

## **The Celebration of Marriage Ceremony including Mass**

*(This document is for guidance indicating various options and should be agreed with the priest celebrating your Marriage)*

Introductory Rites

Opening Hymn or Entrance Antiphon

Liturgical Greeting

Penitential Rite *(The Priest speaks to the couple and all present in order to prepare them for the celebration of Marriage)*

Gloria

The Liturgy of the Word

*There may be three readings in the Liturgy of the Word, the first of them from the Old Testament  
(See Choice of Readings in a separate document available on this site)*

**The Rite of Marriage**

Address *(See Choice of Address document also available on this site)*

Declaration of Consent

Blessing of Rings

Exchange of Tokens (optional)/Candle Ceremony (optional)/Prayer of the Newly Married Couple (optional)

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist *(The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar)*

Prayers over the Offerings

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Rite

Communion Antiphon

The Concluding Rites

Solemn Blessing

Dismissal *(The Marriage Registration Form is now signed in or near the sacristy)*

*Then the newly married couple process out of the Church together*

*Hymn or piece of music*