

OTHER NOTES *(Please attach a further sheet if required)*

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## OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

### 1. Funeral Directors

- I have a prepaid funeral plan with: \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like as my undertakers: \_\_\_\_\_
- I leave the choice of undertakers to my next-of-kin.

### 2. My will is lodged with my solicitor:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. My next-of-kin:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNATURE

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep this form with your papers at home, and a copy with (1) your will at your solicitors, (2) your Parish Priest, (3) your next-of-kin and (4) (if you have a prepaid funeral plan) with your nominated funeral director.

# PREPARING FOR MY FUNERAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Protecting your privacy:** If you return this form to your Parish Priest, your personal information will be stored securely in the parish until such time that it is needed to arrange your funeral. At that time, it will be shared with your next-of-kin. This information will not be used for any other purpose. At any time, you can ask for this form to be returned to you or destroyed.

*In Christ, 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 Missal, Preface for the Dead I)

As a Catholic, you will want to ensure that your funeral service reflects the faith of the Church and your hope for eternal life in Christ Jesus.

It can be a real help to your next-of-kin when you give thought to your funeral arrangements ahead of time.

Detailed arrangements might be difficult for them whilst also dealing with grief at your passing. This difficulty is made more pronounced if your next-of-kin does not share our Faith.

I hope that making these preparations gives you peace of mind, too, especially as you reflect on the various passages from Scripture that the Church provides for funerals.

Most of these arrangements are simple ones. However, if it would be helpful to meet, please do ask.

Fr Andrew Connick  
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## THE FUNERAL LITURGY

The funeral liturgy usually takes the form of the celebration of Mass, the highest form of prayer in which Christ's sacrifice on the Cross is made present. We offer the soul of the deceased in union with the Lord Jesus. In some circumstances it is suitable for the funeral liturgy to take the form of a Liturgy of the Word only.

The funeral liturgy usually takes place in the parish church, but it is possible to hold a Liturgy of the Word in the chapel of a cemetery or crematorium.

1. I would like my funeral liturgy to take place at:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. I would like my funeral service to be:

- A Mass
- A Liturgy of the Word (i.e. readings and prayers, no Holy Communion)

3. Scripture passages I would like at my funeral:

A selection of Scripture readings proposed for use at funerals is available on the parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/wapping/liturgy/funeralprep/>

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

(Psalm: \_\_\_\_\_)

*There is often a Psalm attached the choice of first reading.*

(Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_)

*There is not usually a second reading at a funeral liturgy.*

Gospel Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

At certain times of the year, the readings used at a funeral are restricted by the liturgical season. In such a case, the priest will give the fullest respect to your wishes that he can.

- Or: I have no preference about readings and would like the priest to choose.

4. Hymns (or motets sung by a soloist) I would like at my funeral:

Entrance: \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory: \_\_\_\_\_

(Communion: \_\_\_\_\_)

*You may prefer the organist to play reflectively during Holy Communion.*

Recessional: \_\_\_\_\_

- Or: I have no preference about music.

5. Donations

- I would like donations to be collected for this charity:

\_\_\_\_\_

- I do not want donations to be collected.

## THE COMMITTAL

The final act of saying farewell takes place in a brief service at the graveside or at the crematorium. When a body is cremated, Catholics do not scatter ashes (except at sea). The ashes are treated with the same respect as the body and are normally buried in a cemetery.

1. Burial or Cremation

- I wish to be buried.
- I wish to be cremated.

2. I wish to be buried, or my ashes interred, at:

\_\_\_\_\_

- I already have a burial plot: \_\_\_\_\_