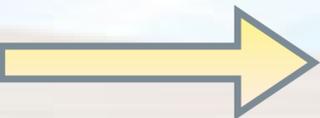


# Christian Rites of Passage

Learning Objective:

To explore a Christian marriage ceremony.

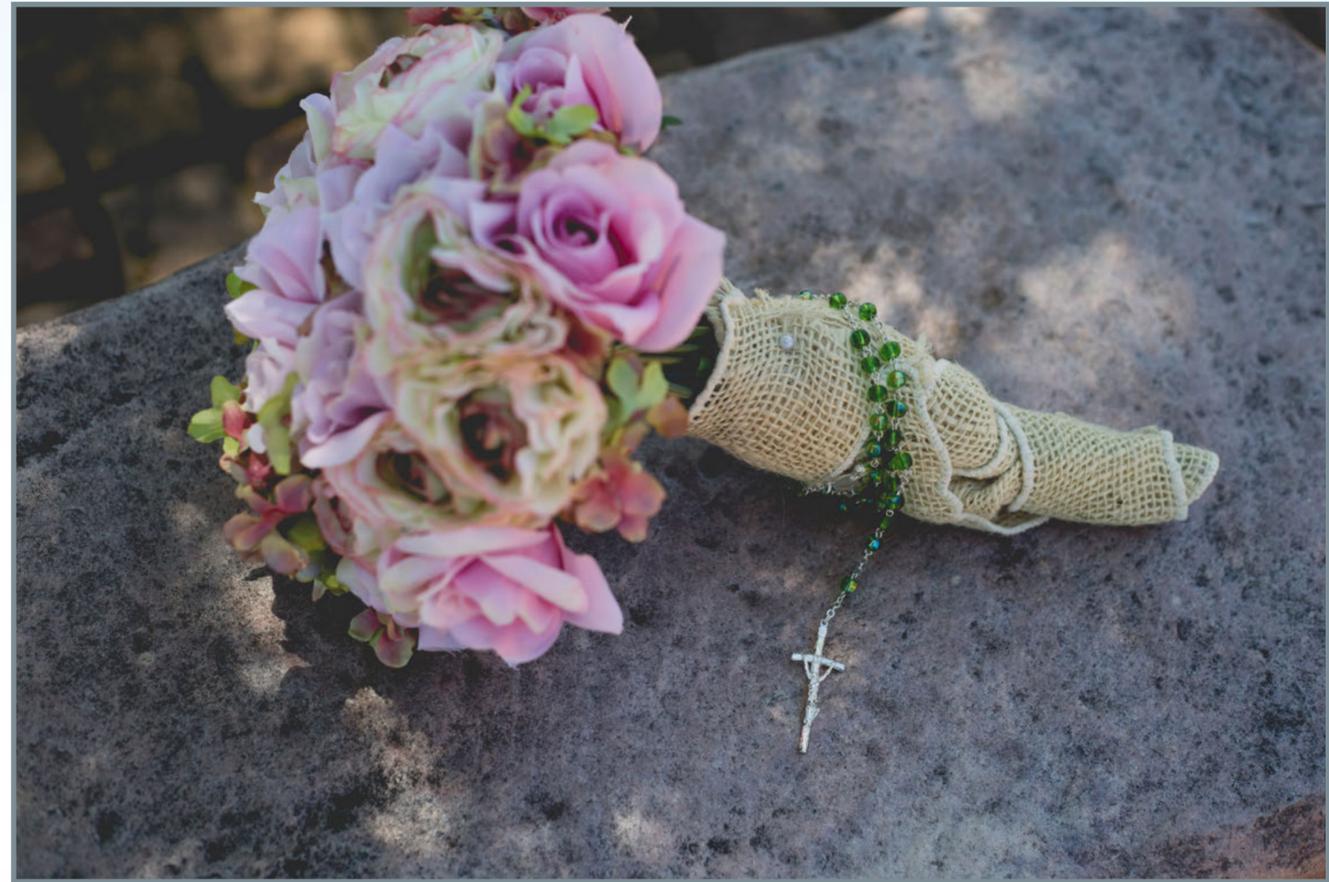




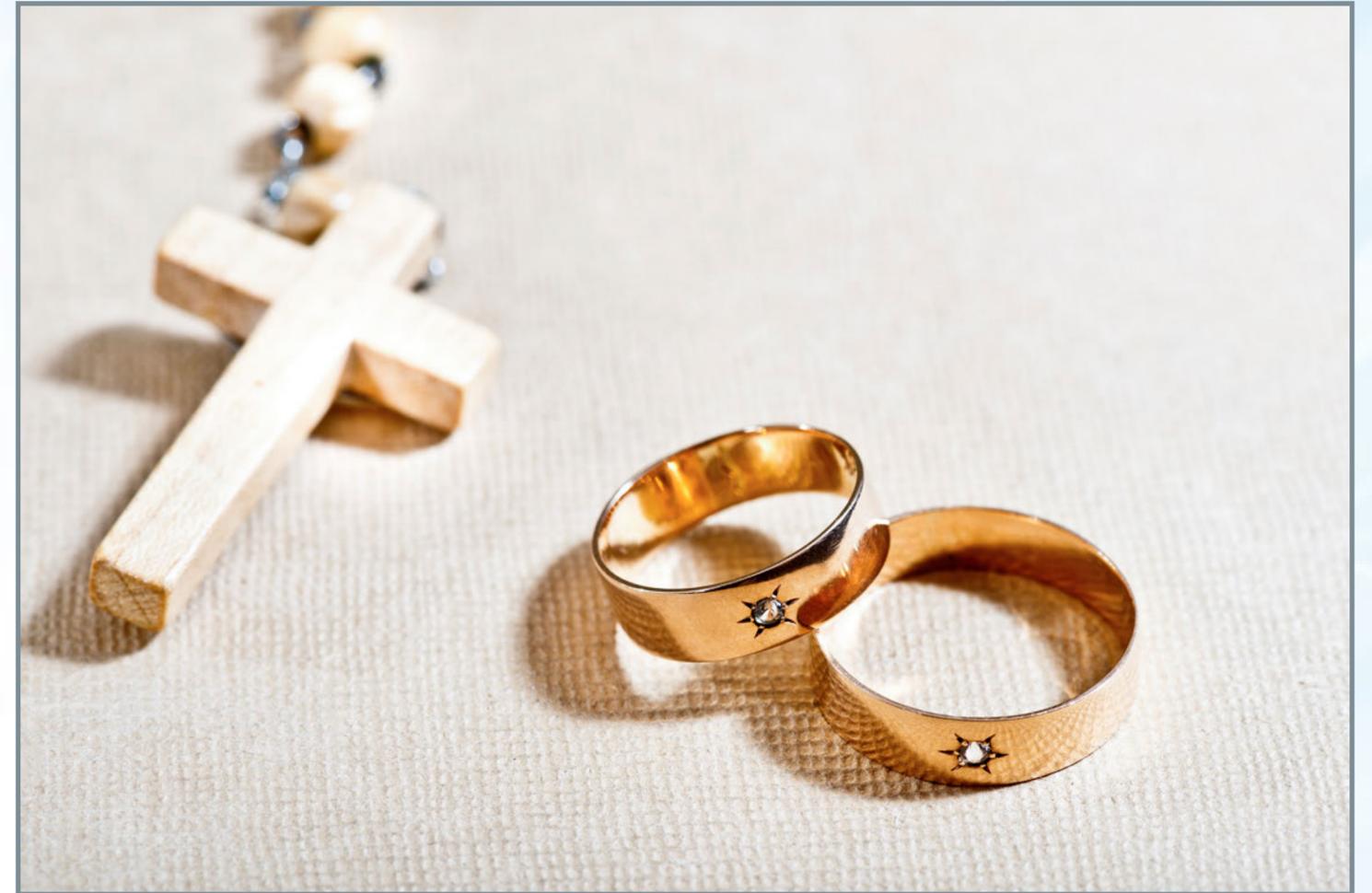
Let's look at some pictures.  
Can you guess where you might  
see these things!

What special event would you  
find them at?

What is this and who would use it?



What are these and who do they belong to?



What are these and who would wear them?



What are these and who would wear them?



What is this and where would you find it?



Who are these people and where are they?



Did you guess correctly?

That's right, these things are found at a marriage ceremony.

What's a marriage ceremony?



A marriage ceremony is an event where two people agree to spend their lives together.

Christian people believe a marriage is a rite of passage, an important life-changing event.



What do you know  
about Christian  
marriage  
ceremonies?



Once two Christian people decide to get married they must announce their marriage to the church community.

They have to speak to the priest or Vicar about their ceremony and the order of service is decided.



On the day of the actual ceremony the bride and groom perform many traditions in the church.

The bride and groom must firstly promise to protect each other for as long as they both live.



The couple then make their vows. This is a traditional Christian prayer that both bride and groom must say.



The couple then exchange rings. While doing this they both say another Christian prayer explaining what the rings symbolise.



After the ring exchange the proclamation is spoken. The priest announces to the couple they are now husband and wife.

After the priest or vicar has spoken, prayers are read for the couple.

Readings are read from the Bible and the priest or vicar gives a sermon (a religious speech).

The bride and groom then sign the register, which legally binds them as husband and wife.





After the formal ceremony occurs, family and friends attend a reception. This is a party to celebrate the marriage.



These pictures show what a wedding reception looks like.



# Plenary

Can you put these in order?



Prayers are read for the bride and groom.

The bride and groom sign the register.

The priest or vicar reads from the Bible and gives a sermon.

The bride and groom exchange rings.

The priest or vicar announces them as husband and wife.

The bride and groom make their vows.

The bride and groom promise to protect each other.

The bride and groom speak to the priest.

# Plenary

1 The bride and groom speak to the priest.

2 The bride and groom promise to protect each other.

3 The bride and groom make their vows.

4 The bride and groom exchange rings.

5 The priest or vicar announces them as husband and wife.

6 Prayers are read for the bride and groom.

7 The priest or vicar reads from the Bible and gives a sermon.

8 The bride and groom sign the register.



Well done!