

# Getting Married in Church?



A time set aside to consider your future life will help you to live together happily.



Archdiocese of Liverpool



marriage  
care

# Programme

The programme encourages you as a couple to further explore your relationship and to become more aware of each other, the things you bring to the marriage and the way in which your relationship works.

The course starts promptly at 10am and finishes around 4pm (lunch will be provided).

The course is run by trained facilitators who work on a voluntary basis. We do not charge for our services so as not to exclude anyone, but we do ask people we work with for voluntary contributions. We therefore suggest couples attending Marriage Preparation days to make a small voluntary contribution of £50 per couple, or whatever amount they are happy to give us.

**To book a course please visit**

**[www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriage-preparation](http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/marriage-preparation)**

# Marriage

Getting married and staying married is one of the greatest challenges to adults today.

We believe that enhancing a couple's mutual understanding at the time they are planning to marry greatly improves their chances of a lasting and satisfying life together.

The course aims to be relaxed and informal through the use of presentations and discussions, questionnaires and personal input. You will have plenty of opportunity to discuss issues both with other couples and just between yourselves.

The programme includes the following main areas:

- ◆ Exploring expectations
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Conflict management
- ◆ Commitment
- ◆ Nurturing the relationship

We look forward to meeting you and sharing the day with you.

## Nuptial Blessing

Holy Father, maker of the whole world,  
who created man and woman in your own image  
and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing,  
we humbly beseech you for these your servants,  
who are joined today in the Sacrament of Matrimony.  
May your abundant blessing, Lord,  
come down upon this bride, N.,  
and upon N., her companion for life,  
and may the power of your Holy Spirit  
set their hearts aflame from on high,  
so that, living out together the gift of Matrimony,  
they may (adorn their family with children  
and) enrich the Church.

In happiness may they praise you, O Lord,  
in sorrow may they seek you out;  
may they have the joy of your presence  
to assist them in their toil,  
and know that you are near  
to comfort them in their need;  
let them pray to you in the holy assembly  
and bear witness to you in the world,  
and after a happy old age,  
together with the circle of friends that surrounds them,  
may they come to the Kingdom of Heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.



# Marriage Preparation Courses

To book a course please visit  
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