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MARRIAGE AT ST. GREGORY'S

To be married in St. Gregory's Church:-

- Initially you must contact the Parish Priest or Deacon at St. Gregory's
- one of you must be a Catholic and you should have been Confirmed
- you must live in the Lancashire Registration District but not in the Blackpool District which is a separate registration district
- if you live outside the Lancashire Registration District, you will have to prove that St. Gregory's Church is your usual place of worship. This is a Civil requirement.
- the Church requires that you have a real connection with St. Gregory's Parish. This means that at least one of you - and that one must be a Catholic - live in St. Gregory's Parish and/or attends St. Gregory's Church as your usual and regular place of worship
- other Christians marrying a Catholic in St. Gregory's Church should be able to provide some evidence of their Baptism.
- someone who is not a Christian may also marry a Catholic in the Catholic Church.
- if either party has been married before, you will need to discuss this with the priest/deacon at the outset

There is a period of preparation and you will be able to plan your wedding service with the priest/deacon. Before your wedding there will be a rehearsal - usually the week before the wedding. No weddings can take place during the week before Easter Sunday.

You must both register to be married by visiting the office of the Registrar for Births, Marriages and Deaths. You will need an appointment. You may register your intended marriage once the date of the wedding is less than twelve months away. You **each** need a current full UK passport **or** birth certificate and a bank statement **or** Council Tax **or** Utility Bill showing your current address within the Registration District. After your wedding is registered, the Registrar will issue you with a Marriage Schedule which must be taken to the priest/deacon at St. Gregory's.

Fees are as follows:

Church	£250
Authorised Person	£50
Organist *	£80

* This fee applies only if you decide to use the Parish Organist. It is not a church fee; it is the fee charged by the organist. Recorded music is not permitted for weddings in the church.

There is also a Civil Registration fee which is paid when you register the wedding.

There is usually an arrangement of flowers in the church in front of the altar each weekend - except during the season of Lent. If you want anything other than this then you will have to engage your own florist but any flower arrangements must be approved by the priest in advance.