



## 5,000 amazing ways to say “I do”

Every wedding day at Cabra Castle in Co. Cavan is memorable but happy couple Patricia Martin and Leon Duffy had an extra 5,000 reasons to celebrate when they tied the knot on Saturday, February 3.

They were the lucky 5,000<sup>th</sup> couple to celebrate their nuptials at the renowned Cabra Castle, surrounded by magnificent Gothic design and 100 acres of parkland and gardens.

Cabra Castle has been the venue of choice for weddings in Cavan since 1992 and is internationally regarded as one of the finest castle wedding venues in Ireland. “This is a proud milestone for our family, celebrating the 5000<sup>th</sup> wedding at Cabra Castle. It’s been an honour to be part of so many beautiful weddings over the past 26 years,” said owner Mitzie Corscadden.

### **Leon and Patricia’s story:**

Mum’s the word when it comes to matchmaking – it was Patricia’s mother Maura who introduced the happy couple. She knew Leon and his parents through set dancing and introduced them in 2010.

Leon then went to Budapest for four years to study but they continued a long-distance relationship until he proposed in Dún A Rí Forest Park, by the lake, in October 2016. The couple love the outdoor life and this is their favourite local spot to walk together.

Leon is a vet, while Patricia works with the Cavan/Monaghan Education and Training Board (ETB). They will live in the area, in Muff.

Patricia made her own Carrickmacross Lace veil, which took 11 months to complete. Princess Diana and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, also had Carrickmacross lace from Co. Monaghan in their veils. Speculation is rife that Prince Harry's wife-to-be Meaghan might also follow the tradition later this year, so Patricia is in very good company!

“We are delighted to be the 5000<sup>th</sup> wedding at Cabra Castle, as I used to work here and love the history of the hotel,” said Patricia.

Owner Mitzie Corscadden presented the couple with a specially commissioned crystal bowl to commemorate their wedding day at Cabra Castle.

## **Weddings at Cabra Castle**

The first wedding after the Corscadden family purchased Cabra Castle took place in 1992. A local couple, Peter and Eileen Hickey, were married there and celebrated with a family meal at the castle last summer for their 25th wedding anniversary.

They have three daughters and still have a connection to the hotel - Sinead and Aisling worked at Cabra Castle as part of the banqueting team and Aisling still works at the castle.

The 5000<sup>th</sup> couple, Patricia and Leon, were looked after by Cabra’s expert wedding team, who help couples plan their dream day at the magnificent castle. Cabra Castle's beautifully appointed reception rooms, with their hand painted ceilings and collection of exquisite antiques, offer a unique setting for mingling with guests, before dining by candlelight under softly-lit Waterford Crystal chandeliers in the magical atmosphere of the Grand Ballroom.

Cabra Castle is a recognised venue for a civil ceremony and offers a wide variety of locations at the castle where you can say "I do".

The hotel recently won the Gold Award Best Four Star Hotel in Ireland 2017 at the CIE Tours Awards of Excellence.