

# *Marriage Ceremony*

## *Husband & Wife*

*I would like to welcome everyone here today to ..... to witness the joining together in marriage of ..... and .....*

*I am ..... and I am a Civil Celebrant appointed by the Registrar General for Scotland as a person authorised to solemnise civil marriages in accordance with the provisions of the Marriage (Scotland) Act 1977.*

*Before I proceed with this civil marriage ceremony it is necessary that you should both identify yourselves by answering the following questions:-*

**Groom** - *Are you .....*

**Bride** – *Are you .....*

*We are now gathered here in order that I may solemnise your marriage in the presence of these two witnesses and in accordance with the law of Scotland and I confirm that the requirements of that law preliminary to your marriage have been satisfied.*

*Before you, ....., and you ....., are joined in marriage it is my duty to remind you of the binding character of the vows you are about to make. Marriage according to the law of this country is a union of two people, voluntarily entered into for life, to the exclusion of all others.*

*I now require that you make a declaration accepting each other as husband and wife.*

*Bride and Groom joining right hands and repeat after the Registrar:-*

<b>Vows</b> (Groom then Bride)	<i>I ..... solemnly and sincerely declare, that I know of no legal impediment to my marrying .....</i>
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*Bride and Groom face each other joining both hands together and repeat after Registrar:-*

<b>Vows</b> (Groom then Bride)	<i>I ..... accept you ..... as my lawful wedded husband/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 to the exclusion of all others, For as long as we both shall live.</i>
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### *Exchange of RINGS*

*This/these ring(s) has/have been given as a token of the bond into which you have both now entered and by virtue of the declaration made by you both, in my presence and in the presence of these witnesses, I now pronounce you husband and wife.*