



*CELEBRATING*  
*SIGNIFICANT*  
*WEDDING*  
*ANNIVERSARIES*

*A*  
*PARISH APPROACH*



*Welcome*

**INITIAL MEETING:**

**PARISH PRIEST**

➤ **THIS INITIAL MEETING IS USUALLY HELD IN MAY/JUNE TO: AGREE DATE OF MASS IN OCTOBER**

**PARISH  
SECRETARY**

➤ **AGREE DATES FOR COMMUNICATIONS :  
PARISH NEWSLETTER, WEBSITE, FACEBOOK**

**LITURGY  
CO-ORDINATOR**

➤ **EXTRACT NAMES FROM MARRIAGE REGISTER .  
AGREE WHO MAINTAINS THE MASTER COPY.**

**SACRISTAN**

# EXTRACTING NAMES FROM REGISTER

## ➤ TIPS:

- **ONE PERSON SHOULD BE DELEGATED AS THE CO-ORDINATOR OF THE SPREADSHEET WHO WILL ALWAYS HAVE THE MASTER WITH COPIES ALSO SENT TO THE PARISH SECRETARY.**
- **CHECK THE ENTRIES IN CASE AN ANNULMENT HAS BEEN RECORDED**
- **ADDRESSES FOR THE BRIDE AND GROOM MIGHT BE OUTSIDE THE PARISH – THIS CAN INDICATE THAT THE CHURCH WAS USED FOR A SPECIAL REASON AND THEY HAVE HAD NO FURTHER CONNECTION WITH THE PARISH. YOU COULD ALSO CHECK IF THE BEST MAN OR BRIDESMAID MIGHT HAVE AN ADDRESS IN THE PARISH AND THIS MIGHT HELP WITH LOCATING THE COUPLE.**



# EXTRACTING OF NAMES FROM REGISTER

- WRITTEN OUT MANUALLY AND THEN TYPE UP ON EXCEL SPREADSHEET (*WITH A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH ANNIVERSARY YEAR*)
- SPREADSHEET THEN DISTRIBUTED TO PARISH SECRETARY FOR REVIEW
- REVIEW OF SPREADSHEET AND UPDATES APPLIED – AT THIS STAGE A MASTER LIST SHEET CAN BE ADDED TO THE SPREADSHEET.
- THE SPREADSHEET CAN THEN BE DISCUSSED WITH THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED IN THE PARISH A LONG TIME OR THOSE KNOWN TO HAVE GOOD LOCAL KNOWLEDGE OF FAMILIES. THIS PROCESS NEEDS TO BE DONE CAREFULLY

# PREPARATION OF **HOSPITALITY** FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS *SEPTEMBER*

- Book Parish Centre for the Reception
- Organise preparation of refreshments
- Liaise with Parish Secretary/Liturgy Group Co-Ordinator re numbers attending
- Decoration of Hall and tables
- Ordering of Cake for distribution
- Organise the taking of photos at the Wedding Cake in an orderly manner

# PREPARATION OF LITURGY FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

## *SEPTEMBER*

- On-going communication of the Mass in the Newsletter and celebrants to prioritise when reading the notices.
- On- going updating of the Spreadsheet.
- Meeting of Liturgy Group: Review Wedding Anniversary tasks and assign.
- Contact leaders of: Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of the Word, Church Décor, Flower Arrangers to advise date of Mass.
- Advise Music Group and pass on any Requirements for the PowerPoint. Song selection for the Order Of Service
- Source who will be taking photographs for the Parish.
- Make preparations and agree date to send out invitations to families from the 'FINAL' list. For those who contact Parish after this date details can be confirmed with them.

# PREPARATION OF LITURGY FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OCTOBER

- Liturgy Group: Review, assign Task List.
- Confirm Order of Service – [see separate page](#)
- Sign off Welcome, text, and confirm speaker, and placing of symbols in the Sacred Space.
- Complete Prayers of the Faithful
- Identify and contact those who will lead renewal of vows, bring up Offertory Gifts read the Reflection after the Communion.
- Print copy of readings and Wedding Anniversary Booklet (renewal of vows) and give to them. Assure them that they will be guided as to when they will take place.
- Liaise with Parish Secretary re Printing of Booklets and Certificates.
- Meet with Hospitality Group



# PREPARATION OF LITURGY FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS WEEK LEADING TO CEREMONY

- Review task list
- Order Buttonholes and Balloons
- Prepare **Final, Final** list for printing of Certificates and send to Parish Secretary
- Gather all Symbols, decorations, cloths for Church decoration
- Prepare baskets and ribbons for Wedding Certificates
- Prepare layout template for Seating Allocation
- Hang up banners on Church pillars liaise with Monday Maintenance Men
- Prepare document to take details of those who turn up on the day
- Check in with Chairperson PPC, Music Group
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# PREPARATION OF LITURGY FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SATURDAY

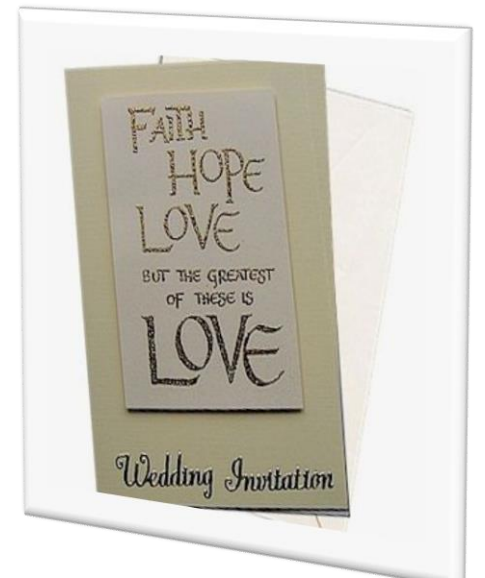
- Review task list
- Collect Buttonholes and Balloons
- Prepare all Mass documents for celebrants and Sacristan. Prepare separate document for main celebrant with the names of those who will be reading.
- Prepare Certificates for handing out and place in baskets
- Church decoration: Sacred Space, tables in gathering areas, Seats.
- Prepare baskets and ribbons for Wedding Certificates
- Prepare layout template for Seating Allocation
- Prepare document to take details of those who turn up on the day
- Prepare pack for those doing Welcome in Gathering Area: Final List, Seating Allocation, and document

*SILVER, RUBY, GOLD, DIAMOND*



## **MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

*Cherishing Marriage  
Celebrating Relationships*



# PREPARATION OF LITURGY FOR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS SUNDAY

- Call into Parish Centre to check with Hospitality Group
- Check that all is in place
- Team get together for 10 mins to go through prepared pack and all are happy.  
Ask one member of team to take responsibility for sheet(s) of those who turned up on the day and place them in the Sacristy.
- Liturgy Co-Ordinator checks with celebrants that they require no further information and give them their buttonholes.

# ORDER OF SERVICE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

SEE SEPARATE SHEET



# ***EXAMPLES OF POWERPOINT SLIDES***

# *PENITENTIAL RITE*

**All**

We are inspired by the Holy Family to live  
according to love.

We confess our frailty and failure to live up to  
this ideal.

We confess selfishness and self-centredness;  
our pride and reluctance to admit our wrongs;  
our impatience and intolerance.

We confess our lack of trust  
that we are loved by each other and by God;  
our fear to take the risk of loving;  
our hesitation in seizing opportunities to make  
love real.

In confessing our sin, we proclaim God's mercy  
and we pray for the waters of his compassion  
to run gently over us and wash away our sin,  
to purify our hearts and our intention

# Renewing Your Wedding Vows



**Fr. Pat:** I invite you to profess your faith in the love of God

- a Trinity of persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in the goodness of human life, in God the creator of all?

**All:** We do.

**Fr. Pat:** Do you believe in Jesus, God's own beloved Son,  
in the power of his death and resurrection and that good will triumph over evil?

**All:** We do.

**Fr. Pat:** Do you believe in God's Spirit, living within and amongst us,  
uniting us to Jesus and calling us to love?

**All:** We do.

**Fr. Pat:** Do you believe that we all share this call  
and that responding to it we can change the world?

**All:** We do.



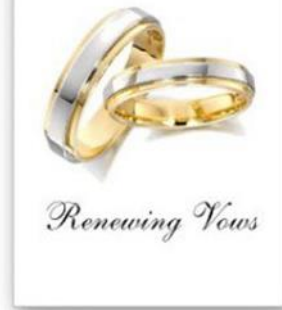
**Fr. Pat:** With these convictions, I now invite you to remember the promises you made on your Wedding Day

For those whose loved-one has gone before them to the Lord I invite you, in your heart, to remember your cherished commitment to your marriage and so to grow in strength:

I now invite you all to renew your promises:







**Husbands:** I confirm and renew my gift of myself to you.  
In my failure to love, I ask to be reconciled with you.  
I thank you for your love and I thank God for you.

**Wives:** I confirm and renew my gift of myself to you.  
In my failure to love, I ask to be reconciled with you.  
I thank you for your love and I thank God for you.

**Together:**

We thank you, good and gracious God, because finding each other has made life so special for us and because in our love we have known your call.  
We thank you for our family and our home where we live the call to love.  
As we renew our commitment we ask your blessing and protection.

**Fr. Pat:** I call upon the Holy Trinity to bless all those who  
celebrate special anniversaries today:  
to bless them with the unity that is within God  
to bless them with the diversity that is within God  
to bless them with the intimacy that is within God  
to bless them with the creativity that is within God  
to bless them with the passion that is within God  
and to draw them ever more deeply  
and to draw them forever  
into the life that is God.

We hope that the widowed women and men among us  
will be able to go on witnessing  
To the best in the one whom they have loved  
To the qualities they cherished and admired.  
By this they testify that the union continues in love.



# REFLECTION



Lord Jesus,  
by turning water into wine, You brought joy to a couple in Cana.  
Be present to us today and always.  
Grant us in all our tasks - your help  
In all our weaknesses - your strength  
In all our sorrow - your comfort  
And In all our changes - your protection  
So that we may live in love with each other and in peace and harmony  
with others.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





**JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTRE FOR REFRESHMENTS  
ANNIVERSARY CAKE AND PHOTOGRAPHS**



# Contact Details

➤ Copies of Mass Booklet, Certificates, Invite Templates etc are available at:

<http://litmus.dublindiocese.ie/category/marriage/>

➤ To receive soft copies of this presentation please fill out your details on the form over on the desk and I will send to you.

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