

# Preparing the Order of Service for your Marriage



at Corpus Christi  
Catholic Church,  
Brixton Hill

## Some Reminders...

As you approach this wonderful day this is an opportunity to remind you of several important actions you need to take:

1. Have you given **notice of your marriage** to Lambeth Council? They will advise you about the collection of your Marriage Schedule which the Church requires (at the very latest) by the time of your wedding rehearsal. More information is [here](#).
2. If you have many **guests coming by car** it is possible to request the yellow lines in the locality to be suspended for the duration of the service. You can request this by clicking [here](#). Further information about eligibility for the suspension can be found [here](#).
3. Have you made your **Wedding Offering**? You can do this by clicking [here](#). The Wedding offering is £300.

## Preparing the Order of Service for your Marriage

What follows will enable you to produce a draft Order of Service which guests can be given in order to participate in the liturgy. It is set out in the following order:

1. The Order of Celebrating Matrimony within and without Mass (structure of the rite of Marriage in the Catholic Church)
2. Suggested readings for your wedding day
3. Suggested music for your wedding day

Once you have chosen your readings and music and produced a draft order of service you must send it to the priest for approval before printing.

## **The Order of Celebrating Matrimony within and without Mass**

Arrival of the Bride - Wedding March (to be chosen)

Entrance Hymn (to be chosen)

The Introductory Rites

The Liturgy of the Word

- First Reading (to be chosen)
- Psalm (to be chosen)
- Second Reading (optional - to be chosen)
- Gospel (to be chosen)
- Sermon

The Celebration of Marriage

Bidding Prayers - *if you are writing them yourself please find examples of the Universal Prayer (Bidding Prayers) [here](#).*

Offertory Hymn (to be chosen)

Preparation of the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

Our Father

Communion

Communion Hymn (to be chosen)

Nuptial Blessing

Signing of the Register

Music during the signing of the Register (to be chosen)

Final Hymn (to be chosen)

The Order of Celebrating Matrimony without Mass

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## **Suggested readings for your wedding day**

All readings in the correct translation for use in the Catholic Church can be read and downloaded by visiting [this link](#).

## **Suggested music for your wedding day (links are to YouTube videos of the music)**

### **Arrival of the Bride**

- Bridal Chorus from *Lohengrin* (popularly known as *Here Comes The Bride*) by Richard Wagner
- Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by George Handel
- Grand March from *Aida* by Giuseppe Verdi
- Hornpipe from the *Water Music* by George Handel
- The Rejoicing from *Music for the Royal Fireworks* by George Frederick Handel

- TrumpetTune by Henry Purcell
- TrumpetVoluntary by Jeremiah Clarke
- TrumpetVoluntary by John Stanley

## Signing of the Register

- For the beauty of the earth by John Rutter
- Gaelic Blessing (Deep peace of the running wave to you) by John Rutter
- The Lord is my shepherd by Howard Goodall (the theme music to *The Vicar of Dibley*)
- Jesu joy of man's desiring by Johann Sebastian Bach
- The Lord Bless You And Keep You by John Rutter
- Ave Maria by Franz Schubert

## Hymns / Songs

- All creatures of our God and King
- All people that on earth do dwell
- Amazing grace
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind
- For the beauty of the earth
- Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
- How great thou art
- Immortal, invisible, god only wise
- Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us
- Lord of all hopefulness
- Love divine, all loves excelling
- O Jesus, I have promised
- O worship the King
- Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven
- Praise to the Lord the almighty

- The King of love my shepherd Is
- The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
- To God be the glory, great things He hath done