

The Marriage Ceremony
of

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St Michael's Catholic Church
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Celebrant

Bridal Party

Matron of Honour

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Best Man

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Bridesmaid

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Groomsmen

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Pageboy

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Ushers

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Order of Marriage Ceremony

Greeting

Opening Prayer

Priest: Father, hear our prayers for who have come here today in thanksgiving and to renew their commitment to each other in marriage in your presence.
Increase their faith in you and in each other. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word (Please be seated)

First Reading: *From the Book of Tobit (8:4-8)*



Father: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful

Second Reading: 1st Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians: Ch 13

Father: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God is love;

let us love one another as he has loved us

Alleluia!

Gospel John: 15

Father : The Lord be with you

All: And with your spirit.

Father: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

All: Glory to you Lord.

(At the end of the Gospel)

Father: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

Liturgy of the Sacrament

Father

N....&N.... you have come together in this Church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church's minister and this community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in Baptism, and now He enriches and strengthens you by a special Sacrament, so that you may assume the duties of Marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.

N.....and N....., have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in Marriage?

N: I have
N: I have

Will you love and honour each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?

N: I will
N: I will

Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church?

N: I will
N: I will.

Exchange of Vows

Father Since it is your intention to enter into marriage join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and His Church.

N: I, take you to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

N: I, take you to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honour you all the days of my life.

Father You have declared your consent before the Church. May the Lord, in His goodness, strengthen your consent and fill you both with His blessings. What God has joined, man must not divide.

All: Amen.

Blessing and Exchange of the Rings



Father Lord, bless these rings which we bless † in your name. Grant that those who wear them may always have a deep faith in each other. May they do your will and always live together in peace, good will and love.

All: Amen.

N:, take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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Prayers of the Faithful.

Introduction by Father:

That, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, their lives may be lived in love, let us pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord hear our Prayer**

That God will help them make a home together, and grace it with hospitality, friendship and prayer, let us pray to the Lord. **Response:**

That they may minister the grace of marriage to each other in their joys and sorrows, in their hopes and disappointments, let us pray to the Lord. **Response:**

That God will make their love an expression of his saving love for all people, let us pray to the Lord. **Response:**

That the grace of marriage will be renewed in all Christian families, let us pray to the Lord. **Response: Lord hear our Prayer**

The Nuptial Blessing

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand)

Father : Let us pray with confidence to the Father
in the words our Saviour gave us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

Signing of the Marriage Register (Please be seated)

Solemn Blessing

Father May God, the almighty Father,
Keep you in love with each other,
So that the peace of Christ may stay with you,
And be always in your home.

All: Amen

Father May the only Son of God have mercy on you
And help you in good times and in bad.

All: Amen.

Father May the Holy Spirit of God
Always fill your hearts with His love and peace.

All: Amen.

Father May Almighty God bless you,
The Father, and the Son, † and the Holy Spirit

All: Amen.

Father Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.