

**ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD,
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US,
LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

AMEN.

14 The priest says

Almighty Father, giver of life and love, look in favour on all who are made one in marriage, and especially on these your servants as they enter into their new life together. In your love deepen their love; strengthen their wills to keep the promises they have made; that they may live to your glory and to the good of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

15 The priest continues

Lord God,
you have consecrated marriage
to be a sign of the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church;
bless these your servants
that they may love, honour, and cherish each other
in faithfulness, patience, wisdom, and true godliness;
may their home be a place of love and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

16 The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be upon Adrian and Fiona this day and for evermore.
Amen

Signing of the Register

Adrian & Fiona



No 6

*Marriage Service
Windmill Gardens, Plumpton
Saturday September 10th, 2011*

Bridal Party

GROOM: Adrian Charles Calleja

BRIDE: Fiona Vassallo

MAID OF HONOUR: Robyn Armstrong

BRIDESMAIDS: Sarah Doyle
Brooke Clark
Elisha Blake

BEST MAN: Ryan Meehan

GROOMSMEN: Mitchell Meehan
Samuel Meehan
Blake Jobson

CELEBRANT: Father Max Bowers

May Adrian and Fiona so live together, that the strength of their love may reflect your love and enrich our common life.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

May they be gentle and patient, ready to trust each other and, when they fail, be willing to recognise and acknowledge their fault, and to ask each other's forgiveness.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

May all who suffer want or anxiety, the lonely, the divorced, the bereaved, be defended by you O Lord.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

May all whose lives are today linked together, be given wisdom, patience and courage to serve one another in Christ's name.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

May friends and family gathered here, and those separated by distance, be strengthened and blessed this day.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

All praise and blessing to you, God of love, creator of the universe, maker of man and woman in your likeness, source of blessing for married life. May your blessing come in full upon Adrian and Fiona. May they know your presence in their joys and in their sorrows. May they reach old age in the company of friends and come at last to your eternal kingdom. Accept our prayers, loving God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

(We say the Lords prayer together to show we are all part of this wonderful family occasion in God's house)

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE**

11 The priest addresses the people

Before God and in the presence of us all, by solemn consent and promise, by the giving and receiving of rings, and by the joining of hands, Adrian and Fiona have now accepted each other in marriage. In the name of God, I declare them to be husband and wife.

12 The priest then blesses the husband and wife, saying

God the Father enrich you with his grace,
God the Son make you holy in his love,
God the Holy Spirit strengthen you with his joy.
The Lord bless you and keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Unity Candle

This candle you are about to light is a candle of Marriage. Its fire is magical because it represents the light of two people in love.

This candle before you is a candle of Commitment because it takes two people working together to keep it aflame.

This candle is also a candle of Unity because both must come together, giving a spark of themselves, to create the new light.

As you light this candle today, may the brightness of the flame shine throughout your lives. May it give you courage and reassurance in darkness. Warmth and safety in the cold. And strength and joy in your bodies, minds and spirits. May your union be forever blessed by God our Heavenly Father.

Would you both now, light the candle?

13. THE READING - 1 Corinthians 13: 1-8

AFTER THE ADDRESS.

The prayers follow

Eternal God, without your grace nothing is strong, nothing is sure. Strengthen Adrian and Fiona with patience, kindness, gentleness, and all other gifts of the Holy Spirit, so that they may fulfil the vows they have made. Keep them faithful to each other and to you. Fill them with such love and joy that they may build a home of peace and welcome. Make their life together a sign of Christ's love in this broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

1 When all are assembled in the chapel, with the bridegroom and the bride standing before the priest, the priest greets them all, and then says

We have come together in the sight of God for the joining in marriage Adrian and Fiona .

Our Lord Jesus Christ said of marriage that 'From the beginning of creation God made them male and female, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one." So they are no longer two but one. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder'.

Marriage is the symbol of God's unending love for his people, and of the union between Christ and his Church. So Saint Paul teaches that the husband must love his wife as Christ loved the Church, and that the wife must give due honour to her husband.

Marriage should be honoured by all, and is not to be entered into lightly or carelessly, but with reverent and serious respect for those purposes for which it was instituted by God.

Marriage is a gift from God for the well-being of mankind, and for the proper expression of natural instincts and affections with which he has endowed us.

It is a life-long union in which a man and a woman are called so to give themselves in body, mind, and spirit, and so to respond, that from their union will grow a deepening knowledge and love of each other. In the joys and sorrows of life, in prosperity and adversity, they share their companionship, faithfulness, and strength.

In marriage a new family is established in accordance with God's purpose, so that children may be born and nurtured in secure and loving care, for their well-being and instruction, and for the good order of society, to the glory of God.

Adrian and Fiona have now come here to be joined in this holy union to which God has led them. They seek his blessing on their life together, that they may fulfil his purpose for them; and they ask us to support them in this prayer. If any person here can show why they may not lawfully be joined in marriage he should speak now, or hereafter remain in silence.

Speaking to the persons to be married, the priest says

I charge you both, as you will answer before God, that if either of you know any reason why you may not lawfully be joined together in matrimony, you now confess it. For be assured that those who marry otherwise than God's word allows are not joined together by God, neither is their matrimony lawful in his sight.

THE CONSENT

2 *There being no objection lodged, the priest then says to the man*

Adrian , will you take Fiona to be your wife,
to live together according to God's law?
Will you give her the honour
due to her as your wife
and, forsaking all others,
love and protect her,
as long as you both shall live?

The man answers

I will.

3 *The priest says to the woman*

Fiona, will you take Adrian to be your husband,
to live together according to God's law?
Will you give him the honour
due to him as your husband
and, forsaking all others,
love and protect him,
as long as you both shall live?

The woman answers

I will.

4. *The priest asks*

Who brings this woman to be married to this man?

I do.

The priest receives the woman's right hand from her father or her friend.

5 *The man takes the woman's right hand.*

The priest, together with all the people, says

God our Father, in your great love for mankind you have given us the gift of marriage; so bless these two persons as they pledge their lives to each other, that their love may evermore grow to be the true reflection of your love for us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

6 *The man, holding the woman's right hand in his, says*

I, Adrian , in the presence of God,
take you Fiona, to be my wife;
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow and promise.

7. *The woman, taking the man's right hand in hers, says*

I, Fiona, in the presence of God,
take you Adrian , to be my husband;
to have and to hold from this day forward,
for better for worse,
for richer for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish,
as long as we both shall live.
This is my solemn vow and promise.

8 *The priest blesses the wedding rings*

Grant, Lord, that these rings may be a token and constant sign of the pledge of love and faithfulness which these two persons make to each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The priest sprinkles them with water from the River Jordon in Israel.

9 *The giving of the rings*

With this ring I wed you; with all that I am and all that I have I honour you; in the name of God. Amen.

10 *The man and the woman then kneel. The priest joins their right hands and says*

Those whom God has joined together let not man put asunder.