

- When people argue or are in conflict, making up is essential and is known as 'reconciliation'. Religious communities can help those who are having relationship problems to reconcile. The religious leader might offer counselling and guidance to the couple, or the wider community might offer support and prayers.
- However, sometimes the couple cannot reconcile, in which case, they might want to end the relationships. This could involve:

- **Divorce** – the legal ending of a marriage
- **Separation** = deciding to live separately
- **Annulment** – a legal way of cancelling a marriage in the Catholic Church

Eventually, a person who has been married and divorced, might want to marry someone else. This is known as remarriage.



options after conflict



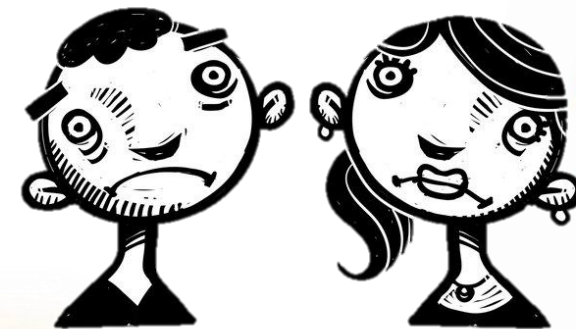
reasons

- Lack of communication
- Lack of appreciation
- Unemployment
- Alcohol/drug problems
- Financial problems
- Affairs (adultery)
- Sexual problems
- Religious differences
- Unacceptable behaviour
- Interference from in-laws
- Too little time together
- Pregnancy/children
- Separation
- False hopes
- Work or career
- Different interests
- Personality difficulties

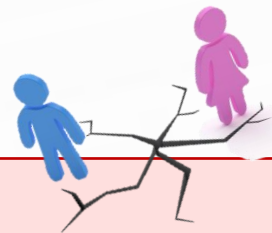


- Do not recognise divorce. Marriage is a lifelong commitment that cannot be broken
- in some cases, annulment is given, which is where the marriage is declared as having never happened
- Jesus said, "Anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery."
- The Bible says, "Therefore what god has joined together, let no one separate."
- Catholics who separate are expected not to cohabit with anyone else and if they do this, then they are not allowed to receive holy communion during mass
- Catholics who do divorce can apply through the courts, just like everyone else. However, the Catholic Church do not recognise couples who are legally divorced. they believe that, in god's eyes, you are still married

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why do some marriages fail?



MARRIAGES BREAK DOWN, WHICH CAN RESULT IN SEPARATION OR DIVORCE. THE RC CHURCH DOES NOT PERMIT DIVORCE, SO SOME CATHOLICS WILL CHOOSE TO REMAIN SEPARATED RATHER THAN TO DIVORCE. HOWEVER, DIVORCE IS NECESSARY IF SOMEONE WANTS TO MARRY SOMEONE ELSE. OTHERWISE IT IS KNOWN AS **BIGAMY** AND IT IS ILLEGAL.

BIGAMY IS ENTERING INTO A MARRIAGE WITH SOMEONE WHILST STILL BEING LEGALLY MARRIED TO ANOTHER PERSON. COUPLES CAN APPLY FOR A DIVORCE VIA THE COURT SYSTEM.

bigamy



church of england

- Divorce may be acceptable based on individual circumstances, e.g. adultery or abuse because of the teaching to "love thy neighbour" – what is the most loving thing to do in the situation?
- Divorce is recognised by the Church of England as it is **legal** (allowed by the law)
- Divorce should be a last resort – reconciliation must be tried first. The Church community will try its best to keep a couple together
- Issues arise when it comes to remarriage. Remarriage is okay if the minister allows it – but it is up to their own discretion
- No minister can be forced to conduct a remarriage service against their will



REMARriage IS WHERE A PERSON WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY DIVORCED DECIDES TO MARRY AGAIN. DIFFERENT CHRISTIANS HAVE DIFFERENT OPINIONS ABOUT REMARriage.

RC: THOSE WHO GET A CIVIL DIVORCE CANNOT REMARRY IN THE RC CHURCH.

ANGLICAN: THE MINISTER MAY AGREE TO THE REMARriage DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DIVORCE

SOME CHURCHES MAY OFFER A CHURCH BLESSING IN PLACE OF A REMARriage SERVICE

remarriage



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