



With parents Helen and Saviour



Diane and Tonio were friends for a very long time before it ever occurred to them to start dating. "We've known each other for 15 years because his sister-in-law is my cousin, so we're related through marriage," says Diane. "We used to hang around together with a group of friends and when we were children I used to tell him that even if he were the last person on earth I wouldn't end up with him – we used to play football together and we didn't get along at all. Then at one point, from friendship it turned into something else and when I was 16 and he was 19, we started dating. It's true what they say: You have no control over whom you fall in love with!"

The couple's wedding Mass was a very special one because they had received a blessed icon from Greece, which was put on display and no less than 12 priests celebrated the Mass. Diane's brother is studying for the priesthood as well, which made it even more significant. Diane works as a graphic designer with CAK - Centru Animazzjoni u Komunikazzjoni, who publish religious pamphlets which are distributed after Mass.

"The Mass was two hours long, with lots of singing and it was very beautiful," adds Diane.

Diane's father is a tailor and it was always his wish to sew her wedding gown. So Diane designed it herself and her father got his wish. "But then when he saw my going away outfit he was going to faint!" Diane laughs. The couple wore T-shirts, which said "Just" and "Married" on the front and on the backs "Going" and "Away".

"I'm a very casual person so I wanted a dress which suits my style which I could feel comfortable and relaxed in. I'm not the type who goes looking at a lot of dresses; in fact, the only wedding magazine I've read is I DO! I have very simple tastes and I didn't bother with doing any consultation about my hair and make-up – I just used my usual hairdresser on the day."

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