



*Christ has died - Christ is risen
Christ will come again.*

Parish of St. Joseph




Celebrating a Christian Funeral

Notes

CELEBRATING A CHRISTIAN FUNERAL

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CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH THE ARTISAN, BONNYBROOK.

As a parish Community we sympathise with you in your grief and your loss. We offer you our prayers for your loved one and for yourselves. As you prepare the Funeral Service we offer you our help and support. The Funeral Service carries a message of hope. We would like it to reflect your faith and your wishes.

This Funeral Book has an explanation of the Removal Ceremony and the Funeral Mass.

It also has:

- a) Scripture Readings.
- b) Sample Prayers of the Faithful.
- c) Communion Reflections.



We invite family members/friends to do the readings, prayers of the faithful, communion reflection and to be involved in the offertory procession. The Funeral Team can also arrange readers for you if requested to do so.

Our thoughts and our prayers are with you at this sad time,

Bonnybrook Parish Funeral Team.

May it also assure us of life for you,
that eternal life
Christ came on earth
to give us.

Reflection No. 13

“Death of a Friend”

Let me remember him/her
as he/she was,
dear Lord,
all the days of my life.

Honest and upright,
wholesome and inspiring,
always ready to lend a hand
to those in need
and to brighten the lives
of the weary and the sad.

Smiling, warm of heart,
full and fresh with life,
a loyal and treasured friend,
a lover of the simple things of life.
And in remembering him/her, O Lord,
may I remember you

down the ways,
of happy times and
laughing times and
bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears
of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun,
of happy memories
that I leave
when life is done.

Reflection No. 12

“Remembering”

Everyone loves to be remembered.
But if we want to be remembered,
we have a duty to remember.
Memory is a powerful thing.

Wrongly used it can bring death
rather than life.
Rightly used it is a form of immortality.
It keeps the past alive.

Those we remember never die.
They continue to walk and talk with us.
Their influence is still felt among us.
There is nothing stronger or more helpful,
than a good remembrance.

Sisters and Brothers, we want you to know,
that we haven't forgotten you.
We remember you
and your memory,
most definitely brings life to us today.

1. REMOVAL CEREMONY TO THE CHURCH

The Removal Ceremony takes place on the evening before the Funeral Mass or on the morning of the Funeral Mass. The community gathers to pray for the deceased and to support and sympathise with the bereaved.

The funeral is received at the entrance of the church and is blessed with holy water. The family follows into the church.

The ceremony consists of opening and closing Prayers, Scripture Readings, Prayers of Intercession.

The Ceremony concludes with a decade of the Rosary. It is said for the repose of the soul of the deceased and for the comfort and consolation of those in mourning.

Members of the Funeral Team may also be involved with the Prayers or Readings during the service.

Symbols:

A Cross is usually on the coffin. The Cross is a symbol of our Christian Faith, reminding us of the triumph of Jesus over sin and death.

A Bible is placed on the coffin to remind us that Christians are called to live by the Word of God.

The Paschal Candle reminds us that the Risen Christ is our light who overcame the darkness of death.

Family flowers may be placed on a stand near the coffin and are a symbol of the love that was shared between the deceased and the bereaved.

2. THE FUNERAL MASS

The celebration of the funeral Mass makes real for us the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and the promise given to us all in Baptism of sharing in the Sacred Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. At the funeral Mass we pray especially that your loved one is at peace with God in Heaven.

The following is an outline of some of the parts of the Mass and suggests ways in which your family / friends can be involved.

Items of Memorabilia:

If you wish to present items that remind you of your loved one we advise that you do this before the Mass begins. Our Funeral Team will help you with this.

Readings:

The readings at a funeral Mass are always chosen from the bible. The Family is invited to choose Readings from the funeral book. The readings are divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament readings.

Psalm:

A Psalm always follows the First Reading. If two readings are chosen the first reading is usually from the Old Testament, and the second from the

New Testament

If there is a singer, The Psalm may be sung.

Homily:

After the Gospel a homily will be given by the priest.

Prayers of the Faithful:

This book contains sample Prayers of the Faithful. You may choose a number of these prayers - approximately 4 - 6 prayers. You can change the prayers to reflect your own thoughts or write your own prayers instead.

The Offertory Procession:

This normally involves people presenting the bread and wine to the priest at the altar.

we see that victory lies
not at some high place
along the way.
but in having made the journey,
stage by stage.

Reflection No. 10

There is no night
without a dawning.
No winter
without a spring.

And beyond death's dark horizon
our hearts once more
will sing -

For those who leaves us
for a while
have only gone away

out of a restless,
careworn
World into a
"Brighter Day".

Reflection No. 11

"Afterglow"

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when
life is done.

I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly

in the darkness:
In some way,
try to blunt
the sharpness of pain.

But if not -
it may help a little
just to know I care.

Reflection No. 9

Birth is a beginning
and death is a destination.
A life, a journey

From childhood to maturity
and youth to age,

From innocence to awareness
and ignorance to knowing,

From foolishness to discretion
and then perhaps to wisdom.

From strength to weakness -
and often back again.

From offence to forgiveness,
From loneliness to love,
From joy to gratitude

From Pain to compassion
and grief to understanding.
From fear to faith,

From defeat to defeat -
Until looking backward and ahead,

Communion Reflection:

This booklet also contains sample Reflections.
If one is chosen it is usually read after Holy Communion.

Prayers of Commendation:

Prayers of Commendation are said at the end of Mass.
During these prayers the coffin is blessed with Holy Water and Incensed.
At the end of these prayers the funeral leaves the Church.

Music and Singing:

We very much welcome music and singing at funerals.
Music and Singing should reflect the Christian belief in which the funeral ceremony is being celebrated and the community of believers present.
This can be done by a singer arranged by the family or by the undertaker for the family.

Music at a funeral can also be arranged through the playing of recorded music on a C.D. player. Some music for that purpose is available in the church or can be arranged by the family.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

Reading No 1.

A reading from the Book of Wisdom (3: 1-6.9)

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,
no torment shall ever touch them.
In the eyes of the unwise,
they did appear to die,
their going looked like a disaster,
their leaving us,
like destruction;
but they are at peace.



If they experienced punishment as others see it,
their hope was rich with immortality;
slight was their affliction,
whatever they suffered,
their blessing will be great.

God has put them to the test
and proved them worthy to be with Him.
He has tested them like gold in a furnace,
and accepted them as a holocaust.
They who trust in Him will understand the truth,
those who are faithful will live with Him in love;
for grace and mercy await those He has chosen.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 2

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (25: 6-9)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich foods.

On this mountain He will remove the mourning veil covering all
Peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
He will destroy death forever.

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.

Reflection No. 8

“Compassion”

I feel your pain
and long to touch the hurt
and make it melt away.

Yes, I know
that I can't really see
the breadth
and depth
of this dark valley you're in.

I can't truly know
just how sharp the knife is
in your soul -
for it is you are in its path,
not me.

But I have known other valleys,
and in my heart
still bear knife-wound scars.

Even so,
I would walk your road
if I could.
I cannot.

And yet, perhaps
in some ways
I can be a hand to hold

Reflection No. 7

"Death is not the end."

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 it always was.

Let it be spoken without effort.

Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same as it always 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 for you,
for an interval,
somewhere very near,
just around the corner.

All is well.
Nothing is past; nothing is lost.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek;
He will take away His people's shame,
everywhere on earth for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said;
See, this is our God, in whom we hoped for salvation:

The Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that He has saved us.
The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 3

A reading from the book of Wisdom
There is a season for everything,
a time for every occupation under heaven:

A time for giving birth,
A time for dying;
A time for planting,
A time for uprooting
what has been planted;

A time for hurting,
A time for healing;
A time for tears,
A time for laughter;

A time for mourning,
A time for dancing;
A time for embracing,
A time to refrain from embracing;

A time for searching,
A time for losing;
A time for keeping,
A time for throwing away;

A time for keeping silent,

A time for speaking;
A time for loving,
A time for hating;
A time for war,
A time for peace.

I know that whatever God does endures forever,
Nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it,
God has done this
so that all should stand in awe before him.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 4

A Reading from the Book of Job.

“O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my life has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold,
and not another.

My heart burns within me!

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 5

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (4:1-5)

Do not be afraid,
for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Should you pass through the sea, I will be with you;
or through rivers, they will not swallow you up.

and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind,
be empty and turn your back
Or you can do what he/she would want:
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

Reflection No. 6

“Death is only a Horizon.”

We give them back to You O Lord,
who first gave them to us;
And as You did not lose them in the giving,
so we do not lose them in the return.

Not as the world gives
do You give O Lord,
for what is Yours is ours also,
if we belong to You.

Life is unending because love is undying,
And as the boundaries of this life
are but a horizon,
and a horizon is but the limit of our vision.

Lift us up strong, Son of God,
that we may see further.
Strengthen our faith
that we may see beyond the horizon.

And while You prepare a place for us,
as You have promised,
prepare us also for that happy place;

So that where You are
we may be also,
with those we have loved, forever.

that during the most troublesome times of my life
there is only one set of footprints.
I just don't understand why,
when I need You most, You leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child,
I love you
and will never leave you,
never, ever,
during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Reflection No. 5

You can shed tears
that he/she is gone
Or you can smile
because he/she has lived.

You can close your eyes
and pray that they come back
Or you can open your eyes
and see all he/she has left.

Your heart can be empty
because you can't see him/her
Or you can be full of the love
you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow
and live yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow
because of yesterday.

You can remember him/her
and only that he's gone
Or you can cherish their memory

Should you walk through fire, you will not, be scorched
and the flames will not burn you,
for I am Yahweh your God, the Holy one of Israel, your Saviour.

You are precious in My eyes;
you are honoured and I will love you.
Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 6

A reading from the book of Lamentations
The favours of the Lord are not all past,
his kindnesses are not exhausted,
every morning they are renewed,
great is His faithfulness.

'My portion is the Lord'
says my soul
'and so I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who trust him,
to the soul that searches for him.
It is good to wait in silence
for the Lord to save.

The word of the Lord.



Reading No. 7

A reading from the book of Wisdom
The virtuous though they die before their time will find rest.
Length of days is not what makes age honourable,
nor number of years the true measure of life.
Understanding this is a person's grey hairs,
Untarnished life - this is ripe old age.
Coming to perfection in so short a while, they achieved long life;
Their souls being pleasing to the Lord,
He has taken them quickly from the wickedness around them.
Yet people look on, not understanding;

it does not enter their heads that grace and mercy await
the chosen of the Lord, and protection, His holy ones.
The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 8

A reading from the book of wisdom

Death was not God's doing,
God takes no pleasure
in the extinction of the living.
God created us for life,

And the virtuous live forever,
Their reward lies with the Lord,
the Most High takes care of them.

So they shall receive a kingdom of glory,
and a crown of beauty at the hand of the Lord;
for he will shelter them with his right hand,
and shield them with his arm

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 9

A Reading from the prophet Isaiah

Fear not, I am with you,
Do not be dismayed; I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you,
and uphold you with my right hand of justice.

For I am the Lord, your God,
who grasps your right hand;
It is I who say to you

"Fear not I will help you"

I have brushed away your offences like a cloud,
your sins like a mist; return to me,
for I have redeemed you.
Can a mother forget her infant,

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,
a holy rest,
And peace at the last,
Amen.

Reflection No. 4

"Footprints"

One night I dreamed a dream.
I was walking along the beach with my Lord.
Across the dark sky
flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene,
I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
one belonging to me and one to my Lord.

When the last scene of my life
shot before me
I looked back
at the footprints in the sand.
There was only one set of footprints.
I realized
that this was at the lowest
and saddest times of my life.
This always bothered me
and I questioned the Lord about my dilemma.

"Lord, You told me
when I decided to follow You,
You would walk and talk with me all the way.
But I'm aware

and starts out for the blue ocean.
She is an object of beauty and strength,
And I stand and watch her
Until at length
she is only a ribbon of white cloud
Just above where sea and blue sky
mingle with each other.
Then someone at my side says:

"There! She's gone!"

Gone where?
Gone from my sight - that is all.
She is just as large in mast and hull
As she was when she left my side,
And just as able to bear
her load of living freight
To the place of destination.
Her diminished size is in me,
not her,

And just at the moment
when someone at my side says:

"There! She's gone!"

there are other voices ready to greet her
with a glad shout:
"There! She comes!"

And that is dying.

Reflection No. 3

"Peace at last."

May the Lord support us
all the day long,

be without tenderness
for the child within her womb?

Even should she forget,
I will never forget you.
See, upon the palm of my hand
I have written your name,

Yes, in joy you shall depart,
in peace you shall be brought back.
The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 10

A reading for the book of Deuteronomy (2:7. 4:31)
The Lord your God goes before you,
do not be afraid.
You have seen how he has carried you,
as a father carries his little child.

All along the road you have travelled
till you came to this place.
And the Lord your God has blessed you
in all your works.

He has been you this many years,
and you have lacked nothing.
Your God is a merciful God,
who will not fail you,
or forget the covenant he made with his people.
The word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALMS

Responsorial Psalm No 1.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

The Lord is compassion and love,
Slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
Nor repay us according to our faults.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
So strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
So far does he remove our sins.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

As a father has compassion on his children,
The Lord has pity on those who fear him;
For He knows of what we are made,
He remembers that we are dust.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love

The love of the Lord is everlasting
Upon those who fear him;
His justice reaches out to children's children
When they keep his covenant in truth.

Response: The Lord is compassion and love.

how much you gave me in happiness.
I thank you for the love
you each have shown.
But now it's time I travelled alone!

So grieve a while for me,
if grieve you must.
Then..,
let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while
that we must part.
So bless the memories
that lie within your heart.

So if you need me,
call and I will come.

Though you can't see or touch me,
I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart,
you'll hear
all of my love around you,
soft and clear.

And then,
when you must come this way alone...
I'll greet you with a smile
and "Welcome Home"!

Reflection No. 2

"Gone only from our sight."

I am standing on the seashore.
Suddenly a ship at my side
Spreads her white sails
to the morning breeze,

- 16) We pray for those who are victims of injustice or oppression. Lord let them know your love for them. Help them to experience that love more concretely, through our active solidarity with them.
LORD HEAR US.
- 17) May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as her son was dying, help those who mourn and be with all of us in our times of need.
LORD HEAR US.
- 18) In Baptism N.....
received the light of Christ. scatter the darkness now
and lead him/her over the waters of death.
LORD HEAR US.
- 19) Our brother/sister was nourished at the table of the Saviour.
Welcome him/her into the halls of the heavenly banquet.
LORD HEAR US.
- 20) We pray for the victims of war violence and injustice and for those who are working to bring peace and justice to all people.
LORD HEAR US.

COMMUNION REFLECTIONS

Reflection No. 1

"For those I love"

For those who love me...
When I am gone,
release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears.
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love;
you can only guess

Responsorial Psalm No. 2

Response: My soul is thirsting for God, The God of my life.

Like a deer that yearns for running streams,
So my soul is yearning for you my God.

Response: My soul is thirsting for God, The God of my life.

My soul is thirsting for God, the God of my life;
When can I enter and see the face of God?

Response: My soul is thirsting for God, The God of my life.

By day the Lord will send His loving kindness;
By night I will sing to him, praise the God of my life.

Response: My soul is thirsting for God, The God of my life.

Why are you cast down, my soul, why groan within me?
Hope in God; I will praise him still my Saviour and my God.

Response: My soul is thirsting for God, The God of my life.

Responsorial Psalm No. 3

Response: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice.

Out of the depths I cry to you,
O Lord, Lord, hear my voice.
O let your ears be attentive
To the voice of my pleading.

Response: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
For this we revere you.

Response: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice.

Responsorial Psalm No. 4

Response: Those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from old.
In your love remember me because
of your goodness, O Lord

Response: Those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed

Relieve the anguish of my heart
and set me free from distress
See my affliction and my toil
and take all my sins away

Response: Those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed

Preserve my life and rescue me
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me:
for my hope is in you, O Lord

Response: Those who hope in the Lord will not be disappointed

Responsorial Psalm No. 5

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

- 7) N..... loved life to the full. May we learn to accept our joys and sorrows and live our lives as true Christians.
LORD HEAR US.
- 8) We pray for the hospital staff who cared for N..... and his/her family in the course of his/her illness. May their kindness and thoughtfulness be rewarded.
LORD HEAR US.
- 9) N..... was a loving, caring human being and a wonderful caring father/mother to N.....
deeply committed to doing his/her best for his/her family and friends. May we all have the courage to follow his/her example.
LORD HEAR US.
- 10) For the family and friends who will miss N..... that they may find strength and consolation in their faith and in the love and support of the community.
LORD HEAR US.
- 11) For all our departed friends and relatives and all who were close to us in this life. Lord give them the reward of their goodness.
LORD HEAR US.
- 12) God of consolation, help us to comfort one another in our grief, finding light, in times of darkness, and faith in times of doubt.
LORD HEAR US.
- 13) Let us pray for all here present that our memory of N..... whom we loved, may inspire us with renewed love for all men and women.
LORD HEAR US.
- 14) For all who are seriously ill at this time, may God give them his healing Spirit, and free them from anxiety.
LORD HEAR US.
- 15) Through the gift of your Spirit, lead all nations and peoples to resolve their differences and seek the way of peace together.
LORD HEAR US.

Gospel Acclamation No. 4

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy are those who die in the Lord!
Now they can rest for ever after their work,
since their good deeds go with them.
Alleluia!

(Omit Alleluias during Lenten season)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

- 1) We pray for N.....
that he/she may be at peace with God in heaven,
LORD HEAR US.
- 2) We pray for N's.....
family and friends that our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus and his
promise of life in heaven may bring them comfort and hope,
LORD HEAR US.
- 3) We pray in thanks for the many ways in which the goodness and
kindness of N.....
touched the lives of all who knew her/him,
LORD HEAR US.
- 4) We pray for the gift of God's peace in our own hearts and homes and
for peace throughout the world.
LORD HEAR US.
- 5) We pray for all who are sick and for all who have asked us to pray for
them as we pray also for all who cared for N.....
in his/her illness,
LORD HEAR US.
- 6) We pray for all our deceased relatives and friends whose memory
comes to mind today and whom we pray are at peace with God in
heaven,
LORD HEAR US.

Lord, listen to my prayer.
turn your ear to my appeal.
You are faithful, you are just; give answer,
do not call your servant to judgement
for no one is just in your sight.

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

I remember the days that are past;
I ponder all your works.
I muse on what your hand has wrought
and to you I stretch out my hands
Like a parched land my soul thirsts for you.

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

Teach me to do your will
for you, O Lord. are my God.
Let your good spirit guide me
in ways that are level and smooth

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

Responsorial Psalm No. 6

Response: The Lord is my light my help;

The Lord is my light my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord the Stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the day's of my life,
To savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord!

Response: Lord, listen to my prayer.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGS

Reading No. 1

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters,
For us, our home is in heaven,
and from heaven comes the saviour
we are waiting for,
the Lord Jesus Christ,
and He will change these bodies
of ours into copies of His glorious body.
He will do that by the same power
with which he can subdue the whole universe

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 2

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us
has its influence on others;
if we live; we live for the Lord;
if we die, we die for the lord.

This explains why Christ
both died and came to life;
it was so that He might be Lord of
both the dead and the living.

We shall all have to stand



because he has given us his Spirit.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son
as the Saviour of the world.

God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and
they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God
has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God
abides in them.

This is the word of the Lord.

“ALLELUIAS” - GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS

Gospel Acclamation No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we have died with Christ,
then we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, then we will reign with him.
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation No. 2

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the resurrection and the life
says the Lord whoever believes in me
will never die
Alleluia!

Gospel Acclamation No. 3

Alleluia, alleluia!
Our homeland is in heaven,
and from heaven comes the Saviour
we are waiting for,
The Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!

Remember; anyone who wants to have a happy life,
and to enjoy prosperity,
must banish malice from their tongue,
deceitful conversation from their lips;
they must never yield to evil,
but must practice good;
they must seek peace and pursue it.

Because the face of the Lord frowns on evil people,
but the eyes of the lord are turned towards the good.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was,
had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God.
In the body he was put to death,
in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 11

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we
were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised
we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as
Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might
live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also
imitate him in his resurrection.

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with
him; Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never
die again. Death has no power over him any more.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 12

A reading from the first letter of St. John.

By this we know that we abide in God and he in us,

before the judgement seat of God;
as scripture says:
'by my life - it is the Lord who speaks -
every knee shall bend before me,
and every tongue shall praise God'.

It is to God, therefore, that each of us
must give an account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 3

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

We want you to be quite certain, my friends,
about those who have died, to make sure
that that we do not grieve about them,
like the other people who have no hope.

We believe that Jesus died and rose again,
and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus.
God will bring them with him.

With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 4

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

We do not live for ourselves, and we do not die for ourselves. If we
live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then,
whether we live or whether we die, we belong to the Lord.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord
of both the dead and the living. For we will all stand before the
judgement seat of God.

For it is written, "As I live", says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be
accountable to God.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No.5

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

He who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us up with him and bring us with you in his presence so we do not lose heart.

Even though our body is wasting away, our Soul is being renewed day by day. For present suffering is preparing us for an eternal reward of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly home we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal home in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 6

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 7

A Reading from the Book of Revelations

I, John heard a voice from heaven say to me, "Write down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord! Blessed indeed, the Spirit says; now they can rest forever after their work, since their good deeds go with them"

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 8

A Reading from the First letter of St. John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be in the future has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 9

A Reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful.

Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins' but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Reading No. 10

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter

You shall all agree among yourselves,
and be sympathetic;
have compassion and be gentle

Never pay back one wrong with another,
or an angry word with a another one;
instead, pay back with a blessing.

That is what you are called to do,
so that you inherit a blessing yourself.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MASS

Please fill out the details of this page and give it to a member of our Funeral Team

ITEMS OF MEMORABILIA:

Item being brought up:

Person bringing up the item:

You may wish to present items of importance before the Mass begins.

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FIRST READING:

Old Testament Reading (Choice from Page 6)

Name of Reader: _____

N.B. if two readings are chosen the first reading is taken from the Old Testament and the Second From the New Testament.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Choice from Page 12)

(if this is not sung by the singer it is read by the First Reader.)

Singer: ☐

Reader: ☐

SECOND READING: (Optional)

New Testament Reading (Choice from Page 16)

Name of Reader: _____

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

These can be said by one or two people or by the same number of people as you have 'Prayers of the Faithful'.

Samples of these prayers are on a Page 22 of this Booklet.

The 'Prayers of the Faithful' can be adapted to make them more personal or made out from new.

Reader(s) 1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____



OFFERTORY PROCESSION:

The gifts of Bread and Wine are brought to the Altar by two members of the Family



Gift Bearers: 1) Bread _____

2) Wine _____

COMMUNION REFLECTION:

This is optional

There are reflections on page 24

Name of Reader: 1) _____

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: This is optional.

ANY OTHER NAMES OR ARRANGEMENTS:

NAME OF PERSON: _____