

Diocese of Clifton



PARISH:.....

INFORMATION FOR MARRIAGE FORM

Marriage between

(please print surnames first – followed by given names)

..... and

(Groom) (Bride)

DATE OF MARRIAGE :..... Time: Nuptial Mass: Yes / No

PLACE OF MARRIAGE:.....

Priest / Deacon's Address (if different) :.....

DIOCESE OF MARRIAGE (if overseas).....

DOCUMENT CHECK-LIST

Groom Bride Catholic Party(parties):

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baptismal Certificate (up-to-date)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirmation Certificate**
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of Freedom *

Groom Bride Non-Catholic Party:

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baptismal Certificate (where applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Evidence of Freedom *

*Evidence of freedom should be in the form of a recent copy (no more than 6 months old) of the baptism certificate for a Catholic. For all other Christians the original copy of their baptismal certificate is sufficient. A letter from both sets of parents or another individual who has known the intended bride or groom since childhood stating that the party has never been married before.

** For marriages taking place in Italy, Spain, and Poland it is essential that the Catholic party has been confirmed and that proof is provided.

Additional Requirements: Please Tick As Appropriate

<input type="checkbox"/>	Permission for a Mixed Marriage***	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consanguinity (First cousins)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dispensation from Disparity of Cult	<input type="checkbox"/>	Litterae Testimoniales (for marriages outside Hierarchy)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dispensation from Canonical Form	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-Marriage Course letter / certificate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Convalidation / Sanation (see Note 2 below)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of Canonical Form – cleared prior to date given

* **This permission is given by the parish priest without reference to the Curial Office unless there is a serious doubt regarding the validity of the baptism of the non-Catholic.

REMINDER: Has the Licence from the Registrar's Office been obtained? *(not applicable in cases of Convalidation / Sanation)*

Address for all correspondence: **Curial Office Alexander House, 160 Pennywell Road, Bristol, BS5 0TX**

Notes:

1. In **Lack of Form** cases **no date should be set** until the Declaration of Freedom is received from the Curial Office.
2. **All Convalidations** should be referred to the Curial Office with a copy of the civil marriage certificate.
3. Where a person wishing to marry is a Catholic, but **not of the Latin Rite**, reference should always be made to the Curial Office before arrangements are made for the wedding.
4. After the marriage, it is the responsibility of the priest/deacon to see that a **notification** of the celebration of this marriage is sent to the church of baptism of the Catholic party/parties.
5. This **marriage dossier** is to be carefully preserved in the archives of the parish where this marriage is celebrated, except in the cases of Dispensations from Canonical Form (non-Catholic Church) marriages, where it is to be kept in the parish of the priest / deacon applying for the Dispensation.

***Please do not use staples on this document or print on both sides. ***

<p>Name (in full) SURNAME</p> <p>FIRST NAME(S)</p> <p>Present address</p> <p><i>Email:</i></p> <p>Telephone</p> <p>Parish</p> <p>Date & place of birth</p> <p>Church and place of baptism</p> <p>Date of baptism</p> <p>Place & date of Confirmation</p> <p>Present religion</p> <p>Occupation</p> <p>Father's name</p> <p>Father's Occupation</p> <p>Mother's name & maiden name</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>Home</i> <i>Mobile</i></p> <p>..... <i>How long resident there?</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
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Have you ever been through a Previous Marriage – Civil (including Civil Partnership), Religious, Tribal, Traditional or Custom?

If 'YES' - complete the questions in the section below – *no previous marriage can be ignored.*

*YES / NO (*delete as appropriate)

<p>To whom</p> <p>Their religion</p> <p>Were they Baptised? *Yes/No</p> <p>Place and date of marriage</p> <p>Was this marriage dissolved?</p> <p>How was it dissolved</p> <p>Date & number of Decree Absolute</p> <p>Nullity/Lack of Form received?</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p><i>* Details of Baptism</i></p> <p>.....</p> <p>'Yes' <input type="checkbox"/> <i>continue with questions below</i> OR 'No' <input type="checkbox"/> <i>move to the Convalidation section</i></p> <p><i>By Divorce (c.f. below): By Death: Death certificate of spouse to be enclosed</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>.....</p> <p>'Yes' <input type="checkbox"/> OR 'No' <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Has an application been submitted? 'Yes'</i> <input type="checkbox"/> OR 'No' <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Convalidation</p>	<p><i>For Convalidation a Certificate of Marriage must be supplied:</i> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Statements

<p>Any impediment to the proposed marriage?</p> <p>Are you entering into marriage freely?</p> <p>Do you accept the meaning and obligations of Christian marriage?</p>	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>
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Declaration

<p>I solemnly declare that the information I have given is true</p> <p>Signed in my presence</p>	<p>Signature</p> <p>Priest / Deacon Date</p> <p><i>(Please print):</i> (.....)</p>
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The priest or deacon responsible for the preparation of the couple for marriage is bound to ensure that they receive a complete and proper explanation of the meaning of Christian Marriage in the Catholic Church stressing particularly that it is a covenant between the spouses that they establish for the whole of life, for their good and that of any children. They should be aware of the effects of marriage (canon 1134, 1135, 1136) that the bond by its nature is perpetual and exclusive, and that the essential properties of marriage are unity and indissolubility. Furthermore, the priest or deacon must be satisfied that the couple are entering marriage of their own free will, completely free from conditions or pressure of any kind, and that he has established that they possess sufficient maturity.

If it is deemed necessary, the following questions may be put to the respective partners individually in a separate interview.

BRIDE

GROOM

CONCERNING FREE WILL

Are you coming to this marriage freely because it is what you want and seek?

Yes/No

Yes/No

Is anyone (or any situation) putting pressure on you to enter into this marriage?

Yes/No

Yes/No

As far as you know is the person you hope to marry under any pressure to do so?

Yes/No

Yes/No

CONCERNING THE LIFELONG NATURE OF MARRIAGE

Are you willing to undertake marriage as a lifelong commitment to your partner?

Yes/No

Yes/No

CONCERNING CHILDREN

Are you willing to recognise your marriage as an invitation from God to bring children into the world and to care for them?

Yes/No

Yes/No

CONCERNING FAITHFULNESS IN MARRIAGE

Are you willing to be completely faithful to your partner?

Yes/No

Yes/No

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

What form of preparation have the couple received?

Do they understand that marriage according to the law of the Church is a covenant by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, which is ordered by its nature to the good of the spouses and to the procreation and education of children? (canon 1055)

Do they understand the essential properties of marriage - unity and indissolubility? (canon 1056)

What is your personal assessment of the maturity of each partner?

Are you satisfied that they are entering marriage of their own free will?

Any further comments:

Signature: Parish Priest/Assistant Priest/Deacon:.....

Date: Parish of:

DELEGATION: When the marriage is to take place before a priest / deacon who is not the Parish Priest / Assistant Priest or Deacon of the Parish.

I hereby delegate/sub delegate:

to officiate at the above marriage within the boundaries of this parish.

Signature: Parish Priest/Assistant Priest/Deacon:.....

Date: Parish of:

PERMISSION: When the marriage is arranged in a place where neither party has any of the residence qualifications of Canon 1115.

I, the undersigned, being the parish priest of the Bridegroom/Bride, hereby grant permission for this marriage to take place outside my parish.

Date: Signature:

Parish Priest / Assistant

MIXED MARRIAGES

Application

Please note that an application must be made to the Curial Office for:

- a) Marriage involving Eastern Rite Catholics or members of Orthodox Churches
- b) All Convalidations
- c) Mixed Marriages where a Dispensation from Canonical form is required.

The Catholic party to any marriage where the other party is not also a Catholic is required to make the following declaration and promise.

I declare that I am ready to uphold my Catholic faith and to avoid all dangers of falling away from it. Moreover, I sincerely undertake that I will do all that I can within the unity of our partnership to have any children baptised and brought up in the Catholic Church.

Signature

Date

The priest or deacon makes the following declaration: The Catholic Party has read and signed or made verbally before me the above declaration and promise with the knowledge of and following an explanation to the non-Catholic party. In my opinion the non-Catholic will not oppose the fulfilment of these undertakings in such a way as to make them meaningless. The partners have completed a programme of marriage preparation and I submit the following reasons in support of this application: (please indicate if the application is for a Convalidation).

Signature

Date

Permission for a mixed marriage (between a baptised Catholic and baptised Christian)

Having given due consideration to the reasons given above, I am satisfied that the requested permission for a Mixed Religion Marriage should be granted. Therefore, in virtue of the faculty granted me by the Ordinary of this Diocese I hereby grant permission to the above named Catholic to enter into marriage with the above-named non-Catholic. Furthermore, if the circumstances require it (viz. to provide against the possible invalidity of the non-Catholic's baptism, a dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Worship is granted.
Given at

Parish Priest

Date

Parish Seal

DISPENSATION FROM THE IMPEDIMENT OF DISPARITY OF WORSHIP

N.B. The Catholic must make the declaration as for mixed marriage

Application: I request a Dispensation from the impediment of Disparity of Worship so that the forenamed Catholic can enter into a valid marriage with the forenamed non-baptised non-Catholic, and I submit the following reasons:

Parish Priest/ Assistant

Date

In accordance with canon 1078 of the *Codex Iuris Canonici* 1983, I hereby grant a Dispensation from the Impediment of Disparity of Worship so that the forenamed Catholic may enter into a valid marriage with the forenamed non-baptised non-Catholic.
Given at

Ordinary/Chancellor

Date

Prot No.

Curial Seal

DISPENSATION FROM THE CANONICAL FORM OF MARRIAGE

Application: The couple named herein wish to be married according to the rites of

The ceremony would be held at (*please provide the full name and address of church and minister*).....
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I submit the following reasons in support of their application for the required Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage.

Parish Priest/Assistant

Date

In accordance with canon 1172 §2 of the *Codex Iuris Canonici* 1983, I hereby grant a Dispensation from the Canonical Form of Marriage so that the above forenamed Catholic may enter into a valid marriage with the forenamed non-baptised non-Catholic in the place according to the rite indicated.
Given at

Ordinary/Chancellor

Date

Prot No.

Curial Seal

