

THE REGISTER

DRESS: Myrtle Ivory, St Anne's Lane, Dublin 2.
VEIL: Matt Doodly @ Powerscourt Design Centre.
MAKEUP: Christine Lucignano using Chanel.
FLOWERS: Peony roses with baby's breath.
CAKE: Ladurée.
PHOTOGRAPHER: Fusion Photography, Dublin.



Yolanda & Frank

The wedding of Yolanda Liuzzi (36), Boutique Owner, and Frank Kelly (38), Project Manager



“So many girls grow up and think ‘I want to be a princess and I want to get married in a castle’ but I wanted to do something different.

But when we went to see Castle Leslie, the venue, the setting and the people swayed us. They have lovely traditions there, Winston Churchill stayed there and his christening gown is on the wall. There is a huge amount of history about the place.

The night before the wedding we had a family dinner in the Hunting Lodge and they couldn't have been nicer, everything was fantastic. There were so many different options when it came to the rooms, you could stay in the mews or the cottages or there are five-bedroom houses outside the entrance to the Castle that are fully furnished – people raved about them, they were perfect for groups, and the Castle was ours for the weekend which made it feel really special.

They decorated the marquee with lights and lit the path to the marquee with flaming torches so

it was so atmospheric.

We chose a lovely red wine from Puglia and for our wedding meal we had salmon and rack of lamb as it was coming into spring time and it was beautiful. During the meal Sir Jack came in to welcome us and to thank us for choosing his house to stay in, I thought it made the whole thing feel really homely. The cake was a Ladurée pyramid. I had seen it in the window of the Ladurée store in Milan and about a month later I noticed that they had opened in Brown Thomas so they made one for me and they colour-coordinated with my bouquet and with the flower girls' dresses. The tradition in Castle Leslie is that you use Sir Jack's sword to cut your cake – you have to put one leg up on the table when you do it, but my dress and my dignity didn't allow for that, I didn't want everyone to see the Spanx! It brings you a lot of luck with fertility...which worked out quite well as I reckon I fell pregnant about five days later!

They offered food at midnight which is a lovely touch and the resident's bar stayed open til last man standing.”

