CIVIL REGISTRATION

You must attend the local registry office to give notice of your intention to marry. If you live at addresses in different registration districts each of you will have to attend your local office. After three weeks the registry office(s) will issue you with certificates that allow the marriage to take place in the church. The certificates are valid for one year. You are recommended to apply for the certificates six or nine months prior to the wedding. There can be no wedding without the certificates!

When registering the wedding there is a £30 administration fee charged. A further £130 is paid to the registrar at the church usually at the rehearsal, which is attended, by the registrar.

When you each receive your certificates, you are recommended to pass them to the registrar, care of the Sacred Heart Church, for safe keeping.