

## STAMULLEN & JULIANSTOWN PARISH

Priest	Fr. Declan Kelly Tele Email.
Office Hours	Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm Email
Sacristan Stamullen Julianstown	Johnny Joesphine
Liturgy	
Mass Times	Stamullen Julianstown
Devotions	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every
Certificates	Certificates for Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage are available from the parish office at 01
Altar Servers	
Readers	If you wish to be a reader on Sunday Mass, please contact ??
Parish Bulletin	Our Parish bulletin is produced every week. Items for inclusion should be given in writing to the parish secretary before 11am on Thursday of each week. Fax Email.

## BAPTISMS

Each year about 150 baptisms take place in the parish. We are delighted with the opportunity this provides to meet with the families concerned and we work hard to ensure that the ceremony itself will be both relaxed and memorable for all.

Dear Parents and Godparents and dear friends, you have asked to have your child baptised. By water and the Holy Spirit your child will receive the gift of new life from God who is love. It will be your constant care to bring your child up in the practice of the faith. Baptism is parents' day too, since you publicly promise to hand on the faith to your child.

We welcome your child on behalf of all in the Christian family. May all children come to know that they are sons and daughters of God and members of the Church. May they be faithful followers of Jesus and true witnesses to the Gospel.

### To Register...

An electronic copy of the Registration of Baptism form (in PDF format) is available [here](#)

The family are advised to arrive 15 minutes before the Baptism. Please bring a Baptismal Candle and a white robe for the ceremony.

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Meath Citizens Information  
Tele 1800 206 506 or 046 9074086

AWARE – Helping to defeat Depression  
Supports all those whose lives are affected by depression  
Contact 046 9055834  
Helpline 1890 303302

Mental Health Ireland  
Promotes positive mental health. Actively supports and advocates for people with mental health difficulties  
Contact 01 2841166

Recovery Inc.

Self Help Health. Learn techniques for coping with depression, fears, panics, phobias, anxiety.

Contact 01 6260775

GROW

Mental Health Organisation designed to provide support for people who have suffered (or are suffering) from Mental Health problems.

Contact 041 9839617

SAMARITANS

Confidential Emotional Health Support

Open 24/7

Contact 1850 609090

Drogheda Number ?

SCHIZOPHRENIA IRELAND

National organisation concerned with the interests of people with schizophrenia and their caring relatives and friends.

Contact 1890 621 631

NORTH EASTERN HEALTH BOARD

24 hour public information health line

Contact 1850 24 1850

TEEN LINE IRELAND

Contact 1899 833634

BODYWHYS

Our core services centre on providing confidential, non judgemental support for people affected by eating disorders.

Contact 01 2834963

SPUNOUT

The national youth website

[www.spunout.ie](http://www.spunout.ie)

SUICIDE OR SURVIVE

[www.suicideorsurvive.ie](http://www.suicideorsurvive.ie)

NATIONAL OFFICE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

[www.nosp.ie](http://www.nosp.ie)

COMMUNITY LINKS

Julianstown.com  
Inse Bay Residents  
Stamullen Residents  
Whitecross Parents Association

Primary Schools  
Whitecrossns.com  
Stamullen Primary School

Secondary School  
Gormanstown College

East Meath Active Retirement

## **Church Groups**

### **Altar Society**

This group of parishioners is responsible for the upkeep of the altar area of the church. They take care of the flowers and the altar. A rota is organised on a monthly basis. Anyone willing to help should contact the parish office or t7



### **Sacristans**

Our two sacristans are Johnny and Josephine

### **Parish Choir**



The parish choir is an adult choir and sing at Mass on Sundays and on other liturgical occasions during the year. The Choir's rehearsal season runs from September to June on Tuesday evenings at 8.30pm in the Parish Church, (Julianstown). New members are always welcome. All inquiries to the Parish Office or to

## MARRIAGE

### Preparation for Marriage in Ireland and abroad.

- All couples wishing to get married must book the church and contact the local priest well in advance of making preparations for their wedding day.
- All couples must complete the Pre-Nuptial Inquiry Forms in their local parish at least six months before they wish to be married.
- It is particularly important that couples planning to get married abroad must contact the local priest before making any arrangements with a travel agent or wedding co-ordinator. This should help to ensure that no serious difficulties arise before major commitments have been made.

### **Congratulations!**

The Christian community wishes you every blessing and happiness. Your desire to marry in Church is your invitation to Christ to be at the heart of your relationship. Your wedding day is as special and as individual as you are. Everything about it should reflect your uniqueness, especially your ceremony. This is the one day in your lives when you have the opportunity to publicly express your love for each other and make your own special promises and vows to each other. We hope that the following information will be of benefit to you in a practical way as you prepare for your marriage.

### **Fixing the Date**

When deciding on a date, please bear in mind that: civil and church law requires a minimum of three months notice of your intention to marry. In cases where dispensations are required, a minimum of six months notice of intention to marry is required by the Diocese.

### **Pre-Marriage Preparation**

In the Diocese of Meath, a marriage preparation workshop is obligatory. It is conducted by trained facilitators who explore the following areas in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.

- Communication
- Conflict
- Commitment
- Church
- Children

To book the workshop, contact Accord Navan.

Tel: 046 9023146  
Fax: 046 9075100  
e-mail: [accordnavan@eircom.net](mailto:accordnavan@eircom.net)  
Website: <http://www.accord.ie>

### **Which Church?**

There are two churches in the Parish

Stamullen

Julianstown :

### **Documentation Needed**

- A new Baptismal Certificate.
- A Confirmation Certificate.
- If you have lived for more than 6 months outside your parish of residence since you were 18 years of age, you need a Letter of Freedom from the respective parish(es).
- If a mixed marriage; permission or a dispensation from the bishop is necessary.

*(A non-catholic requires a baptismal certificate and an affidavit stating that he/she was never married before in a civil or religious ceremony).*

A minimum of three months notice must be given to the Civil Registrar of Marriages in Navan. (Tel: 046 23209)

- Your local priest should complete with you your Prenuptial Enquiry Papers which both you and your partner must sign.

## The Ceremony

There are two kinds of ceremony in the Catholic Church. One is a wedding ceremony with Nuptial Mass. The other is a wedding without Mass. If one of you is non-Catholic or not a regular churchgoer, you and your family may feel more at home with the latter ceremony. A wedding ceremony without Mass is the form your marriage will take if one of you is not baptised.

During the days before the marriage, it is recommended to couples to prepare spiritually by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## Music

**No Pop Music** or pre-recorded music should be used during the Church ceremony. There is a rich fund of appropriate and beautiful church music available in many different styles (<http://www.gettingmarried.ie>). Contemporary music may be incorporated into the period of the signing of the Civil Register. The list of music should be presented to the priest during the compilation of the wedding booklet for approval.

Where possible, the musicians or soloists should facilitate the celebrant by singing the various parts of the Mass (Lord have Mercy, Psalm, Gospel Acclamation, Holy Holy, Great Amen and Lamb of God). As a rule of thumb, the music selected for the ceremony should reflect the meaning and the essence of the wedding liturgy.

## Wedding Rite & General Etiquette

- Only the approved Rite can be used in the ceremony.
- Couples may wish to supply their own wedding candles for the ceremony.
- The ceremony of signing the Civil Register takes place at one of the side altars.

The bridal party are invited to witness the signing.

- Encourage all who attend the ceremony to be respectful and silent inside the Church before, during and after the ceremony.
- No confetti is allowed in the Churches or in the grounds.

## Choosing Readings and Hymns

When preparing your ceremony, a meeting with the officiating priest is advisable. A formal printed booklet is not essential and a well-prepared A4 sheet folded into booklet style containing the words of hymns, readings and the marriage Rite will equally suffice. Please ensure that **only the prescribed rites** are chosen. Be careful if copying the booklets of marriage ceremonies previously attended, that they have used the correct rites and that the service is in the right order. Couples regularly have to go back to the printer to correct booklets copied from previous weddings. It is also common, if the booklet is not properly proofed, that the names of the previous couple slip into the text.

## Wedding Rehearsal

A rehearsal is required for all weddings. It is important that all members of the

wedding party be present for the rehearsal. This includes the Best Man, Maid or Matron of Honour, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids, Flower Girl/Page Boy. Relatives and/or friends reading during the liturgy should also practise on rehearsal night.

### **Flower Arrangements**

Flower arrangements are a beautiful adornment to any ceremony. However, they should not be ostentatious to distract from what is happening, nor should they impede the congregation's view of the altar. ***It is inappropriate to place flower arrangements directly on the Altar table as it is reserved for the vessels necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist, nothing should impede the view of the host and chalice.***

In some circumstances, a florist may not place the flowers in the church until immediately before the ceremony as they might not be appropriate to an earlier ceremony such as a daily mass or funeral service. Please ask the florist to arrange with the parish when would be suitable to position the floral arrangements.

### **Photographers**

#### **PLEASE PRESENT THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES TO YOUR PHOTOGRAPHER.**

A wedding ceremony is a sacred time in which the couple unite their love with the love of God. In order to maintain this sense of sacredness and yet facilitate your job as the photographer, we offer you the following guidelines:

We would ask you to observe the basic "line of sight" rule throughout the ceremony.

- As a matter of courtesy, each photographer should discuss beforehand their requirements with the Celebrant.
- Avoid the altar area of the sanctuary.
- At no time during the ceremony should the photographer cross behind the altar.

### **Church Expenses**

Bearing in mind that the preparation and celebration of a wedding involves considerable work for the priest, it is customary to give a donation to the priest on the occasion of your wedding. If the sacristan has to open the church and prepare it for a practice, for the florist and for the ceremony itself, it is only fair that they too be given some token of appreciation. There is a fee to non-parishioners who wish to use the facilities of the Church for their wedding

### **Marriages Abroad**

Weddings in Rome for Irish couples (both bearing Irish Passports) are usually straightforward to arrange. They normally take place at The Pontifical Irish College (0039670476429) or with the Irish Pallotine Fathers (0039669799740) or with the Irish Augustinian Friars (003964885359). Weddings can be booked by contacting any of the above named communities. They will forward you practical information on getting married in Rome. The paperwork is completed in the usual manner and forwarded by your local priest to your local Bishop's office. Your Bishop will issue a **Certificate of No Impediment** also known as **Nulla Osta**, and in turn will forward the papers to Rome.

However, take note of the civil requirement of the Italian State Authorities who insist that you apply to the Consular Division of the Department of Foreign Affairs in Dublin for a civil **Nulla Osta** certificate. The application forms for this certificate should be completed and returned to the Department of foreign Affairs at least ten weeks before the marriage date in Rome, allowing time for the Department to process the application and forward the Certificate to the Italian State Authorities.

**N.B.** Marriages taking place outside of Ireland other than Rome, are subject to strict stipulation by most dioceses. The couple should first contact their local priest.

As you make plans for the happiest day of your life remember this is a day that should be stress free, a day to be enjoyed. A day you can look back on in the future as the day you began your married life together. Therefore any time spent in the planning of this day will make it truly memorable. So with the choices you make and the options you take, may we wish you a perfect day.

**Go ahead.....Make your day!**

**Starting afresh in September: Joining our Parish Ministry:** This time of year, parishioners might think of starting something new. Are you interested in becoming a **Reader of the Word**. Or spending an hour a week in **Eucharistic Adoration**? If you are interested in taking part in any area of parish ministry, please contact the Parish Office.