

## Carmelite Priory, Triq Villegaignon, L-Imdina. MDN 1190.

## Terms and conditions for the use of the Church services for Weddings

- 1. Weddings are celebrated ONLY on Saturdays of Ordinary Time at 16.30, 17.00, 17.30, from September to June excluding
  - the liturgical cycles of Advent and Lent,
  - the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8)
  - Christmas Eve (Dec. 24),
  - Christmas day (Dec. 25),
  - Christmas Octave (Dec. 26 January 1),
  - Vigil of the Epiphany and Epiphany,
  - Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday,
  - Holy Week and Easter Octave,
  - Vigil of the Annunciation (usually March 24)
  - Annunciation (usually March 25)
  - Pentecost Vigil
- 2. The church premises should be cleared up by 18.45 latest, due to other liturgical celebrations in the Church.
- 3. At least six months before the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, spouses are to fill in a form at their Parish Priest and brought to the Prior of the Carmelite Church.
- 4. Church's capacity c. 150 people.
- 5. Officiating priest has to be contacted by the spouses and delegated by the Parish Priest.
- 6. Wedding carpet is allowed but has to be provided by the spouses.
- 7. Flowers are only allowed at the benches, on the main altar between the candlesticks and BENEATH the altar table, near the ambo or lectern, on the altar steps and any other place in the Church as long as not on altar tables.
- 8. Florists are expected to bring already set up floral arrangements by 10am latest on the wedding day.
- 9. It is strictly forbidden to move benches, altar, ambo, etc... and do other alterations in the Church's setup for the celebration of weddings.
- 10. Only Liturgical and religious music is allowed in Church before, during and after the marriage rite. The *harmonium* can be used as well as other musical instruments provided

for by the spouses. The 17<sup>th</sup> century pipe organ is also made available, to be played diligently by a professional organist. In case it is to be played, a donation is highly appreciated in aid of its restoration and maintenance.

- 11. Persons responsible are liable for any damages caused during the preparation for the wedding mass, during the wedding ceremony, and during the dismantling of objects used for the wedding ceremony.
- 12. Throwing of confetti, rice, etc... on the Church parvis and in the street at Mdina is strictly prohibited.
- 13. Rehearsals are only accepted against a donation, since we would need to hire a Church attendant for supervision.
- 14. Check with the Local Council for car permits for access to Mdina.
- 15. The Prior and community reserve their right to change and modify these terms and conditions when necessary. Spouses will be duly informed of any changes and modification.

While wishing you all the best for this special day and pray for you and your family we appreciate you take notice of these terms and conditions. We highly recommend you notify also those involved in the wedding ceremony preparation (florists, musicians, photographers, etc...).

Thanks.

Best regards,

The Prior and Community

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