

Request to book a Wedding in the Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kílshanny

Completed forms and attachments to be mailed to:
REVEREND CONOR CUNNINGHAM PP, THE RECTORY, LISDOONVARNA, CO. CLARE.

Requested Date of Wedding: _____ Requested Time of Wedding: _____

Which Church do you request: Lisdoonvarna, Kílshanny, Doolin or Toovahera? _____

Bride's Name: _____

Groom's Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Landline: _____

Landline: _____

Mobile: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Email: _____

Religion: _____

Religion: _____

Witness Name: _____

Witness Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Who is the Catholic deacon, priest or bishop who will be the Celebrant/Solemniser of Wedding?

Have you attached the *Delegation Request* completed by the Celebrant/Solemniser? _____

Have you attached the *Letter of Recommendation of the Parish Priest of the Bride*? _____

Have you attached the *Letter of Recommendation of the Parish Priest of the Groom*? _____

Are you both Catholic believers, and committed to proper spiritual preparation for the lifelong sacrament of matrimony?

Indicate if either party is not a practicing Catholic, and what denomination or religion they practice, if any. In this case special dispensation may be required from the bishop for the Catholic party to marry.

Have either party ever been married before in *any* kind of religious *or* civil ceremony? If so, please provide details.

Do you both fully understand and accept that a Catholic sacramental marriage is of an entirely different character to a civil marriage?

Do you request a Wedding service *within* the celebration of Mass, or a Wedding service *without* Mass?

The following questions are taken from the Pre- Nuptial Enquiry Form, which you will complete in due course with your local parish priest:

The Church believes that marriage has been instituted by God and made a sacrament by Christ. Do you accept this? _____

Does your wish for a Christian marriage indicate your adherence to the Catholic faith and your desire to practice it regularly? _____

Do you promise to do what you can within the unity of your partnership to have all the children of your marriage baptised and brought up in the Catholic faith? _____

We confirm that we *have attended* an approved Catholic pre-marriage course, as described in *The Weddings Policy of the Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny*, and we attach a copy of the certificate. _____

Or

We confirm that we *will attend* an approved Catholic pre-marriage course, as described in *The Weddings Policy of the Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny*, and will forward a copy of the certificate as soon as possible and no later than three months before the proposed marriage. _____

We attach a cheque to the value of €_____ as our contribution towards the running cost of the Church where we hope to be married, and in recognition of the costs involved in the administration of weddings.

(The requested minimum donation for visitors and non-contributing parishioners is €400. Our parish is a registered charity and, of course, larger donations from those who have means are very welcome and will be used entirely to further the mission and services of our parish. Couples who are our own active parishioners are welcome to decide for themselves the timing and the level of any gift they may wish to give to parish funds.)

We do not have our own priest friend or family member to come to the wedding to serve as Celebrant/Solemniser. We request the Parish Priest of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny to arrange a Celebrant/Solemniser for us and we attach a cheque to the value of €_____ as a gift in appreciation of that Celebrant/Solemniser and to cover any expenses incurred.

(The requested minimum offering for non-parishioners is €200. This parish has only one resident priest and is therefore unable to accept every wedding request that comes from outside the parish. If couples do not invite their own priest every effort will be made to help find a Celebrant/Solemniser, and this may mean a priest will have to be invited in from outside this parish. Of course, this relies entirely on their availability and their goodwill. Couples resident in our own parish are not obliged to make this €200 offering as it is part of the parish priest's normal ministry to preside at their weddings or to find a substitute. However, any gift of appreciation that is made with this booking request goes into the charitable fund from which the priest's salary is paid, and from which surpluses, if any, are sent to the bishop to look after sick and retired priests.)

We have read *The Weddings Policy of the Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny* and we undertake to fully respect all its details. In particular we understand and accept the following:

- **That readings from the bible are not to be replaced by secular reflections or poetry of any kind.**
- **That only Christian hymns, songs and psalms will be chosen, or suitably dignified and prayerful classical or traditional instrumental music, and that secular songs of any kind are not permitted at any time while in the sacred surroundings of the Church.**
- **That the Church will not be damaged in any way, that the use of confetti, tacks or sticky tape is not permitted, and that the Church will be left tidy and ready for regular worship after our wedding.**
- **That the Church is not in any sense commercially 'rented out' or 'leased' to us, nor that the parish is legally under contract of any kind to us, rather that we will be respectful guests in the sacred building of the Christian community of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny.**
- **That the Church will be available to us in its usual condition, as fit for Sunday Mass, and that the parish is not liable in any way for imperfections or last-minute eventualities such as heating or lighting failures, floods, vandalism etc. .**
 - **That the wedding will take place at the time agreed, bearing in mind that there may be other weddings, baptisms or funerals on the same day.**
- **That the wedding is not considered to be booked until the requested documents and donations are sent to the parish priest and a written or emailed confirmation has been received by us.**

We both confirm that all of the above is true, and respectfully request that the Parish of Lisdoonvarna and Kilshanny might look favourably upon this application.

Bride's Signature

Groom's Signature

Date