

Prayer for Engaged Couples

*Lord God,
the source of all love,
the wise plan of your providence
has brought us together.
As we prepare ourselves for
the sacrament of marriage
and pray for your grace,
grant that, strengthened by
your blessing
we may grow in respect
for one another
and cherish each other
with a sincere love.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE LUTON DEANERY
MARRIAGE COURSE 2022

at

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE
68 GARDENIA AVENUE
LUTON

01582 571187

DATE: Saturday 26th February 2022
10.00am – 4.00pm

Tea/coffee on arrival and
buffet lunch included

Cost per couple £60

The Luton Deanery Marriage Course

The initial contact with a couple is when they come to book the date and time for their wedding and this is when they are informed about the Deanery Marriage Course.

The course involves four hourly sessions which cover the following topics:

Catholic Teaching on Marriage

Led by a Priest, is entitled the 'Ideal of Christian Marriage' which explains the teaching of the Catholic Church on marriage.

Psychology of Relationships

This deals with the psychology of relationships and the marital stages – romance, reality, power struggle, finding oneself, reconciliation and mutual love and respect.

Ongoing Communication within Relationships

Led by an experienced married couple who deal with how couples needs to look at how they are leading their lives together, the choices they are making, their attitudes to each other, their frustrations, and their joys. The vital importance of on-going communication and they are taught some important golden rules about dealing with arguments.

Children in Marriage

A general discussion that deals with married love and in particular information about natural methods of family planning.

There is a priest present to explain what the Church requires and the legal requirements of the State, together with practical advice. There is an opportunity provided at the conclusion of each session for individual couples to seek his advice regarding any matter or problem that is of concern to them.

All in all, the aim is to give couples a pretty thorough preparation for their future lives together. The course is designed to highlight the pitfalls of misunderstanding or differences that can lead to marital breakdown, for example, whether having children has received sufficient discussion prior to marriage and the expectation that children will be raised in the Faith of the Catholic Church.

A Certificate of Attendance will be issued at the end of the course.

LUTON DEANERY MARRIAGE COURSE 2020
BOOKING FORM (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Date of Marriage.....

Name of Church.....

Name of Groom.....

Address.....

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Religion.....

Telephone No.....

Name of Bride.....

Address.....

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Religion.....

Telephone No.....

Cost: A charge of £60 per couple will be made to cover expenses.
(cheques made payable to: St. Joseph's Parish)

Please return this form with payment to: Marriage Course,
St. Joseph's Church, 68 Gardenia Avenue, Luton, LU3 2NS.

Please include email address if you would like confirmation receipt

Data Protection - Your personal details given above will be stored and used by the Parish only for the purposes of running and administering the Luton Deanery Marriage Preparation Course. They will not otherwise be disclosed outside the parish. Details of how we process your data, and your rights, are on the full Privacy Notice which is on the notice board and /or on the (Diocesan) website.

This assumes no sharing of names with outside caterers, for labelling of veggie meals, and no subsequent communication save possibly over refunds, lost property etc. It also assumes that members of the general public, with no connection with the parish, are not completing these forms. If they are, their specific consent is required.

10am-10.30am Registration with tea/coffee

12.30pm Buffet lunch included
(please advise when booking of any special dietary requirements)

Parking available on the day in
Gardenia Avenue in St. Joseph's Primary
School's 2 school car parks