

A preliminary Guideline of Procedure & Steps

1. Contact the Local Catholic Parish

- **The Catholic party** (from Croatia) should make contact with the parish priest at the Catholic Church in Bangor as soon as possible—ideally 6–12 months before the intended wedding date.
- Arrange an initial meeting to discuss intentions, eligibility, and begin the proces

2. Documentation Needed

- **Recently-issued baptism certificate** (within 6 months) for the Catholic party.
- **Original baptism certificate** for the Methodist bride. If available, this is helpful for the parish records.
- **Proof of freedom to marry** for both (e.g., “Statutory Declaration of Freedom to Marry”).
- **Other documents:** Passport/ID, and if previously married, proof of annulment is required

3. Marriage Preparation Course

- Both must complete a **marriage preparation course** (often called Pre-Cana).
- UK-wide Marriage Care program (“Preparing Together”) or a local equivalent

4. Application for Permission for Mixed Marriage

- The Catholic will need to apply for **“permission for mixed marriage”** from the parish priest, who refers it to the diocesan bishop if necessary
- This involves a Catholic “promise” to do all reasonably possible to raise any children Catholic, and to remain firm in their own faith. The non-Catholic is made aware of this but does NOT need to promise the same
- The priest will explain this in detail and help with the required forms. The Methodist partner must be informed of this promise

5. Civil Requirements

- Both must give legal notice of marriage to the local registrar office in Wales.
- Obtain a “Marriage Schedule” (the civil document required for a legal marriage in the UK)[9].

6. Ceremony Arrangements

- The marriage can take place in a Catholic church in Bangor.

The Catholic priest must be present and the Catholic form must be followed for the marriage to be sacramental and valid in the Catholic Church

- The priest will guide on liturgical norms and options for ecumenical participation[7].

7. Additional Notes

- All paperwork, including permissions and certificates, must be completed and submitted well in advance to the parish and the diocese

- The couple should also make sure all civil registration requirements are completed so the marriage is recognized by the UK authorities.