

Instructions for my Catholic Funeral



"If we have died with Christ, then we shall live with Him too" (ROMANS 6: 8)

"In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven" (ROMAN LITURGY).

AFTER COMPLETING THIS FORM:

- Please either complete digitally and return via email to your Parish Priest, OR print, complete and return physically to your Parish Priest where he will be happy to photocopy it.
- With your permission, your Parish Priest will keep a copy in a secure file in the Parish Archive until the time it is needed. You may of course ask him to return it to you or remove it at any time.
- Keep the original and put it among your papers so that those who want to find out your wishes and instructions at the time of your death will find it there.
- Let your next-of-kin know that you have filled in this form and where it can be found.
- Let your next-of-kin know that should you become seriously ill or be admitted to a hospital or into care, you would like them to inform the priest so he can bring you the sacraments.

Also available:

- **Estate Planning – Asset Inventory Booklet**
- **Estate Planning – A Will Planner**
- This booklet is intended to be used in conjunction with the **Guidelines for Funerals and Care of the Terminally Ill** booklet.

Download at: <https://portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/legacy>

Or scan the QR code:



Further information: www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/index.shtml
www.artofdyingwell.org

Instructions for My Catholic Funeral Mass

Vigil

I would / would not like to have a Vigil in the church / funeral home / my home the night before my funeral.

Open Casket Closed Casket Rosary Family Only

Funeral Mass / Funeral Liturgy

I wish for the following:

A Roman Catholic Funeral Mass / Funeral Liturgy in the Catholic Church of _____

Address: _____

If possible, I would like Fr _____ to preside at my funeral.

Readings

There is a selection of prescribed reading for the Funeral Mass, ask your parish priest or visit www.liturgyoffice.org.uk and follow link to resources and then funerals.

Readings: _____

Readers

I would like members of my family to assist with the reading and prayers _____

Hymns

To help decide on suitable hymns, a list can be found in the church hymn books.

Hymns: _____

Clothing

New clothing From my wardrobe

Preferences: _____

Jewelry & Glasses

Remain on

Return to: _____

Other personal items: _____

Flowers

My flower wishes are: _____

Charity Donations

I would prefer that instead of flowers, my family and friends make memorial gifts to the following charity(s):

Burial or Cremation

I would like to be buried with / without a headstone at:

I would like to be cremated and my ashes buried at:

I have reserved a plot in

Cemetery, plot number:

I would like to be buried in the same grave as

at

Cemetery, plot number:

Reception

My wishes for reception afterwards are:

Funeral Directors

I have a prepaid funeral plan with:

I would like my family to use the following undertakers, if possible:

My Will and Personal Details

My Will is lodged with my solicitor:

Name:

Address:

Tel No:

My next of kin is:

Tel No:

My power of attorney is:

Tel No:

My parish church is:

My name:

Signed:

Dated:

Please give a copy of this to your: Parish Priest, your next of kin and the funeral director if pre-paid.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

For the person living alone or receiving professional care

- If you are admitted to hospital please insist the hospital chaplain is informed of your admission and of this form.
- If you are receiving formal care it is important that you notify your care provider of this form as they will be assessing and recording your care needs.

At a time of Critical Illness or Approaching Death

Ministry of the Church is important during critical illness and many would wish to have their priest minister to them e.g. Sacrament of the Sick and/or Confession. These sacraments give peace and often renewed strength. It is a very special and intimate time of blessing; not just for the sick person but for the priest and the family who may wish to join in prayer for their loved one. The family may even wish to join in receiving Holy Communion which is a most beautiful moment to cherish forever – a sign of the heavenly banquet.

Such opportunities for prayer and the sacraments bring about consolation and peace not only for the individual and family, but also for the care staff who want to give the best care.

Prayer of Anointing

Through this holy anointing may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up. Amen.

Prayer of Blessed John Henry Newman

May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

Name:	Date of birth:
Next of Kin:	Tel No:
Power of Attorney:	Tel No:
Parish Church:	Tel No:
Parish Priest:	Tel No:

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