



Information Brochure for Funerals

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FUNERAL PARTICULARS

Name of Family: _____ Tel/Cell No: _____

Deceased: Name & Surname: _____

Age: _____ Date of Death: _____

Date of Funeral: _____ Time: _____

Address of deceased: _____

Readings: (Choose a Reading from Old / New Testament): _____

Psalm: _____ Gospel: _____

Hymns: Entrance: _____ Communion: _____

Exit: _____

Catering Requirements: _____

Flowers: _____ Organist i(if required): _____

Priest/Deacon: _____ Visiting Priest: _____

Any other Requirements: _____

Time & Date of funeral must be arranged with Priest or Deacon officiating the Funeral
May God bless you and your family

Dear Friends

Please accept the sympathies of our Parish on the loss of your loved one. We realize that this is a very traumatic and perhaps a bewildering time when you have to make the appropriate arrangements for the funeral of your deceased relative or friend. This leaflet is to help you with as much information as possible to ease this process and to ensure that the funeral takes place with as much dignity as possible.

A Christian funeral is when we as the Christian community celebrate the life of a brother and sister in Christ and to bid farewell to that loved one. It is also a moment of consolation for those who are left behind, especially if our loved one has departed in tragic circumstances. Above all a Christian funeral is the expression of our hope as a Christian community that we might all share in the Resurrection of Jesus.

The funeral may take place in the context of Holy Mass (A Requiem Mass) or it may be a Funeral Service. Usually, the funeral liturgy is followed either by a burial or cremation. Whatever arrangement would be most appropriate should be discussed with the priest who will preside at the funeral.

Discuss your funeral requirements with the priest first before finalizing your arrangements with the funeral parlour.

READINGS

Generally, there will be one reading and a gospel reading during the service. The Psalm can be sung. A list is included here for the family to choose a suitable first reading (from the old or new testament); the gospel will be selected by the celebrant. The family should find someone to read at the funeral but where possible that person should be used to public speaking or reading in Church.

VIEWING

Should the family require viewing it may take place in the porch of the church for only 30 minutes before the commencement of the service.

TRIBUTES AND THANKS

Whilst it is permitted to have someone give a tribute and thanks at the funeral, only one or at most two tributes will be allowed. The tributes must be brief and confined to some aspects of the deceased person or their life, they may not have the character of another homily or sermon.

MUSIC

Music is integral to the funeral rites. It allows the community to express convictions and feelings that words alone may fail to convey. It has the power to console and uplift the mourners and to strengthen the unity of the assembly in faith and love. The texts of the songs chosen for a particular celebration should express the paschal mystery of the Lord's suffering, death and triumph over death and should be related to the readings from Scripture.

-- Order of Christian Funerals

In the celebration of his/her funeral rites, the Church recalls and participates in the redemption won for humanity by the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In these same liturgies, the Church ministers to those who mourn the loss of a loved one and prays for those who have completed their earthly journey. The music which is chosen for the celebration of these rites can play a powerful role in supporting, consoling, and uplifting the participants, helping "to create in them a spirit of hope in Christ's victory over death and in the Christian's share in that victory".¹ The following guidelines are meant to assist family and friends of the deceased, music directors, and celebrants in the selection of music for funeral liturgies that will reflect Christ's Paschal Mystery and the Church's hope in eternal life.

Singing and listening to sacred music is one of the principal means by which active participation can take place within the liturgy. This form of participation:

- (a) should be above all *internal*, in the sense that by it the faithful join their minds to what they pronounce or hear and cooperate with heavenly grace;
- (b) must be, on the other hand, *external* also, that is such as to show the internal participation by.... The acclamations, responses, and singing. The faithful should also be taught to unite themselves interiorly to what the ministers or choir sing so that by listening to them they may raise their minds to God.

MUSIC SELECTION

Qualities of Sacred Music

The Church has indicated that music must have three qualities in order to be considered sacred and suitable for liturgy. It must be *holy*, and therefore must exclude all which is not sacred in character. It must be *true art* and have a goodness and beauty of form. And it must, at the same time, be *universal*, so that “nobody of any nation may receive an impression other than good on hearing” this music. These three qualities enable sacred music to “express and interpret the [sacred] text correctly and make it more meaningful”.

The Church has indicated that the style of music which best exemplifies the three qualities of sacred music is Gregorian chant which, by virtue of its intimate connection with the Word of God, is recognized as “especially native to the Roman liturgy. Therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services “Classical polyphony and modern music also have a valued place in Catholic worship, provided that this music corresponds” to the spirit of the liturgical action and Fosters the participation of all the faithful”.

No matter what style of music is selected for the celebration of the Church’s funeral rites, it is “necessary ... to emphasize that music destined for sacred rites must have holiness as its reference point “That is, such music should be intimately linked to the liturgical action and possess the qualities of prayer, dignity, and beauty. When this occurs, sacred music will serve to make “the liturgical prayers of the Christian community more alive and fervent so that everyone can praise and beseech the Triune God more powerfully, more intently and more effectively”.

Popular Music

Family and friends of the deceased sometimes wish to include secular songs or instrumental works within Christian funerals. Even when such works have special meaning to the deceased or the mourners, they still may be inappropriate for use in liturgical celebrations when thoughtfully and carefully considered in light of the focus of the Church’s funeral liturgies and the purpose of sacred music.

The *Order of Christian Funerals* indicates that the music selected for funeral rites should express Christ’s Paschal Mystery and a Christian’s participation in that Mystery. As well, “the texts intended to be sung [at the liturgy] ... should be drawn chiefly from Holy Scripture and from liturgical sources”. In sum, “music should never be used to memorialize the deceased, but rather to give praise to the Lord, whose Paschal Sacrifice has freed us from the bonds of death”.

Selection of Readings:

Select one of the readings from the New or Old Testament and also a Psalm

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

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| 1. | JOB | 19: 1. 23 – 27 |
| 2. | WISDOM | 3: 1 – 9 |
| 3. | WISDOM | 4: 7 – 15 |
| 4. | ISAIAH | 25: 6 – 9 |
| 5. | LAMENTATIONS | 3: 17 – 26 |
| 6. | DANIEL | 12: 1 – |
| 7. | 2 MACCABEES | 12: 43 - 45 |

PSALM READINGS

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| 1. | Psalm 23 |
| 2. | Psalm 25 |
| 3. | Psalm 27 |
| 4. | Psalm 42 |
| 5. | Psalm 42 – 43 |
| 6. | Psalm 51 |
| 7. | Psalm 63 |
| 8. | Psalm 93 |
| 9. | Psalm 103 |
| 10. | Psalm 114 – 115: 1-12 |
| 11. | Psalm 116 |
| 12. | Psalm 118 |
| 13. | Psalm 119 |
| 14. | Psalm 121 |
| 15. | Psalm 122 |
| 16. | Psalm 123 |
| 17. | Psalm 126 |
| 18. | Psalm 130 |
| 19. | Psalm 132 |
| 20. | Psalm 134 |
| 21. | Psalm 143 |
| 22. | Psalm 146 |
| 23. | Psalm 148 |
| 24. | Psalm 150 |

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

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| 1. | ACTS | 10: 34-43 |
| 2. | APOCALYPSE | 14:13 |
| 3. | APOCALYPSE | 20: 11-21:1 |
| 4. | APOCALYPSE | 21: 1-7 |
| 5. | ROMANS | 5: 5-11 |
| 6. | ROMANS | 5: 17 – 21 |
| 7. | ROMANS | 6: 3 – 9 |
| 8. | ROMANS | 8: 14 – 23 |
| 9. | ROMANS | 8: 31 – 35, 37 – 39 |
| 10. | ROMANS | 14: 7 – 12 |
| 11. | 1 CORINTHIANS | 15: 20 – 28 |
| 12. | 1 CORINTHIANS | 15: 51 - 57 |
| 13. | 2 CORINTHIANS | 4: 14 – 5:1 |
| 14. | 2 CORINTHIANS | 5: 1 – 6: 10 |
| 15. | PHILIPPIANS | 3: 29 – 21 |
| 16. | 1 THESSALONIANS | 4: 13 – 18 |
| 17. | 2 TIMOTHY | 2: 8 – 13 |
| 18. | 1 JOHN | 3: 1-2 |
| 19. | 1 JOHN | 3: 14 - 16 |

ORDER OF THE FUNERAL MASS

The following will review how the Funeral Mass unfolds and help as you make choices for the Mass.

INTRODUCTION RITES

Greeting

The celebrant meets the family/funeral procession at the doors of the church with words of greeting. "The grace and peace of God our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, be always with you." We respond, "And also with you". He continues in prayer while sprinkling the casket with Holy Water. The pall is then placed on the casket.

Gathering Hymn

As the funeral procession walks down the aisle led by the celebrant the Gathering hymn begins.

Invitation to Prayer

After everyone is seated the celebrant asks those present to pray: "My brothers and sisters, we believe", or similar words.

Opening Prayer

The celebrant prays one of several choices of prayers.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Family members or friends are encouraged to participate in the Liturgy of the Word by assuming readings that are chosen.

ORDER OF THE FUNERAL MASS (continued)

First Reading

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to son ship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will– to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, **in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.** With all wisdom and understanding, he made know to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment – to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession –to the praise of his glory.

Responsorial Psalm (Song of Praise) Psalm 23

The psalm can also be read by a family member or friend.

Gospel

The celebrant or deacon reads the Gospel from the selections in the Order of Christian Funerals.

John 14: 1 – 6

Homily

ORDER OF THE FUNERAL MASS (continued)

General Intercessions / Prayers of the Faithful

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts

The family is encouraged to choose family or friends to bring up the gifts. The gifts normally carried up are bowl of hosts, water and wine. Eucharist Prayer.

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymn

Song of Farewell (Incensing)

The Song of Farewell is usually sung during the incensing. Hymns such as "Jesus Remember Me" should be chosen as they are easily sung and repeated.

Prayer of Commendation

The priest commends the deceased into the hands of Our Lord.

Recessional Hymn (Sending Forth Hymn)

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Please note that the Garden of Remembrance is strictly reserved for parishioners of the Church of the Resurrection and their families. The cost of the interment of ashes is R500.00 which includes the burial of ashes, the cost of the plaques. Plaque cost on its own is R300.00. All arrangements for the interment of ashes must be made with the Parish Secretary.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOOKING FOR FUNERALS

To make an appointment with the priest

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FLOWERS

Flowers are allowed and usually done through the funeral directors. Flowers are usually left after the funeral for the church. If during Lent or Advent flowers can be taken home by the family.

ORGANIST

Music is played via a recording. If you wish to have an organist you are welcome to bring one with you.

PRIEST STIPEND

The normal fee for clergy from the funeral directors at present is R700.00. But this is left to the discretion of the family. If you give this personally to the priest, please ensure that this item is not charged on your bill from the funeral directors.

CHURCH FEE:

A Donation

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