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# *Information Pack*



## **Funeral Home Locations**

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**\*\*24 Hour Service, 7 Days a week\*\***



**Oliver Reilly Funeral Directors offer a dignified, professional and cost-effective funeral service, managed totally on your behalf, and according to your wishes.**

**We are happy to accommodate special requests, and some of the services we provide include :**

- **Burials, Cremations and Resomations (subject to cemetery, crematorium and resomarium rules)**
- **Experienced staff available 24hrs**
- **Organising Religious & Celebration of Life Services**
- **Arranging Ceremony Musicians**
- **Placement of Death Notices – (press, radio, web)**
- **Funeral Limousine(s) and alternative hearse options**
- **Pre-Planning Funerals**
- **Repatriation to and from Ireland**
- **Qualified and experienced embalmers (in-house)**
- **Use of our Private Funeral Home(s) or Home Wakes or a combination of both**
- **Fresh and Silk floral tributes**
- **Grave Purchase and Opening**
- **Coffin and Casket Showroom**
- **After-funeral care and advice**
- **Help with bereavement grant applications**





## **The Funeral Mass**

### **Introduction -**

This booklet is offered as an aid in choosing the readings for the funeral Mass of a loved one. It also includes a selection of intentions for the Prayer of the Faithful, reflections, as well as hymns and instructions on how to conduct the Rosary.

### **Funeral Mass -**

The Funeral Mass is the central liturgical celebration for the deceased. Relatives and friends are welcome to actively participate in the celebration of the Mass. Such active involvement in the Mass includes the reading of scripture, reciting the prayers of the faithful and the presentation of the gifts. However, grieving relatives should not feel obliged to engage in public performance on such a sad occasion.

### **When organising a Funeral Mass the following will need to be chosen/ compiled -**

First Reading – from the Old Testament

Responsorial Psalm (this may be sung by the musicians chosen)

Second Reading – from the new Testament

Prayers of the Faithful - See Suggested List

Gifts of the Consecration– Presented to the Altar

Symbols of Life – Optional - Presented to the Altar

Reflection Reading – Optional

Hymns - See Suggested List





### **Running Order of the Funeral Mass -**

1. 1st Reading
2. Responsorial Psalm (Possibly Sung)
3. 2nd Reading
4. Gospel (Read by Priest/Deacon)
5. Homily (Short reflection given by Priest/Deacon)
6. Prayer of the Faithful/ Intercession - 5 max. – see examples & templates
7. Presentation of Gifts & Symbols (Sometimes symbols are presented at the beginning of mass)
8. Eucharistic Acclamations – (Priest)
9. The Communion Rite – (Priest)
10. Reflection if chosen by the family
11. Final Commendation – (Priest)

### **Tips for the Readers - The following are a few tips which the reader may find helpful -**

Ensure that you know which reading you are proclaiming. Practice the reading a number of times the night before the Mass or read slowly and clearly - try not to rush. Make sure you have the reading with you when you come to the Church. Speak clearly into the microphone – your mouth should be six inches away from the microphone when you are using it.



## **Readings -**

Family members are encouraged to choose appropriate Scripture readings for the Funeral Mass. There may be 1 or 2 readings followed by a Gospel reading. The Priest reads the Gospel reading. If there are two readings it is usual that there will be two readers. The responsorial psalm may be read or sung.

## **The Order of the Readings -**

First Reading : Usually chosen from the Old Testament readings.

Responsorial Psalm : The psalm may be sung. If not the First Reader reads it.

Second Reading : Usually taken from the New Testament readings

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) : The 'Alleluia' may be sung. If not the Second Reader reads it.

The Gospel : Taken from the Gospel readings. The Priest reads the Gospel but the family are welcome to choose the reading.

Prayers of the Faithful :

The prayers in this book can help you in preparing appropriate prayers of the faithful. You may use them or adapt them to your own particular circumstances and preferences. You may have as many prayers of the faithful as you wish, usually there are 4-6 prayers of the faithful at the Requiem Mass.

Reflections :

A sample of after communion reflections has been provided within this booklet. You may also choose your own subject to the approval of the priest conducting the funeral mass in accordance of the guidelines of the diocese in question.

Hymns : A suggested list of hymns for a funeral mass can be found at the end of this booklet for reference.



## *Prayers of the Faithful*

The following may help you in preparing appropriate prayers of the faithful. You may use them as they are or adapt them to your own particular circumstances and preferences. You may have as many prayers of the faithful as you wish, usually there are 4, 5 or 6 prayers of the faithful at the Requiem Mass.

The Celebrant will introduce the prayers with these or similar words: God almighty Father raised Christ his Son from the dead; with confidence we ask him to save all his people, living and dead:

- For **N.** who in baptism he was given the pledge of eternal life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of the saints. Lord, hear us.
- For all our deceased relatives and friends and for all who have helped us, that they may have the reward of their goodness. Lord, hear us.
- For those who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising again that they may see God face to face. Lord, hear us.
- For the family and friends of our brother /sister **N.** that they may be consoled in their grief by the Lord who wept at the death of his friend Lazarus. Lord, hear us.
- For all of us enabled here to worship in faith, that we may be gathered together again in God's kingdom. Lord, hear us.
- For **N.**'s friends, whose lives he/she enriched so deeply and who are gathered here today in remembrance of his/her life. Lord, hear us.
- For our brother/sister who received the body of Christ, the bread of life, that he/she may now be admitted to the company of saints. Lord, hear us.
- That those who bear the cross of pain in mind and body may never feel forsaken by God. Lord, hear us.
- That God may call **N.** to happiness in the company of all the saints. Lord, hear us.
- That God may welcome into his glory those of our family and friends, who have departed this life. Lord, hear us.
- That all of us who are grieving the loss of **N.** may be consoled and strengthened at this time. Lord, hear us.
- For all who take care of the sick, especially those who looked after **N.** in his/her illness; that they may be rewarded for their goodness to him/her. Lord, hear us.





The celebrant will conclude the Prayers of the Faithful. The Prayers of the Faithful are followed by the Offertory Procession. Members of the family may bring the bread and wine to the Altar. Usually there are 2 or 4 people involved in the Offertory Procession. A member of the family or friend of the deceased, nominated by the family, may address the congregation after the final prayer of the Mass. The address should be carefully prepared and, in its length, tone and delivery should be respectful of the deceased, the bereaved and the liturgical setting in which it is delivered. It is strongly recommended that it should be written out and no longer than 4 to 5 minutes. Alternatively, such an address may be delivered at the graveside after the burial or in the crematorium.







## **Communion Reflections**

### **Death is not the End - Henry Scott Holland.**

Death is nothing at all- I have only slipped away into the next room, whatever we were to each other that we still are. Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the easy way, which you always used. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me, Let my name be the household word that is always was, Let it be spoken without effort. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was; there is absolutely unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting around for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past: nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before- only better, infinitely happier and forever- we will all be one together with Christ.

### **Peace at Last - Cardinal Newman.**

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

### **Footprints in the Sand -**

One night a man had a dream, He dreamt that he was walking along a beach with the Lord, Across the sky flasher the scenes of his life, For each scene he noticed not one but two sets of footprints in the sand. He understood immediately that one belonged to him, and the other to the Lord. But then he noticed a curious thing. At the lowest and saddest times in his life there was only one set of footprints. This bothered him, and so he asked the Lord: "How come that during the most difficult times in my life, the very times when I most needed you, you left me on my own?" The Lord replied, "My friend, during your trials and sufferings, when you see only one set of footprints, those footprints are mine. It was then I carried you"

### **Perhaps -**

Perhaps, if we could see the splendour of the land to which our loved ones are called from you and me, we'd understand. Perhaps, if we could hear the welcome they receive from old familiar voices all so dear, we would not grieve. Perhaps, if we could know the reasons why they went, we'd smile- and wipe away the tears that flow: we'd wait content.





### **I'm Free -**

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.





**I Did Not Die - Mary Elizabeth Frye.**

Do not stand at my grave and weep

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there. I did not die.





**Miss me but let me go -**

When i come to the end of the road

And the sun has set for me

I want no tears in a gloom filled room

Why cry for a soul set free

For this is a journey we all must take

And each must go alone

Its all a part of the masters plan

A step on the road to home

Miss me a little but not for long

Not with your head bowed low

Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me but let me go

But remember my songs now and then

Hear the tunes that set me free

And have a glass and close your eyes my beloved

Know ill be what you need

Miss me a little but not for long

Not with your head bowed low

Remember the love that we once shared

Miss me but let me go



## *Suggested Music/Hymns for a Funeral Mass*

<p>Entrance Music / Opening Hymn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sweet heart of Jesus</li> <li>• How great thou art</li> <li>• Here I am Lord</li> <li>• Amazing Grace</li> <li>• I watch the sunrise</li> <li>• Abide with Me</li> </ul>	<p>Responsorial Psalm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Here I Am, Lord</li> <li>• Be not afraid</li> <li>• Mo Ghrá Thú</li> <li>• On Eagle's Wings</li> <li>• The Lord's My Shepard</li> </ul>
<p>Offertory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Mhuire Mhatháir</li> <li>• Ag Críost an Siol</li> <li>• Amazing Grace</li> <li>• As I Kneel Before You</li> <li>• Be Still For The Presence of the Lord</li> </ul>	<p>Sign of Peace</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace</li> <li>• May The Road Rise To Meet You (Chorus)</li> </ul>
<p>Communion (Usually 2-3 songs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amazing Grace</li> <li>• As I Kneel Before You</li> <li>• Ave Maria</li> <li>• Be Not Afraid</li> <li>• Be Still My Soul</li> <li>• Here I Am, Lord</li> <li>• I Watch The Sunrise</li> <li>• Pie Jesu</li> </ul>	<p>Recessional &amp; other songs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abide With Me</li> <li>• Amazing Grace</li> <li>• Going Home</li> <li>• May The Road Rise To Meet You</li> <li>• Nearer my God to thee</li> <li>• Pie Jesu</li> <li>• Nearer my God to thee</li> <li>• Be not afraid</li> </ul>

## *Rosary Prayers*

In times of bereavement, the family may wish to gather in prayerful vigil around the loved one who has died. The following are the instruction on how to conduct the Rosary

Sign of the Cross

Opening Prayers

"Thou O Lord"

The 'I believe in God'

Our Father

3 Hail Marys

Glory Be

O Jesus, forgive us our sins...

### THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE DAY

#### The Mysteries

Joyful Mysteries	Sorrowful Mysteries	Glorious Mysteries
1. The Annunciation	1. Agony in the Garden	1. The Resurrection
2. The Visitation	2. Scourging at the Pillar	2. The Ascension
3. The Nativity	3. Crowning with Thorns	3. Decent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Presentation	4. Carrying of the Cross	4. The Assumption
5. The Finding in the Temple	5. The Crucifixion	5. Crowning of Mary



First Mystery - Read Reflection, then . .

Our Father

10 Hail Marys

Glory Be

O Jesus, forgive us our sins

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Mystery - do likewise

Concluding Prayers

Sign of the Cross

**Opening Prayers -**

**Leader:** Thou, O Lord, will open my lips

**Response:** And my tongue shall announce Thy praise

**Leader:** Incline unto my aid, O God

**Response:** O Lord make haste to help me

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit...

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell, the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.





**1 x Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

**3 x Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.**

**1 x Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**O Jesus, Forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.**

The Mysteries

Choose from the Joyful, the Sorrowful or Glorious Mysteries

First Mystery - Read Reflection, then . .

Our Father

10 Hail Marys

Glory Be

O Jesus, forgive us our sins

2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th Mystery - do likewise

### **Concluding Prayers -**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy. Hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us and, after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

**Leader:** Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

**Response:** That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.





## **Funeral Service Links**

- **Kildare County Council Cemeteries** – Burial Grounds - Kildare County Council (kildarecoco.ie)
  
- **South Dublin County Council Cemeteries** - <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/burial-grounds/>
  
- **Dublin Cemetery Trust (Glasnevin/ Newlands Cross/ Dardistown/ Goldenbridge & Palmerston)** - Dublin Cemeteries Trust | Funeral Services & Genealogy - Dublin Cemeteries Trust (dctrust.ie)
  
- **Mount Jerome Cemetery & Crematorium** – [www.mountjerome.ie](http://www.mountjerome.ie)
  
- **Pure Reflections** – Pure Reflections: Affordable Eco-friendly Resomation Ireland
  
- **Citizen Information – Bereavement Section** - Death and Bereavement (citizensinformation.ie)
  
- **A Lasting Memory (Memorial Cards/Mass Booklets)**. - Memorial Card Printing - A Lasting Memory
  
- **Coroner Information** - gov - How the process works (www.gov.ie)
  
- **Our Lady's Hospice & Home Care Services** - Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services (OLH&CS) | St. Francis Hospice - St. Francis Hospice | (sfh.ie) | St. Brigid's Hospice, The Curragh - Home - The Friends Of St. Brigid's Hospice and Home Care Services (friendsofstbrigidshospice.ie)



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