

# Useful Information about getting married at St Peter's, Stonyhurst.

Thank you for choosing Stonyhurst as the venue for the celebration of your wedding. We hope it will be a wonderful day for you. This sheet is to help you with your preparation for your big day.

## Church Preparation

You will be receiving a Sacrament of the Catholic Church on your wedding day. This requires some spiritual preparation. Your first stop should be your own local Parish Priest. If you live in different parishes, then the Parish Priest of the Catholic party is the one to talk to. If both parties are Catholic, then the Parish Priest who knows you best. Please download the Wedding Enquiry Form. You need to complete Section A, and your Parish Priest needs to complete and sign Section B. Only when the signed form is received at St Peter's will a firm booking be made for your wedding.

Stonyhurst is a popular venue, so you should make sure the date you want is free before you book a venue for your reception.

If you live in another parish your Parish Priest must give his permission for the marriage to take place outside of his parish. Hopefully he will also agree to complete the Catholic paperwork and see to your spiritual preparation. There are circumstances where he will be unable to do this. If that eventuality arises please let us know and we can make other arrangements. The Catholic paperwork is gathered about 6 months before the wedding.

## Civil Preparation

Up to one year before the proposed date of the marriage you must inform your local office of Births, Marriages and Deaths ([www.gov.uk/register-office](http://www.gov.uk/register-office)) of your intent to marry. They will guide you through the process, but eventually you will be given 2 blue forms. These need to be given to the local Authorised Person (see below). **WITHOUT THE BLUE FORMS, THE MARRIAGE CANNOT PROCEED.**

You will need to book one of our two Authorised Persons:

John Thomasson OS Parent: Tel: 07971 162666 e mail: johnfthomasson@hotmail.com

Julie Macfarlane OS: Tel: 07946 301201 e mail: shireburn.house@zen.co.uk

The Authorised Person you choose will be happy to meet with you before your marriage. A selection of Orders of Service are available to help you construct your own. At the moment the Statutory Fee is £150 plus £10 for each certificate you request. Fees are payable at the time of the rehearsal.

## Who will celebrate my wedding

You are free to invite any priest or deacon in good standing in the Catholic Church to celebrate your wedding. You will need to discuss with him your order of service. The priest at Stonyhurst can advise about organists and flowers, but you are free to make your own arrangements. Pre-recorded music cannot be played in church. Confetti or petals are not permitted in the church or in the grounds of Stonyhurst.

## How much will it cost

Marriage is a Sacrament, so there is no fixed fee. However, most couples will make a gift or a small donation to the priest who prepares the paperwork and the priest who celebrates the wedding. There is no fixed charge for the use of St Peter's, but a donation is appreciated. We are a small parish and the income we receive from weddings helps us to meet our expenses. The Parish Council have suggested that the couples not resident in St Peter's parish consider giving 2% of their total wedding costs as a donation to St Peter's. There may be circumstances where this is not possible. If you have any doubts, please feel free to speak to the priest at St Peter's.

## Contact Information:

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