

Who is the Solemniser?

The priest who officiates at the marriage is called the “Solemniser”. In order to officiate at a marriage priests must be on the “List of Solemnisers” submitted by each diocesan Bishop to the Registrar-General.

If a priest is not on the List of Solemnisers, and wishes to officiate at a marriage, he must become a temporary solemniser. He can do this by submitting a request to the Bishop of the place of marriage together with an appropriate Testimonial Letter signed by his own bishop or Religious Superior.