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WEDDING CHECKLIST

List of items to be done on the big day, the purpose is to see that everything moves smooth.

MASS

- 1. Have the Bachelor / Spinster party two days before the wedding.
- 2. Prepare and discuss the timing of the photographer and the car.
- 3. Please make it a point to reach the church at least 10 minutes before mass.
- 4. Finalise the order of the blessings at both the houses. You may be ready but your folks may not be ready and this leads to delay. Limit the number of blessings at home.
- 5. Let the Best Man reach the church with the flowers 15 minutes before mass. Do not forget to put the veil down after the first kiss.
- 6. Entry to the church different choices are:
 - i) Groom with mother, Bridal troupe, Bride with her father
 - ii) Both meet at the door and the main celebrant leads to the altar
- 7. Please read the vows from the book before hand as it is very difficult for the Bride to read with the veil.
- 8. Organise the procession well, let the commentator and the persons carrying the items synchronise.
- 9. Decide the ring bearer and the two witnesses (one from each side) this must be done before hand and not at the last minute. Please ensure that the rings are taken to church.
- 10. At all times the bride is at the Grooms left.
- 11. Limit the number of video shots during mass as this creates a lot of disturbance. Please avoid wishing after mass, ask someone to make an announcement to only wish the couple at the reception venue. Instead organize refreshment for guests who come for mass.
- 12. Keep one person in-charge of tips. The mandatory ones are Sacristian / choir/outside priest/ driver/ bearers.



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AFTER MASS

- 1. The best photographs should be taken now as people are fresh and you have the time.
- 2. Do not go for a long drive as you could get caught in a traffic jam.
- 3. In case you enter the grooms place, ensure you leave for the venue on time (mainly the parents).
- 4. Send someone to check that the music/ decorations at the hall are organized and chairs are wiped.

AT THE HALL

- 1. You could come early and greet everyone at the entrance, this could avoid the need of going around during the reception. You could also click the mandatory pictures with the immediate family before you officially enter.
- 2. Parents of the couple must wait at the gate to welcome guests.
- 3. At all times please remain together as the guests would like to meet the couple not one person.
- 4. Fix the time that you would like to arrive at the hall.
- 5. The groom should rehearse the reply to the toast very well.
- 6. Decide a time / outer deadline by which you will enter the hall.
- 7. Duty dances:
 - i) Bride and Groom
 - ii) Bride with her father and groom with his mother
 - iii) Bride with the Bestman and groom with bridesmaid
- 8. Finalise the toast master well in advance
- 9. Inform the compere to avoid non-veg jokes



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- 10. Decide the mandatory group photographs as it takes five minutes to organize and five seconds to click a photograph.
- 11. Plan the schedule of the timing at the hall as time flies as most of the halls have a closing time.
- 12. Avoid going around meeting people as some feel offended if their table is not visited, this takes a lot of time and so should be avoided.
- 13. Appoint a person to say the grace before meals.
- 14. Carry a big bag and keep this with an elderly person. All cash collections must be given to this person only.
- 15. In case you have a bar, appoint a person in charge and make sure you announce a start and stop time for the bar... Please don't let it flow...you know what I mean.
- 16. Tell the decorators to have buffer chairs else some of the guests would be standing.