**Nuptial Mass**

**APPENDICES**

**Our Lady of Victories Parish, Horsley Park**

**I**

**OPENING PRAYERS**

**A**

O God, who consecrated the bond of Marriage

by so great a mystery

that in the wedding covenant

you foreshadow the Sacrament of Christ and his Church,

grant, we pray, to these your servants,

that what they receive in faith they may live out in deeds.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

**B**

O God, who in creating the human race

willed that man and wife should be one, join, we pray,

in a bond of inseparable love

these your servants who are to be united in the covenant of Marriage,

so that, as you make their love fruitful,

they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**C**

Be attentive to our prayers,

O Lord, and in your kindness

pour out your grace on these your servants, N and N,

that, coming together before your altar,

they may be confirmed in love for one another.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**D**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that these your servants,

now to be joined by the Sacrament of Matrimony,

may grow in the faith they profess

and enrich your Church with faithful offspring.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**E**

Be attentive to our prayers,

O Lord, and in your kindness uphold

what you have established for the increase of the human race,

so that the union you have created

may be kept safe by your assistance.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

**F**

O God, who since the beginning of the world

have blessed the increase of offspring,

show favor to our supplications

and pour forth the help of your blessing
on these your servants, N and N,

so that in the union of Marriage they may be bound together

in mutual affection, in likeness of mind,

and in shared holiness.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

**II**

**PRAYERS OVER THE OFFERINGS**

**A**

Receive, we pray, O Lord,
the offering made on the occasion

of this sealing of the sacred bond of Marriage,

and, just as your goodness is its origin,

may your providence guide its course.

Through Christ our Lord.

**B**

Receive in your kindness, Lord,

the offerings we bring in gladness before you,

and in your fatherly love

watch over those you have joined in a sacramental covenant.

Through Christ our Lord.

**C**

Show favor to our supplications, O Lord,

and receive with a kindly countenance

the oblations we offer for these your servants,

joined now in a holy covenant,

that through these mysteries they may be strengthened

in love for one another and for you.

Through Christ our Lord.

**III**

**PREFACES**

Preface **A** - *The dignity of the Marriage covenant.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have forged the covenant of Marriage as a sweet yoke of harmony and an unbreakable bond of peace,

so that the chaste and fruitful love of holy Matrimony

may serve to increase the children you adopt as your own.

By your providence and grace, O Lord,

you accomplish the wonder of this twofold design:

that, while the birth of children brings beauty to the world,

their rebirth in Baptism gives increase to the Church,

through Christ our Lord.

Through him, with the Angels and all the Saints, we sing the hymn of your praise, as without end we acclaim:

Preface B - *The great Sacrament of Matrimony.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,

through Christ our Lord.

For in him you have made a new covenant with your people,

so that, as you have redeemed man and woman

by the mystery of Christ’s Death and Resurrection,

so in Christ you might make them partakers of divine nature

and joint heirs with him of heavenly glory.

In the union of husband and wife

you give a sign of Christ’s loving gift of grace,

so that the Sacrament we celebrate

might draw us back more deeply

into the wondrous design of your love.

And so, with the Angels and all the Saints,

we praise you, and without end we acclaim:

Preface C - *Matrimony as a sign of divine love.*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

always and everywhere to give you thanks,

Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you willed that the human race,

created by the gift of your goodness,

should be raised to such high dignity

that in the union of husband and wife

you might bestow a true image of your love.

For those you created out of charity

you call to the law of charity without ceasing

and grant them a share in your eternal charity.

And so, the Sacrament of holy Matrimony,

as the abiding sign of your own love,

consecrates the love of man and woman,

through Christ our Lord.

Through him, with the Angels and all the Saints,

we sing the hymn of your praise,

as without end we acclaim:

**IV**

**PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION**

**A**

By the power of this sacrifice, O Lord,

accompany with your loving favor what in your providence

you have instituted,

so as to make of one heart in love

those you have already joined in this holy union

and replenished with the one Bread and the one Chalice.

Through Christ our Lord.

**B**

Having been made partakers at your table, we pray, O Lord,

that those who are united by the Sacrament of Marriage

may always hold fast to you and proclaim your name to the world.

Through Christ our Lord.

**C**

Grant, we pray, almighty God,

that the power of the Sacrament

we have received may find growth in these your servants

and that the effects of the sacrifice we have offered

may be felt by us all.

Through Christ our Lord.

**V**

**EXAMPLES OF THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER
(PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL)**

*It may be appropriate to adapt the following prayers to the particular circumstances of the couple and their commitment to the Lord. The following prayers may be seen as models. Prayers may be chosen from more than one collection. Prayers are read by one or more readers (guests). Please select a maximum of 4 to 6 intentions only.*

**Option A**

*Priest:* Dear brothers and sisters, as we call to mind the special gift of grace and charity by which God has been pleased to crown and consecrate the love of our sister N and our brother N, let us commend them to the Lord.

1. That these faithful Christians, N and N, newly joined in Holy Matrimony, may always enjoy health and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. That he will bless their covenant as he chose to sanctify marriage at Cana in Galilee, let us pray to the Lord. R.

3. That they be granted perfect and fruitful love, peace and strength and that they bear faithful witness to the name of Christian, let us pray to the Lord. R.

4. That the Christian people may grow in virtue day by day and that all who are burdened by any need may receive the help of grace from above, let us pray to the Lord. R.

5. That the grace of the Sacrament will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in all married persons here present, let us pray to the Lord. R.

*Priest:* Graciously pour out upon this husband and wife, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, to make them one heart and one soul, so that nothing whatever may divide those you have joined and no harm come to those you have filled with your blessing. Through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

**Option B**

*Priest:* Dear brothers and sisters, let us accompany this new family with our prayers that the mutual love of this couple may grow daily and that God in his kindness will sustain all families throughout the world.

1. For this bride and groom, and for their well-being as a family, let us pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

2. For their relatives and friends, and for all who have assisted this couple, let us pray to the Lord. R.

3. For young people preparing to enter Marriage, and for all whom the Lord is calling to another state in life, let us pray to the Lord. R.

4. For all families throughout the world and for lasting peace among all people, let us pray to the Lord. R.

5. For all members of our families who have passed from this world, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. R.

6. For the Church, the holy People of God, and for unity among all Christians, let us pray to the Lord. R.

*Priest:* Lord Jesus, who are present in our midst, as N and N seal their union accept our prayer and fill us with your Spirit. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

### Option C

*Priest:* God the Father, source of all life and love, willed that husband
and wife should become one flesh in marriage. Let us pray to him
in sincerity of heart on this joyous occasion.

1. For N and N, that their love for each other may be patterned on Christ’s love for his bride, the Church, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. For fruitful love, that N and N will share in God’s creative work and enjoy the gift of children, let us pray to the Lord.
2. For the parents of N and N that they will  continue to support them on the journey which begins at this altar, let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those preparing for their marriage day, that they may understand well the dignity and responsibilities of the marriage covenant and family life, let us pray to the Lord.
4. For married people everywhere, that they will live in love and faithfulness, for better, for worse, in joy or in sorrow, all the days of their lives, let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* Father of life and love, in union with Mary our Mother, who was a wedding guest at Cana, we make our requests in prayer, through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

### Option D

*Priest:* My dear friends, let us ask God to bless N and N in their marriage and to unite them in love through his Holy Spirit.

1. That their married love may reflect God’s saving love for the human family, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That they may be united in love and fidelity as Christ is united with his church, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That, through the Holy Spirit, they may grow into a community of love and show that Christ’s Church is present in their home, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That, through loving one another in Christ, they may come to love Christ in their neighbour, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the Church will bring salvation to the world by expressing Christ’s love for all people, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That all Christians may radiate the joy of living in Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* Father, you have made Christian marriage the sign of the unity between Christ and his Church. Hear our prayers for N and N. May they love one another as Christ loves his Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

**Option E**

*Priest:* My dear friends, let us pray to the Lord that he will make known to N and N the riches of their vocation in marriage.

1. That, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, their lives may be lived in love, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That  God will help them to make a home together, and grace it with hospitality, friendship and prayer, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That God will make their love an expression of his creative love, and bless them with children, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That they may minister the grace of marriage to each other in their joys and sorrows, in their hopes and disappointments, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the Church may reveal to the world God’s love for the human family, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That the grace of marriage will be renewed in all Christian families, let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* Father, you are a God of love, and through your Son you have taught us to love one another. May N and N in their marriage take Christ’s love into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

### Option F

*Priest:* My dear friends, let us pray to our Father in heaven that he will bless N and N throughout their married life, and that he will keep them united in undivided love.

1. That they may always love one another as Christ loves his Church, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That, in their marriage, they will listen to Christ’s gospel and pray together, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That, through the joys and sacrifices of their married life, they will give witness to their love for Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That the Christian hope for peace on earth may be fulfilled in their family, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That the grace of marriage may be renewed in all Christian families, and redeem human love from selfishness and indifference, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That all Christians will witness to the gospel of love and offer hospitality to Christ when he comes to them in the form of a stranger, let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* Father, you are love itself, and you have made man and woman in your likeness. Hear our prayers for N and N. May they bring your love to others throughout the years of their marriage. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

### Option G

*Priest:* My dear friends, let us ask God to bless N and N in their marriage and to keep them united in their covenant of love.

1. That God will help them to fulfil their human and Christian vocation in marriage, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That, through their love for each other, they will give witness to his eternal covenant of love with the human family, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That they may be faithful as God is faithful, and led to holiness through success and failure, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That, as their faith increases, they may see the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection in their life, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That he will bless their parents, friends and all who are here, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That all Christians may be faithful to the command of his covenant and love one another as Christ has loved them, let us pray to the Lord.
6. That he will grant peace to the world, and help the members of the human family to live for each other, let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* Father, in the new covenant of Christ you have given us the pledge of your eternal love and fidelity. Hear our prayers for N and N. May they mirror your love and reflect your fidelity in their married life. Through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

### Option H

*Priest:* My dear friends, let us pray to our Father in heaven that he will keep N and N united in undivided love, and that he will bless them throughout their married life.

1. That their love may be patient and gentle, ready to trust, and to endure whatever comes, let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

1. That they may pray together in joy and sorrow, and always give thanks for the gift of each other, let us pray to the Lord.
2. That God will bless their daily work and perfect through them his work of creation, let us pray to the Lord.
3. That his peace may dwell in their home and give hope of peace to the world, let us pray to the Lord.
4. That all married people may be helped to renew and deepen their love, let us pray to the Lord.
5. That the Church will bring salvation to the world by expressing Christ’s love for all people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Priest:* Almighty God, you have come into the lives of N and N through the gift of married love. Remain with them always, and show your great love for those who call you their Father. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Optional*

**DEDICATION OF NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE
TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

Lord Jesus, on this happy and holy day we thank you for the joy of our marriage. Through all the years of our life you have watched over us and bring us together in holy catholic marriage. Now Lord, we ask you to bless us, and keep us united in love of you and of each other.

Redeemed by your [Precious Blood](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=9585) and strengthened by your grace, in this Sacrament of Matrimony may we live in kindness and fidelity, in unfailing trust and love, so that our whole [life](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=7101) may be pleasing to you.

Holy Mary, who with Saint [Joseph](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=6477) made a happy home at [Nazareth](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=8359) for Jesus, take us into your motherly care. You who showed concern for a newly married couple at Cana, assist us and guide us to Jesus.

Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with our trust.

Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

*Hail Mary ...*

Saint Joseph *– pray for us.*

*Optional*

**CONSECRATION OF MARRIAGE
TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

“Oh, Immaculate Heart of Mary, to you do we wish to consecrate today our marriage on this happy and holy day. In these times of great spiritual battle, we ask you, our Mother and Teacher, to show us the way of true love, of commitment, of fidelity, of sacrifice and of service. By consecrating ourselves to you today, we beseech you to receive us into your Immaculate Heart, to keep us in your maternal arms and to lead us on the sure path to the Sacred Heart of your Son, Jesus Christ.

In virtue of the union of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with the Sacred Heart of Christ, we pray that our marriage may be strengthen in unity, in love, in responsibility to our duties and in the generous self-offering of one to the other and to the children we will receive from Our Lord.

May our home be a domestic sanctuary where we pray together and where we communicate with each other with joy and enthusiasm.
May our marriage be for others, a visible sign of love and fidelity.

We beseech you, O Mother, in virtue of this consecration, that our marriage may be protected from all spiritual, physical or material evil. May your Immaculate Heart reign in our home so that Jesus Christ may be loved, heard and obeyed in our family.

Holy Family of Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with our trust.

Jesus, Mary and Saint Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen.

*Hail Mary ...*

Saint Joseph *– pray for us.*

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