

Student 6: High Not Achieved

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The Rite of Marriage has changed between 1914 and now. The changes have been because the world is different now to what it was like in 1914.

1914 was when the World was at war and we are not at war now. A non-Catholic can marry a Catholic now. In the past weddings were different as they were in Latin. Couple can do what they want now.

In recent years, we have seen some of the following changes in the way the Catholic Church does marriage:

The language is now not in Latin, but instead in the language of the people.

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This means that the couple can understand what is being said and understand what they need to do.

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Couples can personalise their weddings and this has made a difference.

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One can marry a non-Catholic outside of the Mass. This is a huge change as once people could only marry a Catholic.

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People are involved in the decision-making about their wedding.

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