

## GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND

**Subject:** BILL NO 2 – To amend *Marriage One* and *Marriage Two* in the *Book of Common Prayer* (2004)

**Proposed by:** Ven RB Rountree

**Seconded by:** The Bishop of Cashel and Ossory

### MARRIAGE ONE

Delete:

On page 406 after “*neither is their matrimony lawful*” insert the following rubric:

[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered Solemniser and the two witnesses the man and the woman each make the required declaration now.

And substitute:

On page 406, after ‘*neither is their matrimony lawful*’ insert the following:

[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered Solemniser and the two witnesses the man and the woman each make the required declaration now

I solemnly declare that I do not know of any civil impediment to my proposed marriage with ...

On page 415, following the deletion of ‘*On the day... costs incurred*’ insert the following:

A couple must produce a Schedule of Marriage (NI) or a Marriage Registration Form (RI) to the officiating priest before a marriage can take place.

### MARRIAGE TWO

Delete:

On page 419 under the heading “THE MARRIAGE” substitute:

*“The minister may say to the couple:*

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God, the judge of all  
knows the secrets of our hearts;  
therefore if either of you knows any reason  
why you may not lawfully marry  
you must declare it now.

*[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered Solemniser and the two witnesses the bride and bridegroom each make the required declaration now."*

And substitute:

On page 419, following deletion of the first two paragraphs under the heading '*THE MARRIAGE*', '*The minister says to the congregation... you must declare it now*' insert the following:

The minister may say to the couple:

God, the judge of all  
knows the secrets of our hearts;  
therefore if either of you knows any reason  
why you may not lawfully marry  
you must declare it now.

*[RI] Unless the declarations of no civil impediment have already been made by the couple prior to the marriage in the presence of the Registered Solemniser and the two witnesses the bride and bridegroom each make the required declaration now.*

I solemnly declare that I do not know of any civil impediment to my proposed marriage with ...

On page 429 and 430, following the deletion of '*On the day of the marriage...Marriage Law in the Republic of Ireland*' insert the following:

A couple must produce a Schedule of Marriage (NI) or a Marriage Registration Form (RI) to the officiating priest before a marriage can take place.

Decision of Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Chairman\_\_\_\_\_

Dated this            th day of May 2009