



ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form - To be used for ALL marriages

PLEASE PRINT THROUGHOUT

Parish of

Marriage between

and

(bride)

(groom)

Date of marriage.....Time.....Nuptial Mass: Yes/No

Place of marriage.....

Diocese of marriage.....

Name and address of celebrant.....

DOCUMENT CHECK LIST

Catholic party/parties

Bride Groom

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☐ | ☐ | Baptismal Certificate (up to date) |
| ☐ | ☐ | Confirmation Certificate |
| ☐ | ☐ | Evidence of Freedom* |
| ☐ | ☐ | If a minor – consent obtained |

Non Catholic party

Bride Groom

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| ☐ | ☐ | Baptismal Certificate (where applicable) |
| ☐ | ☐ | Evidence of Freedom* |
| ☐ | ☐ | If a minor – consent obtained |

*Evidence of freedom can be in the form of parish *Letters of Freedom* (Catholic only) a *Parental Letter* or a *Statutory Declaration of Freedom* sworn in front of a Commissioner for Oaths/Solicitor

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: * Separate application form is required

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| ☐ * Permission for a Mixed Marriage | ☐ * Permission for Sanation |
| ☐ * Dispensation for Disparity of Cult | ☐ * Nullity due to Lack of Canonical Form |
| ☐ * Dispensation from Canonical Form | ☐ * Permission for Convalidation (see Note 2 below) |
| ☐ Pre-Marriage course attended | ☐ Licence from Registrar's Office |

Please note:

1. In **Lack of Form** cases **no date should be set** until the Declaration of Freedom is received from the Marriage Tribunal
2. **All Convalidations** should be referred to the Chancery Office with a copy of the civil marriage certificate
3. Where a person wishing to marry is a Catholic, **but not of the Latin Rite**, references should always be made to the Chancery Office before arrangements are made for the marriage
4. After the marriage, it is the responsibility of the priest/deacon to see that a notification of the celebration of this marriage is sent to the church of baptism of the Catholic party/parties
5. This marriage dossier is to be carefully preserved in the archives of the parish where this marriage is celebrated, except in the cases of Dispensations from Canonical Form (non Catholic Church) marriages, where it is to be kept in the parish of the priest/deacon applying for the Dispensation
6. A photocopy of all documents should be taken before dispatching the papers to the Chancery Office

BRIDE

Name in full	SURNAME	
FIRST NAMES		
Present address		
e mail		
Telephone numbers	Home	Mobile
Parish	How long resident there?	
Date and place of birth		
Present Religion		
Church of Baptism with address		
Date of Baptism		
Date and place of Confirmation		
Father's name and occupation		
Mother's maiden name		
Previous marriage ceremony (Civil – Religious - Custom?)		
If so with whom?		
Place and date		
How was it dissolved?		
Court + date of Decree Absolute		
Are you related to your fiancé/e by blood or marriage?		

**These questions are to be answered after the Church's teaching on marriage has been fully explained.
Bride and Groom to be interviewed separately**

How long have you known each other well?	
Do you intend your marriage to be a permanent and exclusive partnership of life and love which only death can dissolve?	
Do you intend your marriage to be an intimate union for the mutual welfare and support of both partners?	
Do you intend your marriage to be for the procreation and education of children?	
Are you under any kind of pressure from your parents, your fiancé/é or anyone else?	
Are you quite sure you wish to give your free consent to this marriage without any reservations?	
Have you entered into or are you intending to enter into any pre-nuptial agreement that sets out conditions that will apply should the marriage be civilly dissolved or a separation agreed?	

I DECLARE BEFORE GOD THAT AFTER THINKING CAREFULLY ABOUT THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE, I HAVE ANSWERED ALL THE QUESTIONS ABOVE HONESTLY AND SINCERELY

Signed	
In the presence of	Priest or Deacon
Date	

GROOM

Name in full	SURNAME	
FIRST NAMES		
Present address		
e mail		
Telephone numbers	Home	Mobile
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AFTER interviewing the couple the Priest or Deacon should complete the following

What form of preparation has this couple received?
In your opinion are the parties ready for marriage?
Are you satisfied that each is entering the marriage of his/her own free will?
Are you aware of any other invalidating impediments to this marriage?
Any further comments:
Signature of Priest or Deacon
Date

Wedding Ceremony	
Nuptial Mass/Wedding Service	
Liturgy of the Word	
Readers	
Hymns/Music	
Organist notified	
Flowers arranged	

Post Marriage	
Marriage Register	
Baptism Register	
Notification to parishes of Baptism	
Address of newly-weds sent to parish	

DELEGATION of Canon 1108

(When the marriage is to take place before a priest who is neither the parish priest nor an assistant priest in the parish or to take place before a deacon)

I hereby delegate/sub delegate.....
to officiate at the above marriage within the boundaries of this parish

Signature	Parish Priest/Assistant Priest
Date	Parish of

PERMISSION of Canon 1115 (To be given only by the Parish Priest)

(When the marriage is to be performed outside the parishes of the two parties)

I, the undersigned, being the parish priest of the Bride/Bridegroom, hereby give permission for this marriage to take place outside the boundaries of my parish

Signature	Date
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LITTERAE TESTIMONIALES

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Datum:	Locum: Southwarcensis

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