

will be considered to be deferred, and you will have to rebook your wedding.

A note on inter-church marriages

Some couples who choose to get married in the Catholic Church have non-Catholic partners. If you are in this position you may wish to have your partners Christian minister participate in the wedding ceremony. Please discuss this with the Priest as soon as possible.

Taking part in our parish life

As the sacrament of Marriage is part of our ongoing faith journey, I would like to invite you and your family to come along and attend one of our weekend Masses regularly. The more we deepen our faith, the more we hear the voice of God calling us and helping us to become the best person we can be. And the more we can build a good Christian community within our parishes.

What times are the weekend Masses?

Our weekend Mass times are:

Saturday at 4:30pm in Saint Oswald's

Sunday at 9:30am in Saint Oswald's

Sunday at 11:00am in Saint Sebastian's

Parish Office

Saint Oswald's Presbytery
St Oswald Street; Old Swan
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Office hours

Monday 9:00am — 3:30pm

Tuesday 9:00am — 3:30pm

Office and Presbytery are closed on Wednesday

Thursday 9:00am — 3:30pm

Friday 9:00am — 3:30pm

Marriage in Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian



“What God has joined together,
let no man put asunder”

Welcome to the Parishes of Saint Oswald and Saint Sebastian.

Now that you have been to the church to arrange the date of your wedding this check list of what you need to do between now and then might be of help.

Church requirements

- To attend a Marriage Preparation Course
- To obtain a copy of your baptismal certificate from the church where you were baptised, at least six months before your wedding. Please let the church know that you are about to get married, and they will confirm for us that you are not married already.
- You will need to complete the Pre-Nuptial Inquiry Form with the priest who will officiate at your wedding. (You will need to contact the priest yourselves to arrange this). While you are completing this form, the priest will advise you about other documents that will be needed, and will help you choose the readings, music etc. for your wedding.
- On the day, as with all Church services, we would hope for an atmosphere of reverence at all times in the Church.

State requirements

- One year before your wedding, you must get in touch with the Register Office (St George's Hall, Liverpool; Telephone: 0151 225 5706) to make an appointment and give notice of your intention to marry at either Saint Oswald's Church or Saint Sebastian's Church.
- If one of you live outside of Liverpool, you will also need to give notice at the Register Office for your district.
- When you have received your marriage forms, please bring them to the Parish Office.

The Ceremony

Many couples of mixed religion usually request a wedding service, which lasts about 45 minutes. When both parties are practising Catholic, they may be offered a Nuptial Mass, which normally lasts about 1 hour. In connection with the ceremony you need also to contact several other people.

Church Flowers

For a Mass or service at Saint Oswald's Church, please contact Mrs. Imelda McGeoch on: 0151 220 2129.

For a Mass or service at Saint Sebastian's Church, please contact Sister Dorothy on: 0151 260 4431.

Organist

Music can be provided by Mr. Michael Bennett, who can be contacted by calling 0151 284 2874 or 07702297103. Mr Bennett charges in the region of £120. We recommend you get in touch with him at least 3 or 4 months in advance. There is a separate music information sheet which offers suggestions as to suitable hymns for a wedding. It must be stressed that only music suitable for Church may be used; CDs, pop/rock/rap songs; and songs from musicals etc. are not suitable.

Ushers

It is a good idea to ask one or two of your guests to act as ushers; who will make sure everyone has a booklet for the ceremony. The ushers should also show people to their places, and make sure boxes for button-hole flowers are taken away from the Church afterwards.

What about cost?

- A rehearsal will be arranged to take place (usually the week before the wedding). All fees, offerings and monies should be paid by then. The Registrar's Fee is currently £85.
- The Church does not charge for weddings, but we do suggest an offering in the region of £200 to cover any costs, such as administration, heating and lighting etc.

Other important points

- If you are going to use confetti, please make sure you use a product that is biodegradable. Also ask your guests not to throw confetti inside the doors of the church.
- **Please arrive at the Church on time.** We suggest that the groom arrives 30 minutes before, and the bride 10 minutes before. This is especially important, as there will normally be another Mass or service in church later in the day. Also please remember that the priest, registrar and the organist all have other work to do following your wedding. If you are more than 20 minutes late without contacting anyone, your service