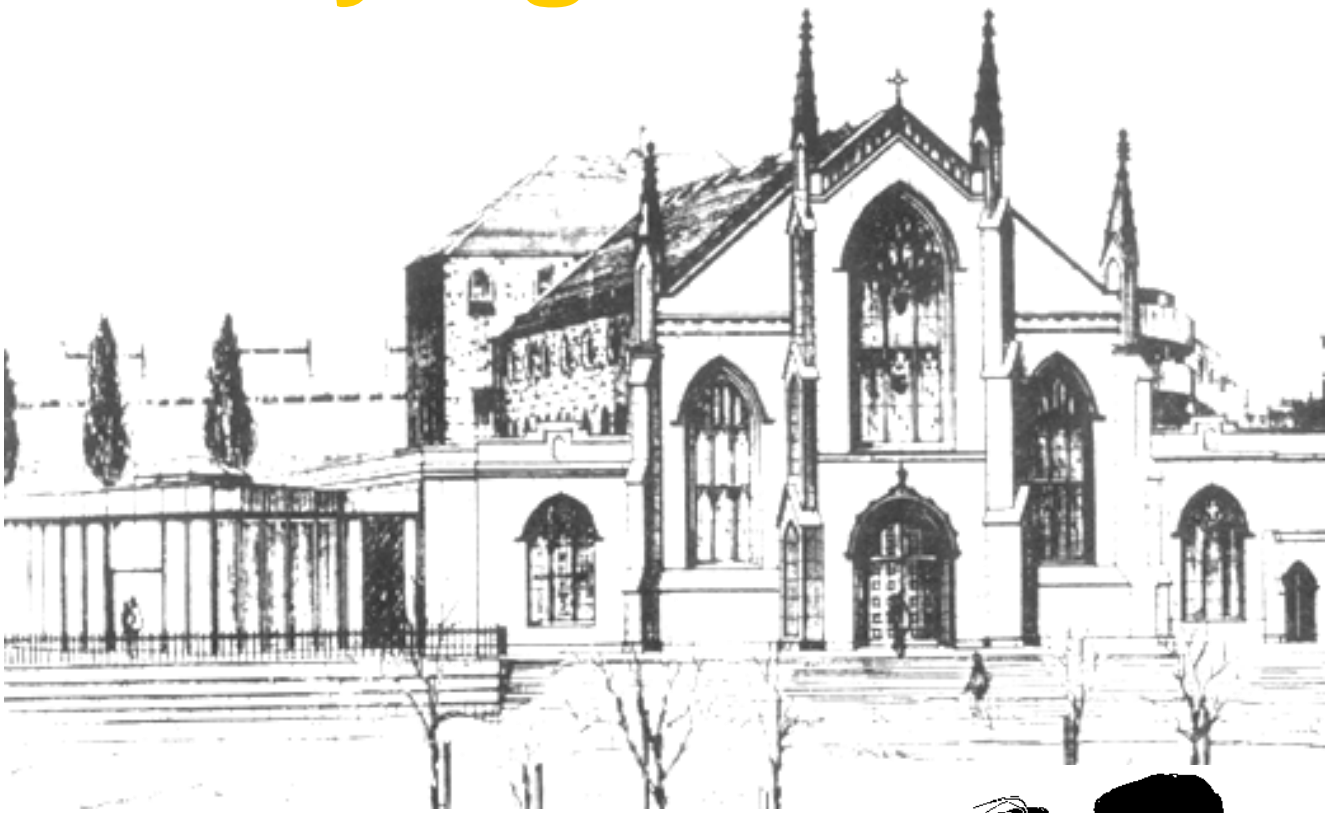


St Mary's Cathedral Parishioner marrying elsewhere



St Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral - Celebration of Marriage

Normally couples register for their marriage at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. This gives good time for the various aspects of marriage preparation to take place. Since the beginning of the 1980's all couples being married in or through the Church in Scotland are expected to take part in marriage preparation course. This takes various shapes and forms but it is essentially about helping the couple reflect on their relationship and to think of what it means to ask for marriage in a Christian setting. It sounds daunting but it is well worthwhile and enjoyable!

What needs to be done practically?

Church Requirements – Documentation

(no older than 6 months before your wedding date)

Please bring these documents when you meet with the priest.

The most important thing is the marriage preparation!

Various papers and documents are required which basically show that you are free to marry. They are as follows:

✓ **Letter(s) of Freedom**

This is a simple statement from parents or someone close to you to state

“my son Michael has not been married before and is free to marry. He was Baptised in St Andrew’s Church, Dunfermline in May 1980.”

The letter should be signed and dated.

✓ **Current Baptismal Certificate**

Catholics must obtain this from the parish where he/she was baptised. It is best if you drop a note to the parish priest giving your name, date of birth, parents' names and when the Baptism took place.

✓ **Pre-nuptial Enquiry Form**

As a couple you will complete this with the priest who is preparing you for marriage. He will also apply for any dispensations where necessary.

If you are living here but being married in another part of the country or in another country, all the Church papers are completed here and then sent to the Diocesan Office relating to the parish you are being married in.

Civil Requirements

Under the terms of Scots Law, at least 4 to 6 weeks before the proposed marriage, each party must submit a completed **Marriage Notice** (Form M10) to the Registrar of the district in which the wedding is to take place. If the Registrar is satisfied that there are no legal impediments, he will issue a **Marriage Schedule** not more than 7 days before the wedding: one of the parties must attend personally to receive it. This Schedule must be brought to the priest **before** the Ceremony (normally at the Wedding Rehearsal.)

For full Civil requirements and Forms M10 please write to or telephone:

Registrar's Office
59-63 George IV Bridge
Edinburgh
EH1 1RN
SCOTLAND
Tel: +44 131-529 2600

If you are planning to be married in another country, it is advisable that you contact the appropriate Consulate or Embassy to find out what the Civil requirements are.



Marriage Preparation

The Cathedral runs several marriage preparation courses throughout the year and you will be invited to attend a course close to the date of your wedding.

Couples marrying in the Catholic Church anywhere in the world are required to have attended a Catholic marriage preparation course.

This is to ensure that they have understood and agreed to the solemn promises that they will both be making before God, and to equip them to grow in their love and commitment to each other even if they encounter challenges.

Most couples spend countless hours preparing for the wedding, but little, if any time preparing for married life.

The Marriage Preparation Course can help you develop strong foundations for a lasting marriage.

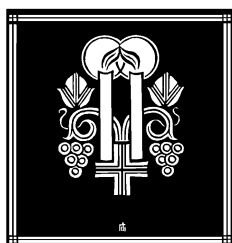
This course is for you the couple - the two most important people in this happy event. It is a time to step back from all the hustle and bustle of planning for the day and spend some quality time planning for the rest of your life together as a married couple. A time if possible to learn even more about each other.

We want you to relax and feel comfortable and remember there is no pressure on anyone to reveal personal and private details to anyone other than your partner. Throughout the course we will give opportunity for you to share and ask questions if you wish. However the emphasis on this course is for you to find a quiet place and enjoy sharing with each other.

Each course is run over two Thursday evenings in Cathedral House, 61 York Place.

This is an investment in a life-time of love that they will discover is well worth the effort and time spent.

The administration donation requested per couple is £50 and you are asked to complete the enclosed Gift Aid leaflet, which means that your donation will be supplemented by a payment to us from the Inland Revenue, provided one of you is a tax payer. The government currently pay 28pence for every £1 donated.



ST MARY'S RC CATHEDRAL, BROUGHTON STREET, EDINBURGH

Enrolment for Marriage Preparation Form

Couples, who consider the Cathedral as their parish and are intending to be married here, are asked to give at least 6 months notice. Please complete this form and return it to

Anne Lawrie, Parish Co-ordinator, 61 York Place, Edinburgh, EH1 3JD.

Thereafter, confirmation of your booking and details of the Marriage Preparation course will be sent to you.

Full Name of Groom	Full Name of Bride
Address	Address
Postcode	Postcode
email	email
Telephone Number	Telephone number
mobile	mobile

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Time of Marriage	Celebrant
	Priest responsible for Documentation

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