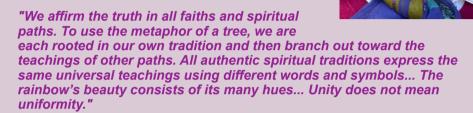
#### **Rev Geraldine M Bown**

Geraldine was ordained as a One Spirit Interfaith Minister in 1998 and completed a Postgraduate Certificate in Spiritual Development and Facilitation in 2007. One Spirit Interfaith Ministers teach, counsel and serve all in their communities, whatever their faith, religion or beliefs. Our philosophy is best summed up as:



There is no set dogma to be followed and no fixed Ministerial role. Each One Spirit Interfaith Minister will serve in their own way in their own communities. Some Ministers will choose to offer Services of worship and celebration; some Ministers will concentrate on spiritual guidance; some will want to focus on a specific area such as working with the dying or the bereaved ....... and some might want to bring a spiritual perspective to the workplace.

Geraldine's chosen focus for her ministry and spiritual work is on conducting sacred ceremonies for special occasions, and working with individuals and groups on their own spiritual awakening and exploration.

Geraldine can also conduct: worship services; baby namings; commitment ceremonies; wedding vows renewals; cremation, funeral and memorial services

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## A Wedding You'll Cherish For Ever

Planning a wedding is exciting... BUT...

Suppose you don't want a church wedding... yet want more than a civil ceremony?

WHAT ABOUT a legal wedding ceremony that is spiritual not religious; that will take into account your own beliefs; where you can write your own vows; where you can have the readings and music you wish?



Geraldine is a registered solemniser of weddings so she can legally marry you AND provide a beautiful spiritual ceremony.

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# A Wedding Ceremony With A Difference

# Bringing a sense of the sacred to your special day

My role is to help you both to reflect deeply about your relationship, the purpose of your relationship, your intention and expectations of marriage, the vision for your lives together and how you would like to express these things in a ceremony.



The ceremony should be an authentic reflection of who you are and where you are heading together. In the development of a ceremony, your job is to focus on how you want to express your commitment to one another and my job is to put that together into a meaningful form.

The most important part of the ceremony will be the creation of your vows. These will form the spiritual platform for how you intend to be as a couple.

You will be invited to look up readings, music, poetry or prayers which have special meaning for you and which you might want to include.

Together we will create a wonderful celebration you will always remember.



#### **Your Vows Renewal**

Vows renewal ceremonies are a lovely way to reaffirm the marriage commitment. Couples love coming to Ireland to do this even if they have been married in another country.

## **Wedding Couple Comments**

#### Miriam and Isaac

We could not have asked for a better celebrant. Geraldine helped us tailor our dream ceremony and not just that but carried it off so beautifully for us in the incredible setting we had. We loved every part of the ceremony especially the kind words Geraldine said about us. We cannot recommend Geraldine highly enough, for her kindness, her compassionate nature, her attention to detail, her support before and during the ceremony and her eloquence in the delivery of the service. Her encouragement and guidance made for a joy-filled experience.

#### Roy and Lisa

For our wedding celebrations we felt we wanted more for our 'special day' than a traditional marriage service would offer. An Interfaith Service provided the perfect answer as it was more spiritual for us and had a deeper meaning than a religious ceremony. Guided by Geraldine's experience we had the freedom to include what was important to us, such as our own choice of readings, music, songs and prayers, and writing our own vows. Everybody was fully involved with our celebration of life, love, happiness and friendship that touched not only our hearts, but those of all our guests. It was, unanimously, the best wedding they had ever been to!

#### Kenneth and Michael

Geraldine, we cannot express eloquently enough just how much we loved our wedding ceremony. Usually after a wedding people talk about the food, music and how much they drunk in terms of how much they enjoyed it. For us, they have been raving about the ceremony - the general consensus was that it was the best one they were ever at either church or civil. Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

Sometimes couples have been legally married in another country but want to mark their commitment to each other in a sacred ceremony in Ireland. All are welcome!

Talk to Geraldine about what YOU want.



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