

## **ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS**

### **Getting Married in Ireland**

Couples getting married in Ireland need to give the Marriage Registrar at least three months' notice of their intention to marry.

They should contact the Registrar at least three to four months before the wedding. This can be done on-line at [www.crsappointments.ie](http://www.crsappointments.ie) or [http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Getting\\_Married.aspx](http://www.welfare.ie/en/Pages/Getting_Married.aspx)

### **Requirements for a Catholic Church Wedding.**

Couples will need to have completed all their civil requirements with the Marriage Registrar.

Couples will need to complete a pre-marriage course. (Accord.ie)

Couples will need a current baptism and confirmation certificate, as well as a letter of freedom from any parish they have lived in for six months or more. You may also need to make a **statutory declaration** that you are free to marry.

These certificates should then be brought to the parish priest of the parish they **currently reside in**, who will complete a pre-nuptial enquiry form with them. The priest will then forward the couples' completed papers to the church where the wedding is to take place.

If the couple are living abroad, their papers will be routed through the chancery offices of the diocese they reside in and the diocese they are getting married in.

These papers should be completed three months before the wedding is due to take place.

Couples travelling from abroad will also have to make a **statutory declaration** that they are both free to marry.

Please ensure that all of your paperwork reaches the church where the wedding is to take place in good time.

## **Local requirements**

Our churches are looked after by volunteers.

In order to assist them, please leave the church as you found it.

We would be grateful if you could arrange to have all litter, booklets, decorations etc. removed immediately after the ceremony.

However, donations of flowers are always welcome.

Our Church is sacred to us. Your ceremony should reflect that.

We would be grateful if you would ask your professionals, (musicians, photographers, florists etc.) to respect the religious nature of the building.

Please ensure that your choice of readings, music, prayers and décor is appropriate.

Please do not move or damage the fixtures and fittings.

Please don't use nails, or tacks to attach decorations to seats, doors, walls etc.

Please ensure that the aisles and exits are not obstructed in any way during the ceremony.

For safety reasons, no naked flames are permitted in the church.

All candles should be enclosed and placed where there is no danger of them being knocked over.

From January 1st 2022, a booking fee of €100 will apply.

Your booking will be confirmed on receipt of the booking fee.

The booking fee covers your donation to the church and administration expenses.

You may wish to give a donation to the priest who is celebrating your wedding, and to the Sacristan - these donations are at your own discretion.

Our churches are fitted with webcams and local radio facilities. If you do not wish your ceremony to be livestreamed, please inform us.

We will do all we can to ensure that you have a memorable wedding. Please let us know if there is anything at all we can do to help.