**MARRIAGE/ CIVIL PARTNERSHIP CEREMONY RESTRICTIONS from the**

**8 January 2021**

Please be aware that your marriage/civil partnership ceremony must be conducted under the current NI Executive restrictions.

**Marriages and Civil Partnerships**

* Marriage and civil partnership ceremonies are limited to 25 people this includes the couple, witnesses, officiant and all guests (including children under 12).
* Face masks must be worn by all except the couple being married or forming a civil partnership.  Current guidance states that children under the age of 13 do not have to wear a face mask.
* Marriage and civil partnership ceremonies are not permitted to take place at a private dwelling, including the garden, unless one party is terminally ill.
* Can take place in a person’s home if one of the parties is terminally ill with up to10 people in attendance (this includes the couple, two witnesses and the officiant).