

Instructions for my Funeral Mass



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Some believers may not fear death but, like many others, put off thinking about it. A funeral is often handled in distress, disinterest or in haste, and as a result in a manner which doesn't reflect the wishes of the one who has died.

Fill in whatever details you wish from these instructions to enable you to have your own say in your funeral and over your body.

Far from being morbid, this approach is both a courtesy and a responsibility.

You are advised to share the existence of this document with family or a trusted friend and place it where it might easily be found after your death.

_____ (name)

To assist those responsible for my funeral arrangements, I wish the following:

1. At my death I want the Parish Priest of: - Church
to be contacted.
2. After speaking to the priest please employ the services of: -

(Name of Funeral Director, Telephone no. and funeral plan no. if applicable)

3. I have / I have not consulted with the funeral director named above.
4. I wish the following:

- A Roman Catholic Requiem Mass in my Parish Church.
- A Roman Catholic Requiem Mass in the Catholic Church of
- A Roman Catholic Priest to preside at my funeral services.

If possible I would like Fr to preside at my funeral

5. After the Funeral Service I want: -

- A traditional burial in a cemetery with / without a headstone on the grave. I have reserved a plot in Cemetery , plot number _____
- To be buried in the same grave as _____ (plot NO) in cemetery.
- To be cremated and for my ashes to be buried at _____
- To have a woodland burial, (consult your Funeral Director)

6. In my case Numbers 1 to 5 do not apply It is my wish that the following should happen (e.g. Donation to medical science)

7. My next of kin is: -

8. The following people should be consulted for information about my life and me: -

9. I would prefer that instead of flowers, my family and friends make memorial gifts to: -

10. I make the following suggestions of materials that I would like to have used at my funeral:
Scripture 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*)

Prayers

Hymns:

Other instructions (e.g. Music at the crematorium – *The Bishops of England and Wales have given instruction that the music used during the funeral service/Mass and the interment or cremation must be of a religious nature. Pre-recorded music may have a place outside of the Church's Liturgy www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/OCF/OCFMusic.pdf*)

While I understand there may be some of my instructions that are not possible to carry out and may need to change, I really do not want the following at my funeral :

My Will refers to my wishes for my funeral .

Please let the following people know about my death. They may not get to know otherwise.

Their contact details can be found

Please put my death notice in the newspaper local to

If possible, I would like the reception after the funeral to be at

Space for personal notes

Signed:

Date:

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