

Dear Bride and Groom,

This set of instructions is to go with the Wedding MASS Booklet Template that you can download from this same webpage.

The Wedding MASS Booklet Template is available on this page in two different formats: Word (so that you can edit it on your computer) and PDF (so that you can see the formatting as it appeared on my computer).

To make your booklet you need to open the Word version of the document and do the following:

- (1) Insert your own names on the front page
- (2) Put in the Date; and change the name of the church to the name of the one you're using
- (3) Put in the names of the bridal party on the next page.
- (4) Put in the title of the music that you're having at the start.
- (5) Put your own names in at the 'Lighting of the Individual Candles' if you're using this: otherwise, if you're not using candles delete this part.
- (6) Put your own names in the Collect prayer at the end of the Gloria.
- (7) Select the First Reading from the eight options provided. Delete the rest.
- (8) Select the Responsorial Psalm from those provided or include the name of the music that you will have; alternatively, delete all the options and just put "(sung)" after the title Responsorial Psalm if you're not sure what you're having yet.
- (9) Select the Second Reading from the eight options provided. Delete the rest.
- (10) Select the Gospel Acclamation from the two provided; alternatively delete both options and put "(sung)" after the words 'Gospel Acclamation'.
- (11) Select the Gospel from the nine options provided. Delete the rest.
- (12) In the Rite of Marriage section: select the Address that you prefer from the two options given.
- (13) Select the Declaration of Consent option from the two provided and be sure to put your name in (as appropriate) where it says 'N' on the left.
- (14) Select the Blessing prayer for the rings from the two options provided and be sure to put your name in (as appropriate) where it says 'N' on the left.

- (15) Decide whether or not you'll have an exchange of coins or gifts as indicated after the exchange of rings (and change text as appropriate).
- (16) Decide if you'll have a hymn after the exchange of rings & gifts: if not, delete this option.
- (17) Select four or five prayers from the selection of nine given under the Prayer of the Faithful. You can have more if you wish. You can modify these prayers appropriately if you wish. Be sure to put your own names in where it says 'N and N' in the prayer the priest does at the end. If you know the name(s) of the reader(s) of those prayers, put them into the margin also.
- (18) Under the title 'Liturgy of the Eucharist': insert the title of the music you will use at that point.
- (19) Decide who will bring forward the gifts of bread & wine and insert their names under the title 'The Preparation of the Offerings'
- (20) After the 'Holy Holy' acclamation in the Eucharistic Prayer, select one of the two options provided.
- (21) Choose which of the three options for the 'Mystery of Faith' you're using in the Eucharistic Prayer and delete the other options.
- (22) Insert your names in the place where it says 'N. and N.' towards the end of this Eucharistic Prayer
- (23) After the 'Our Father', choose either Option 1 or Option 2 of the Nuptial Blessings provided and be sure to insert your names as appropriate in the Nuptial Blessing text where it says "N". Delete the unused option.
- (24) Insert the title of any music you intend to use at Communion; also add in the name of any Eucharistic Minister you're having just above the 'Prayer after Communion'
- (25) Select any texts you wish to include from the given selections under 'Reflections' and 'Thank You'
- (26) Delete any small print stuff like 'Option 2' above the pieces that you choose

If you follow all those steps that will give you the text of your booklet.

I hope this helps you in preparing for your wonderful celebration.

A word of counsel: take your time selecting the options. Read them slowly and reflectively and see what appeals to you over time. It's well worth taking time over for the sake of the day itself.

Lastly, once you have completed this process, the parish priest will be happy to check the document for you. Email your document to me at [pp@st-michaels.net](mailto:pp@st-michaels.net)

Best wishes,  
Canon Peter O'Reilly, PP