



BALLYGALLY
CASTLE

Your Wedding

Couple's Names: Leah Hutley and Conor McCorry

Wedding Date: : 1st June 2021

Ceremony @ 2pm Ballygally castle lawn

Reception @ 5.30pm Ballygally castle 1625 room

Photography: : Ryan Richards (@ryan.indigo on Instagram)

Videography: : None

The Couple

How you met & when:

We met working together in retail Belfast city centre! I was "buddied up" with Conor on my first day working there. After 10 months of flirting and talking Conor decided to finally ask for my number!

The Proposal

Christmas Eve in our first house – Conor came home from work and told me he had to give me one of my presents early, he took tools up to the bedroom with him and told me to wait for a few minutes. I thought he was building me some furniture but to my surprise I went upstairs and there were petals and candles lit on the ground with the ring in the middle. I didn't really give him the chance to say what he had planned as I was just so excited!



The Day

Venue:

We had never heard of ballygally before but when I started researching wedding venues they came up as one of the top places for a small wedding. As we knew we wanted less than 30 guests we needed somewhere that would happily cater for that. Other venues we had visited seemed hesitant as we were such a small wedding. As soon as I seen the 1625 room I fell in love. Conor fell in love with the gardens and the idea of getting married outside. We both loved that it was by the sea and how pretty it looked even in bad weather ! The staff were outstanding, from day one Katie went above and beyond and no request was too big. She made us feel so excited about our big day and we could tell she would help us to create our exact version- and she done just that!

Theme:

Our colour scheme was navy blue and light pink. Conor actually chose the colour scheme and I loved how the rich navy complimented the soft pink. I wanted the décor to be minimalistic as I loved how pretty the gardens and the 1625 room looked already and did not want to take away from the natural beauty!



Wedding Planner/Stylist:

I done this all myself , planning is my strong point! So with 18 months of preparation and plenty of time considering the fact we were in a lockdown I was able to spend hours scrolling Pinterest and deciding on what décor and design we wanted! I had so much fun planning it and now it's over I don't know how to spend my time!

Wedding Dress:

I got my dress from pronuptia who were excellent! I loved the tier skirt on the dress and everyone said that my dress was basically my personality but in dress form! I felt like a princess all day.

The Bridesmaids:

the bridesmaid dress was off boohoo !

Groomswear:

Conor and his best man got their suits from Next, they went with navy as that was the colour scheme with a pink tie! They both looked amazing!

**Decor****Wedding Flowers:**

We got our wedding flowers online at: first floral. They were artificial which I loved because I can keep them forever! I also wanted navy as part of my bouquet so I needed to go with artificial.

Room Decor & Table Plan:

I loved our table plan- a big white palette with dried flowers with old embarrassing photos of everyone ! It was so much fun scrolling through our guests old Facebook albums and finding photos that made us laugh! I am sure there were a few embarrassed faces on the day!

The room decor was subtle – pink hoops and blue pots on the table. I loved the simplicity of them and how they tied in with the colour scheme.

I really loved our 2 welcome signs that we made from acrylic sheets, paint and vinyls. It was so much fun doing all the DIY!

Stationary:

I done most of the wedding prep and Conor offered moral support while he played his PlayStation! Stationary we kept simple all blue and pink colours. On everyone’s chairs at the ceremony everyone had an order of the day sheet, confetti cone, a small packet of tissues and a fact sheet. I particularly loved the fact sheet as it included little bits of info and behind the scene information about the wedding planning process and our relationship! I loved it

We also put small thank you notes onto everyone’s plates for the dinner thanking them for joining us on our big day. I loved the small, personal touch that these gave.

What food you choice & why:

I am the worlds fussiest eater so my main meal was garlic bread and chips! So it was down to Conor to decide on the menu as otherwise I don’t think the guests would have been too happy with my choice! Conor said the main was the highlight for him and that the portion sizes are amazing.

Wedding Cake:

We got our cake from littlelarks cakes! We went for a super simple design of white icing with pink and navy “smudges” on the cake. It was chocolate and strawberry for one layer and the other was white chocolate and raspberry! We actually served our cake during our drinks reception which I am so glad we did as everyone was starving and it tied everyone over until dinner!



Photos/videos

Why you chose your photographer/videographer:

Ryan is my cousin so I was so happy that he done our photos as we were so comfortable with him! He worked with us and worked around our day so we took a few photos then went back to the drinks reception and then went back to photos ! I loved this as I really wanted to be a part of the day and spend as much time as possible with our guests and take in every moment.



Finally

Funny Moment:

My funny story would be the fact I was ready an hour before the ceremony ! I was so eager to get to the ceremony I even asked if I could just go down at 1 but I was told no!! I was sticking my head out of the window to try hear the guests or the harpist. In the end my bridesmaid and I got into bed in our dresses and watched Corrie!

Favourite Moment Groom:

Conor said his favourite moment was watching me walk around the corner and seeing me for the first time (he knows he has to say that!) he also loved seeing the ceremony set up by the staff and how it all came together.

Conors funny moment was thanking the wrong person for doing our photos during his speech! He got our 2 guests called Ryan mixed up- even though one was his brother and has never lifted a camera in his life!

Favourite Moment Bride:

Every moment ! I don't think I could choose. I tried to take it all in as much as possible but the day went by so fast. I loved sitting back during the dinner and looking at all our guests around us. It felt so good looking at the room and the decor which I had imagined and planned for so long so to finally see it all set up was so amazing! It really was the best day ever!

Your wedding day is your most important day and we want to make everything perfect. Our experienced Wedding Coordinators are among the best in Northern Ireland and are on hand to will help you to create an unfor- gettable and magical day which is truly a unique expression of you.

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