

Our Lady of Dolours Servite Church

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Steps in Marriage Preparation

1. Notification of at least **Six** months is required before a marriage takes place.
2. You must be a resident member of this parish. If you reside outside this Parish permission from your Parish must be obtained.
3. If your marriage is to take place outside of Great Britain, you should contact the Embassy of that country to check out all the legal requirements.
4. To complete this documentation, two or three consultations with one of the Priests may be required. Please inform the Priest if you have engaged in a civil Marriage.

Please remain in contact with the priest throughout this process.

Documentation required for the church:

1. Pre-Marriage Course and certificate for same – to arrange this go to <https://rcdow.org.uk/marriage-and-family-life/marriage-preparation/>
2. Baptismal and Confirmation certificates (issued within the last six months prior to wedding).
3. Make an appointment with one of the Priests of the Parish for your pre-nuptial enquiry, bringing 1 & 2 with you. This should be at least three months before the marriage. Dispensations may be necessary (Non-Catholic or Non-Christian).
4. Statutory Declaration of Freedom to marry made before a Commissioner of Oaths.
5. If your Marriage is to take place at this church or in elsewhere the UK, both the Bride and Groom **must** provide a certificate for Marriage issued by the Superintendent Registrar of the District in which you reside; at least 29 days' notice is required before Marriage can take place. These certificates must be in the hands of the Appointed Person who will register the Wedding, 4 days before the celebration.
6. A remuneration of £200 is expected for the two or three consultations with the Priest, which are necessary to complete this application. Please make cheques payable to: "Servite Friars St. Mary's Priory".
7. The church utilization fee is £300. This covers the usage of the church and its facilities during the preparation days and the on the wedding day itself.
8. If you need an Organist, please speak with the Priest.
9. **If the Marriage is to take place outside the UK, the following information is required.**
 1. Name and address of the **Bishop of the Diocese** where the marriage is to take place.
 2. Name and address of the Parish Priest where the marriage is to take place.
 3. Name and address of the Priest who will preside at the Marriage Liturgy.
 4. All the documentation when completed will be sent to the Chancery at Westminster Cathedral and they in turn will forward it to the Bishop of the Diocese where the marriage is to take place.