

DIOCESE OF GALWAY, KILMACDUAGH AND KILFENORA
St. Joseph's Shrile & Immaculate Conception, Glencorrib

The Celebration of the Rite of Marriage

Groom: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Have you been married civilly or in church before? Yes No

Bride: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____ Email: _____

Have you been married civilly or in church before? Yes No

Date of Wedding: _____ Priest: _____

Time: _____ Mass at your Wedding: Yes No

Church: St. Joseph's Shrile: _____ Immaculate Conception: _____

Witness 1: _____ Witness 2: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____



Thank you for providing the above information. Please return the form at your convenience to ensure your wedding is booked. Please also contact your local priest to begin the process of preparing your church and civil paperwork.

Fr. Vivian Loughrey

Parish Wedding Policy

- Please complete the attached form and return it to Fr Vivian Loughrey, Parochial House, Ramolin, Shrule, Co. Mayo.
- The parish church is available to parishioners and their families for the celebration of weddings without the obligation of an offering.
- The date of your wedding cannot be considered confirmed until the attached form is returned.
- Couples should understand that the church building is not, in any sense, commercially 'leased out' or 'rented' for a wedding liturgy. No contract of any kind is entered into on the basis of arranging a wedding ceremony in any church within the parish of Shrule.
- The wedding should take place at the agreed time on the day, bearing in mind that other events may be occurring in the church on the same day as your wedding.
- Parish authorities cannot be held responsible for reasonably unforeseen events such as malfunction of heating or lighting, storm damage, acts of vandalism, etc.
- For reasons of health and safety, the parish reserves the right of permission regarding arrangements throughout the church at weddings.
- Floral arrangements are permitted in the sanctuary area of the church. The dimensions of the church should be borne in mind when deciding on the size of such arrangements. Some couples leave their floral arrangements in the church after their wedding service as a gesture of thanksgiving. In this instance, the parish will be happy to accommodate such a gesture. Floral displays that are not being left in the church the wedding and such items as arches or floral stands should be dismantled and removed by the florist in a timely fashion.
- The use of confetti or similar material is not permitted inside the church or at the door of the church.
- Photographers and camera operators are welcome to record the celebration of your marriage. They will be asked, however, to be respectful of the sacred character of the liturgy and to refrain from interference in the liturgy once it has begun.
- Wedding couples should decide if they would like their wedding to be celebrated during the Holy Mass, or if they wish to have a wedding service without Mass. A

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wedding service without Mass is often more appropriate where one of the couple is not Roman Catholic. This can be discussed with the priest who will celebrate your wedding with you.

- The Word of God provides a context for the celebration of any sacrament of the Church and, therefore, the readings from Sacred Scripture used during the Liturgy of the Word at the wedding liturgy cannot be replaced with poetry or other forms of secular writing. Likewise, it is appropriate that sacred hymns and sacred music are permitted during the church service.
- It is the duty of the Bride & Groom to notify the Civil Registrar of Marriages of the details of your wedding. The Civil Registrar will require details such as the date and place of the wedding and the name of priest. On the day of your wedding, it will also be the responsibility of the Bride & Groom to take the civil certificate away once it has been signed. The Bride & Groom will require this signed document to complete the process of civil registration of your marriage.
- It is most advisable to ensure that the Church paperwork is completed in good time. The priest who attends to your paperwork is the priest of the parish where you are currently living. This may not necessarily be the same priest who will celebrate your wedding with you. You may, for instance, have a family relation or friend who is a priest and who you would like to celebrate your wedding. Visiting clergy, providing a *celebrat*, are always welcome in the parish for the purpose of celebrating weddings. You should arrange an appointment with your local priest to attend to the paperwork. This should be done as soon as you have confirmed the booking of the church. He will advise you on where to complete the required Pre-Marriage Course and guide you in obtaining the required church certificates e.g. Certificate of Baptism, Letter of Freedom, etc.

If you intend to prepare a booklet for your wedding service, we would be happy to review it for you prior to printing. Similarly, if you have any outstanding queries in relation to arranging your wedding in St. Joseph's, Shrile or Immaculate Conception, Glencorrib, you are most welcome to come and talk to the parish clergy.

Finally, every Catholic wedding enriches the entire church community. The vocation to marriage is a gift the parish community rejoices in.

The parish community wishes you every blessing and supports you as you make the preparations for your wedding.

God bless and keep you.

Fr. Vivian Loughrey