



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

1st November 2020

12noon

Celebrant:

Bishop David Evans

Held at

St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham

Renewal of Commitment for Married Couples

Following the homily

Bishop:

Dear friends,

on the anniversary of that celebration

at which you joined your lives in the unbreakable bond through the Sacrament of Matrimony,
you now intend to renew before the Lord the promises you made to one another.

Turn to the Lord in prayer,

that these vows may be strengthened by divine grace.

The couples then face one another and quietly renew their commitment.

The husband:

Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took N. as my wife.

The wife:

Blessed are you, Lord, for by your goodness I took N. as my husband.

The couples say together:

Blessed are you, Lord,

for in the good and the bad times of our life you have stood lovingly by our side.

Help us, we pray, to remain faithful in our love for one another,

so that we may be true witnesses to the covenant you have made with humankind.

Bishop:

May the Lord keep you safe all the days of your life.

May he be your comfort in adversity and your support in prosperity.

May he fill your home with his blessings.

Through Christ our Lord.

Bishop:

We praise you, O God, we bless you, Creator of all things,

who in the beginning made man and woman

that they might form a communion of life and love.

We also give you thanks for graciously blessing the family life

of your servants gathered here,

so that it might present an image of Christ's union with the Church.

Therefore look with kindness upon them today,

and as you have sustained their communion amid joys and struggles,

renew their Marriage covenant each day,

increase their charity, and strengthen in them the bond of peace,

so that they may for ever enjoy your blessing.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Couples Preparing to Marry in 2020
(postponed 'til 2021 due to the pandemic)

Salvatore Ippedico & Lucia Dicuonzo
Chris Pugh & Emily Foster

Milestone Anniversary Couples

1 Year

Carlos Otalora & Natalia Pinzon
Luke Dolan & Ellen McCann

5 Years

Matteo & Gaia Belardi
Matthew & Olivia Pullen
Roderic & Jessica van Hoot

10 Years

Mark & Joanne Bonehill
Gavin & Siobhan Hopkins

20 Years

David & Nicky Hannett
Kevin & Mary Jones
Damien & Elizabeth Monteith

25 Years

Walter & Denise Allen

Dan & Debbie Callow

David & Elizabeth Haney

Jerome & Anne Keane

Joseph Philip & Pauline Croot

Tim & Kathleen Barfoot

Marcellus & Sally Elfrey

Richard & Cindy Hawkins

Giuseppe & Mary La Spisa

Colin & Carol Rodrigues

30 Years

Roger & Rachel Caseby

Philip & Tina Delaney

Anthony & Teresa Fahy

Eddie & Marina Kelly

David & Helena Kirk

Mike & Ann Lawlor

35 Years

Peter & Anne Crosby

Neil & Norah Foster

Andy & Linda Glover

John & Kay Greene

Geoff & Anne Howle

40 Years

Kevin & Christine Atkinson

Peter & Janet Davies

Paul & Mary Jones

Steve & Julie Pameley

David & Jane Clarke

Mel & Helen Harwood

John & Celia Pagett

David & Frances Thomas

45 Years

Terry & Janet Casey
Michael & Margaret Cooper
Phil & Rita Jackson
William & Marie Phillips
Pietro & Joanna Pizzilli
Paul & Esther Regan
Joe & Pauline Woodall

50 Years

Peter & Shelagh Ash	John & Pat Barrass
Ray & Nuala Bielby	John & Margaret Burnip
Leslie & Valerie Carter	James & Anne Doherty
John & Mary Dunn	Eddie & Peggy Falahee
Peter & Elizabeth Henley	Andrew & Gloria Newman
Mike & Maureen Perry	Frank & Moya Russell
Brian & Mary Saunders	Ken & Jenny Sparrowhawk
Michael & Sheila Sulley	Paul & Theresa Tedds
Andrew & Dorothy Thompson	Mike & Pat Treadwell
Aurelio & Valerie Verda	Jim & Pawlina Vernau
Keith & Teresa Williams	

55 Years

Ernie & Delia Baker
Paul & Carole Costello
John & Bridget Green
John & Margaret Pimm
Liam & Mary Tomlinson

60 Years

Trevor & Anne Baker

Keith & Gabrielle Mercer

John & Jean Plumb

Jack & Beryl Warburton

Peter & Evelyn Billson

Joseph & Veronica Naylor

Jim & Barbara Tomlinson

Over 60 Years

61 Ian & Sheila Hird

61 John & Sheila Hunt

61 Frank & Mary Miller

61 Dave & Pat Taylor

62 Noel & Margaret Holmes

64 Patrick & Bridget O'Connor

64 Vincent & Sheila O'Connor

65 Gino & Zaira Mastroianni

65 Thomas & Mary Buckley

68 George & Lorna Everard

Over 70 Years

73 William & Margaret Henson

Marriage is a mutual, exclusive, lifelong commitment, where couples journey together in love, faith and hope. Regardless of what stage of your marriage journey you are on there is help and support available from a variety of providers.



The Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations exists out of a shared desire to be united around our service to the Church and our commitment to offer clearer, more joined-up pathways of support for couples. The Alliance recognises that this commitment is best achieved through the deepening of our relationships – not formal structures – but with the

hope that a more visible display of our unity will be a blessing to the Church and the couples we serve.

www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk



**marriage
care**

Catholic Marriage Care

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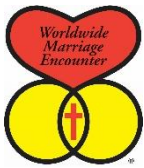
Counselling helpline - 0800 389 3801

Marriage Preparation:

- Preparing Together Anywhere: This is an interactive, skills-oriented, online group course delivered over 3 webinar style sessions; suitable for couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church
- FOCCUS: questionnaire-based exploration of your unique relationship, provided for individual couples over 2-6 one-hour sessions; just the two of you and a skilled facilitator using a secure video link

Relationship counselling:

Help is from a skilled couple relationship counsellor. Whether you are feeling things just aren't quite right or whether you are encountering serious difficulties, we are here to listen and to support you towards a positive outcome.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter & Engaged Encounter

www.wwme.org.uk

0845 260 2016 enquires@wwme.org.uk

Providing marriage preparation and marriage enrichment programmes
(now offered online)



Teams of Our Lady www.teamsgb.org.uk

A team is composed of four to six couples assisted by a spiritual counsellor. The members of the Teams are Christian couples, united by their desire to live their married lives as a sacrament and meet once a month



Two in One Flesh (TIOF)

www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Coordinators: Brian & Maureen Devine maurbri13@yahoo.co.uk

Providing resources to help engaged and married couples discover what the Lord is saying to them about their relationship and their day to day living through the Scriptures

Smart Loving UK

www.smartloving.org/uk

Coordinators: Nigel & Rose Stokes

smartloving@talktalk.net



- Engaged Online – course for couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church
- Parish Sponsors – for married couples accompanying an engaged couple
- Fertility – for singles or couples wanting to live in harmony with their fertility
- Marriage Kit – for married couples wanting to go deeper in love
- Breakthrough – individuals and spouses in difficult situations

Catholic Marriage Enrichment, dedicated to strengthening spousal love through one-day and weekend retreats



Retrouvaille UK

www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Coordinators: Clive & Kathy Jones

retouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Providing a lifeline for troubled marriages. Hope is a phone call away.

All enquiries confidential and without obligation: 07887 296983

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Have you stopped sharing how you feel?

Are you constantly fighting or do you simply shut down?



Life FertilityCare www.lifefertilitycare.co.uk

Contact Ira Winters 01926 834 654

Services

- Solving infertility
- Recurrent miscarriage
- Woman's health
- Natural family planning

For any support or advice on all areas of Family Ministry contact lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org

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