

Virginia Group Marriage Booklet

WEDDING APPLICATION FORM

Date of Marriage:

Church:

Time of Wedding:

Full Name Of Groom:

Current Address:

Date of Birth:

Marital Condition:

Occupation:

Father's Full Name And Surname:

Mother's Full Name And Maiden Name:

Your Current Church (If not Church of Ireland

please state religion):

Clergy / Priest Contact Details If Not From Virginia

Group of Parishes:

Will Above Clergy / Priest Be Involved In

Yes / No

Wedding:

Signed:

Date:

Full Name Of Bride:

Current Address:

Date of Birth:

Marital Condition:

Occupation:

Father's Full Name And Surname:

Mother's Full Name And Maiden Name:

Your Current Church (If not Church of Ireland

please state religion):

Clergy / Priest Contact Details If Not From Virginia

Group of Parishes:

Will Above Clergy / Priest Be Involved In

Yes / No

Wedding:

Signed:

Date:

Permanent Address After Marriage:

Checklist for couples prior to meeting with the Registrar

Requirements for your appointment to attend the Registrar's Office to fulfil your Three Month Notification of Intention to marry

Both parties **must** attend the Registrar's Office, a minimum of 3 months prior to the date of their marriage. You **must** contact the Registrar's Office to make an appointment for attendance.

PPS Number - both parties
Name of solemniser and proposed venue
Nature of ceremony (Civil/Religious) and proposed date of marriage
Original Passports - both parties plus photocopy of same
Original Birth Certificates - both parties plus photocopy of same
Utility Bill for both parties plus photocopy of same as proof of address
Name, Date of Birth and ID of both witnesses (must be over 18 yrs of age)
Prescribed Fee (€150)

Registers Office

Civil Registration Office (Inside Gate of Cavan General Hospital)

Gate Lodge

Lisdaran

Cavan

Tel: 049-4371709

Open: Monday 10-12.30 and 2-4.30 and Tuesday to Friday 10-4.30

Church Fees

To cover the cost of time (preparation, rehearsal, wedding), heat, light and use of the church etc... the vestry has set the following fees:

If a couple are regular attendees and make a regular financial contribution to the parish that we ask for a €100 donation to the parish and €100 payment for the organist (if required).

If a couple live in the parish but do not give a regular financial contribution then there is a €250 charge and €100 payment for the organist (if required).

If a couple have no connection with the parish and wish to use one of the churches then there is a €750 charge and €100 payment for the organist (if required).

50% must be paid on booking with the balance being paid not later than a month before the wedding date. Payment must be in euros.

Organist

The parish can supply an organist and the suggested fee is no less than €100.

THE MARRIAGE ONE SERVICE BCP 2004

The Entry

Welcome

Hymn

The Introduction

Dearly beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this congregation, to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is an honourable estate, instituted of God in the time of man's innocency, signifying unto us the mystical union that is betwixt Christ and his Church; which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence, and first miracle that he wrought, in Cana of Galilee; and is commended in Holy Scripture to be honourable among all men: and therefore is not by any to be enterprised, nor taken in hand, unadvisedly, lightly, or wantonly; but reverently, discreetly, advisedly, soberly, and in the fear of God; duly considering the causes for which matrimony was ordained:

First, for the increase of mankind, according to the will of God, and for the due ordering of families and households, that children might be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of his holy Name;

Secondly, for the hallowing of the union betwixt man and woman, and for the avoidance of sin;

Thirdly, for the mutual society, help, and comfort, that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity.

I require and charge you both, as ye will answer at the dreadful day of judgment when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any impediment, why ye may not be lawfully joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured, that so many as are coupled together otherwise than God's Word doth allow are not joined together by God; neither is their matrimony lawful.

Reading or Readings

Hymn

Address

The Marriage

The Consent

... . Wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honour, and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live? **I will.**

... . Wilt thou have this man to thy wedded husband, to live together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, honour, and keep him, in sickness and in health; and forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live? **I will.**

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man? **I/We do.**

The Marriage Vows

I take thee to my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

I take thee to my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I give thee my troth.

Giving and Receiving of a Ring

With this ring I thee wed, with my body I thee worship, and with all my worldly goods I thee endow: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer

O eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, Giver of all spiritual grace, the Author of everlasting life; Send thy blessing upon these thy servants, this man and this woman, whom we bless in thy Name; that, as Isaac and Rebecca lived faithfully together, so these persons may surely perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made whereof this ring given and received is a token and pledge, and may ever remain in perfect love and peace together, and live according to thy laws; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Declaration

Forasmuch as and have consented together in holy wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth either to other, and have declared the same by giving and receiving of a ring, and by joining of hands; I pronounce that they be man and wife together: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you; and so fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace, that ye may so live together in this life, that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Hymn

Prayers after the Marriage

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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. Amen.

O Lord, save thy servant, and thy handmaid,
who put their trust in thee.

O Lord, send them help from thy holy place;
and evermore defend them.

Be unto them a tower of strength;
from the face of their enemy.

O Lord, hear our prayer;
and let our cry come unto thee.

A Selection of prayers continues here.

Hymn

Final Blessing

O eternal God, we humbly beseech thee favourably to behold these thy servants and now joined in wedlock according to thy holy ordinance; and grant that they, seeking first thy kingdom and righteousness, may obtain the manifold blessings of thy grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

The Signing of the Register

Recession

THE MARRIAGE TWO SERVICE BCP 2004

THE ENTRY

GREETING

On behalf of ... and ..., and their families I would like to welcome you here this afternoon to their service of praise and commitment, we witness and celebrate the love found between these two people as they publicly pledge their lifelong love to each other;

HYMN

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. 1 John 4: 16

THE INTRODUCTION

We have come together in the presence of God to witness the marriage of and ..., to ask his blessing on them and to share in their joy.

Our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a guest at a wedding at Cana of Galilee, and through his Spirit he is with us now.

The scriptures set before us marriage as part of God's creation and a holy mystery in which man and woman become one flesh. It is God's purpose that, as husband and wife give themselves to each other in love throughout their lives, they shall be united in that love as Christ is united with his Church.

Marriage was ordained that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in plenty and in need, in sorrow and in joy. It is intended that with delight and tenderness they may know each other in love, and through the joy of their bodily union they may strengthen the union of their hearts and lives. It is intended that they may be blessed in the children they may have, in caring for them and in bringing them up in accordance with God's will to his praise and glory.

In marriage husband and wife begin a new life together in the community. It is a permanent commitment that all should honour. It must not be undertaken carelessly, lightly or selfishly, but by God's help, with reverence, responsibility, respect and the promise to be faithful.

This is a way of life, created and hallowed by God, that and are now about to begin. They will each give their consent to the other; they will join hands and exchange solemn vows, and in token of this they will give and receive a ring.

Therefore on this their wedding day we pray with them, that, strengthened and guided by God, they may fulfil his purpose for the whole of their earthly life together.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you send the Holy Spirit to be the life and light of all your people: Open the hearts of these your servants to the riches of his grace, that they may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READING or READINGS

OPTIONAL HYMN

ADDRESS

THE MARRIAGE

THE CONSENT

... will you take ... to be your wife? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and care for her, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?

I will.

... will you take to be your husband? Will you love him, comfort him, honour and care for him, and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?

I will.

THE VOWS

(Who gives ... to be married? – **I / We Do**)

I take you to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness, and in health, to love and to cherish till death us do part, according to God's holy law. This is my solemn vow.

I take you to be my husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish till death us do part, according to God's holy law. This is my solemn vow.

GIVING AND RECEIVING OF A RING

Heavenly Father, may this ring be to and a symbol of unending love and faithfulness to remind them of the vow and covenant which they have made this day.

I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you, and all that I have I share with you in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE DECLARATION

In the presence of God, and before this congregation and have given their consent and made their marriage vows to each other. They have declared their marriage by the joining of hands and by the giving and receiving of a ring. Therefore in the name of God I pronounce that they are husband and wife.

What God has joined together let no one put asunder. Mark 10: 9

THE BLESSING

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit bless, preserve and keep you: the Lord mercifully grant you the riches of his grace that you may live together in faith and love, and receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

AFFIRMATION BY THE PEOPLE

Will you the family and friends of and support and encourage them in their marriage? **We will.**

THE ACCLAMATIONS

Blessed are you, heavenly Father:
you give joy to the bridegroom and the bride.

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ:
you have brought new life to all your people.

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit of God:
you bring us together in love.

Blessed be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, to be praised for ever. Amen.

OPTIONAL HYMN

THE PRAYERS

Now that and have given themselves to each other in marriage, let us pray that God will keep them and all other married couples faithful to their marriage vows.

May they live and grow together in love and peace all the days of their life, Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

May they truly and faithfully perform those vows which they have made together in your sight, Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

May their life together be a witness to your love in this troubled world; may unity overcome division, forgiveness heal injury, and joy triumph over sorrow, Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

May their home be a place of love, security and truth, and may they be blessed with the gift of children, Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for their families and friends, and all who share with them in the happiness of this day, Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church, united to Christ as a bride is to her husband, that it may be faithful to him in love and truthfulness, Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We remember with thankfulness our relatives and friends departed this life in your faith and fear, especially ... and we pray that we may share with them the joys of your eternal kingdom, Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, accept these our thanksgivings and prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

OPTIONAL HYMN

FINAL BLESSING

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace:

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE SIGNING OF THE REGISTER

RECESSION

READING SUGGESTIONS

<http://www.biblegateway.com/>

Psalm 47 (NIV Version)

- 1 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
- 2 How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!
- 3 He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
- 4 He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
- 5 God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV)

26. Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Ruth 1:15-19 (NIV)

15. "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." 16. But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17. Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." 18. When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. 19. So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Songs of Solomon 2:10-13 (NIV)

10. My lover spoke and said to me, "Arise, my darling, my beautiful one, and come with me. 11. See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. 12. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. 13. The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance. Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me."

Songs of Solomon 8:6,7 (NIV)

6. Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. 7. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV)

1. There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:
2. a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
3. a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
4. a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
5. a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
6. a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
7. a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
8. a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NIV)

9. Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:

10. If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up!
11. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? 12. Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

1 Corinthians 13 (NIV)

1. If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10. but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.

11. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 12. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Philippians 4:4-9 (NIV)

4. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5. Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. 9. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Colossians 3:12-17 (NIV)

12. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

1 John 4:7-12 (NIV)

7. Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 11. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

Matthew 5:1-10 (NIV)

1. Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2. and he began to teach them, saying: 3. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. 8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. 10. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Mark 10:6-9 (NIV)

6. "But at the beginning of creation God `made them male and female.' 7. `For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8. and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. 9. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

John 2:1-11

1. On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,
2. and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." 4. "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." 5. His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." 6. Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. 7. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. 8. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,
9. and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside
10. and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." 11. This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

John 15:1-8 (NIV)

1. "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.
4. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. 5. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. 6. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. 7. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. 8. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

HYMNS

Hymn Suggestions

- Love divine all loves excelling
- Lead us heavenly Father lead us
- Praise to the Lord the Almighty, the king of creation
- Praise my soul the king of heaven
- Now thank we all our God
- All things bright and beautiful
- Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy
- Jesus I have promised
- Give me oil in my lamp
- One more step along the way I go
- Father hear the prayer we offer
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- Morning has broken
- At the name of Jesus
- Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
- Blest are the pure in heart
- Come down, O love divine
- Immortal invisible God only wise
- May the mind of Christ my saviour
- Take my life and let it be
- The king of love my shepherd is
- The Lord's my shepherd

Traditional entrance music -

- Bridal March from Lohengrin- Wagner,
- Trumpet Voluntary- Jeremiah Clarke,
- Trumpet Tune and Air- Purcell