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The Catholic Churches of

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# Christ the King & Our Lady of Lourdes

with St. Augustine's

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## Instructions for my Funeral

# Introduction

As Catholic Christians the subject of death, so often a taboo subject in our secular society, is one we should have the confidence to face. This is due to the keystone of our faith—the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead on Easter Day. Each Easter we renew that faith, a faith that tells us that, through our Baptism, we already share that risen life of Jesus, a bond that nothing including death - can ever destroy. That is why we have the confidence to pray the following in the Funeral Mass:

“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.”

Even so the prospect of our death can worry us, and it's easy to put off making arrangements such as our Will, or our Funeral, to another day.

Completing this form will make it so much easier for your family or friends to make the arrangements for your Funeral at what will be a sad and difficult time. More importantly, when perhaps your family are not Catholics, or have lapsed from the practice of faith, or where there is no family around to ensure that your wishes are followed. It ensure that you will receive what is your right as a member of the Catholic Church.

For parishioners who may have relatives in care homes please pass this form on, asking them to make the Care provider aware of this form.

If you are admitted to hospital please insist the Hospital Chaplain is informed of your admission and of this form.

When using this form please make a copy. One you can keep among your papers so that those who want to find out your instructions will find it there. A copy can be given to your Parish Priest who will be able to have it at hand when preparations are being made for your Funeral Mass.

Can you also please include a photograph to put on our prayer board in the porch at the time of your Funeral.

*Fr Tom*

***Fr Tom Farrell, Parish Priest.***

As Catholics we believe that the Mass is the best prayer that we can offer as it represents the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We recommend therefore that all Catholics have a Requiem Mass at the Church. Experience has shown that next of kin will respect your wishes if these are recorded regardless of whether or not they attend Mass themselves.

If you choose to have a funeral service we would recommend that this takes place in the Church followed by committal, burial, or cremation, as the service will be in a place of worship and it will not be rushed.

The Catholic Church does allow burial or cremation.

## General Information

Full Legal/Baptismal Name:

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Usual name used by family and friends:

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Maiden Name (if applicable):

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Date and place of Birth:

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# General Instructions

- 1 I wish the following to be my undertakers  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I would like \_\_\_\_\_to decide the following Either: All my of my funeral arrangements Or: Those parts of my funeral with no instructions below (Delete which ever does not apply).
- 3 I wish to have a funeral service at Church / Crematorium (Please delete which ever does not apply) **Yes/No**
- 4 I wish to have a Requiem Mass, at Church **Yes/No**
- 5 I would like my body to be received into Church the previous day. **Yes/No**
- 6 I wish to be buried a \_\_\_\_\_  
Or I wish to be cremated at \_\_\_\_\_and I wish my ashes to be placed in a casket and buried at \_\_\_\_\_ or I would rather my ashes were scattered at \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 I should like to have only family flowers at my funeral. **Yes/No**
- 8 I should like contributions to be made to the following charities in my memory \_\_\_\_\_ **Yes/No**
- 9 I have always been friendly over the years with Father/ Deacon \_\_\_\_\_ and if possible, I would like him to join in the funeral.
- 10 I would prefer the ministers to wear purple/white vestments (delete the colour you do not want)
- 11 Eulogy. If you would like somebody to speak about you. Please add their contact details.  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Instructions concerning the Readings

With any funeral service there is always a Gospel. If the funeral takes place in the church there must also be a either the Old or New Testament before the Responsorial Psalm or psalm Hymn. You can if you wish have two readings before the Gospel in which case the first one comes from the Old Testament and the second from the non-Gospel writings in the New Testament. The church recommends the readings are chosen from the following selection.

The readings with an \* are more usually selected.

## Old & New Testament Readings

### Old Testament

- a. Job 19 v1, vv 23-27
- b. Wisdom 3 vv 1-9\*
- c. Wisdom 4 vv 7-15
- d. Isaiah 25 vv 6-9\*
- e. Lamentations 3 vv 17-26
- f. Daniel 12 vv 1-3
- g. Maccabees 12 vv 43-4

### New Testament (Non-Gospel)

- a. Acts 10 vv 34-43
- b. Revelation 14 verse 13
- c. Revelation 20 from v11- 21v1
- d. Revelation 21 vv 1-7
- e. Romans 5 vv 5-11
- f. Romans 5 vv 17-21
- g. Romans 6 vv 3-9
- h. Romans 8 vv 14-23
- i. Romans 8 vv 31-35,37-39
- j. Romans 14 vv 7-12
- k. 1 Cor. 15 vv 20-28.
- l. 1 Cor. 15 vv 51-57
- m. 2 Cor.4 from v14-5v1
- n. 2 Cor.5 v 1 and vv 6-10\*
- o. Philippians 3 vv 20-21
- p. 1 Thessalonians 4 vv 13-18\*
- q. 2 Timothy 2 vv 8-13
- r. 1 John 3 vv 1-2
- s. 1 John 3 vv 14-16

My choice is:

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## Gospel Readings

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- a. Matthew 5 vv 1-12
- b. Matthew 11 vv 25-30
- c. Matthew 25 vv 1-13\*
- d. Matthew 25 vv 31-46
- e. Mark 15 from v31 to 16 v6
- f. Luke 7 vv 11-16
- g. Luke 12 vv 35-40
- h. Luke 22 v33 and vv 39-43
- i. Luke 23 vv 44-46,50, 52-53 and 24 vv 1-6
- j. Luke 24 vv 13-35\*
- k. John 5 vv 24-29
- l. John 6 vv 37-40
- m. John 6 vv 51-58
- n. John 11 vv 17 -21
- o. John 11 vv 32-45
- p. John 12 vv 23-28
- q. John 14 vv 1-6\*
- r. John 77 vv 24-26
- s. John 19 vv L7-78 & 25-30

My choice is:

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# Instructions concerning the hymns

Everyone's taste varies with hymns. Below is selection of hymns, you may choose others if you wish. The hymn numbers are from 'Hymns Old & New' published by Kevin Mayhew.

	Hymn	Number
a	Abide with me	4
b	Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord	14
c	Be still my Soul	59
d	Do not be afraid	122
e	Guide me, O Thou Great Redeemer	190
f	Hail Queen of Heaven	194
g	I, the Lord of Sea and Sky	712
h	I am the Bread of Life	225
i	Morning has broken	350
j	On a hill far away (The old rugged cross )	413
k	Praise, my soul, of Heaven	449
l	Praise to the Holiest in the height	455
m	Soul of my Saviour	498
n	Sweet Heart of Jesus	506
o	Sweet Sacrament Divine	507
p	Though the mountains may fall	569
q	The King of Love my Shepherd Is	528
r	The light of Christ has come into the World	529
s	The Lord's my Shepherd	533
t	Walk with me, Oh my Lord	582
u	You shall cross the barren Desert	627

The hymns I would like are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

If possible I would like to \_\_\_\_\_ play at my funeral in the church

If possible I would like a soloist/ choir to come and enhance the singing of the hymns I have chosen. **Yes/No**

If possible I would like the following piece(s) of music to be played:

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# Contact Details

## Christ the King



### Contact Details

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## St. Augustine's



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# Parish Mass Centre at St. Augustine's



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