



# FUNERAL INFORMATION

## St Nicholas Parish



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The information provided is intended to be a guide in the event of the death of the person providing the information, which will assist the Parish in the celebration of the Funeral.

*Always grateful for the life I have been given and the many opportunities that I received during my life; I would be grateful if you would be mindful of the following requests when it comes time to celebrate my Funeral.*

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

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

Also known as: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Landline: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Next of Kin: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Landline: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Upon your death there are many decisions that must be made by your family/next of kin. The first and obvious decision to be made is the type of funeral service. There are four choices: -

1. The Catholic Funeral Rites and Requiem Mass at a Catholic Church, Public or Private (with family & invited guests only)
2. The Catholic Funeral Rites (Funeral Prayers) at a Catholic Church - Public or Private
3. The Catholic Funeral Rites at the Chapel of Funeral Home/Crematorium - Public or Private
4. Catholic Graveside Funeral - Public or Private

I would prefer: \_\_\_\_\_

If you choose a Catholic Funeral at a Church, please indicate at which Church you wish your Funeral Rites to be celebrated.

1. St Nicholas' Church (East Tamworth)
2. St Mary's Church (North Tamworth)
3. Other (please specify)

I would prefer: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be buried:        YES        NO

Name of Cemetery, or other location: \_\_\_\_\_



I would like to be Cremated:    YES    NO

Name of Cemetery or Place of Interment or other wishes: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The Funeral Director of my choice is: \_\_\_\_\_

The Catholic Funeral Rite is a very simple, and yet profound Ceremony.

The Funeral Rite itself basically consists of four very distinct parts: -

1. The Introductory Rites
2. The Liturgy of the Word
3. The Liturgy of the Eucharist (if a Requiem Mass)
4. The Final Commendation

The Introductory Rites is where your coffin is blessed with Holy Water and the White Pall (reminder of Baptism) is placed over the coffin. The Easter Candle is lit (reminder of Christ's Resurrection and victory over death), before praying the Opening Prayer. There is nothing to be chosen in this part.

The Liturgy of the Word takes place after the Opening Prayer. You will need to choose a First Reading, a Psalm (which may be read or sung), a Second Reading (optional) and a Gospel. At the conclusion of the Gospel, there is a Homily concentrating on our faith in the Resurrection, and can also touch on your life. This is delivered by the celebrant or concelebrant.

The Parish Priest can assist with suggestions for suitable readings.

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

Psalm: READ / SUNG: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

If you choose to have a Requiem Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist will now be celebrated.

Then, the final part of the Funeral Rite takes place.

The Final Prayers of Commendation are the Church's prayers for the dead, and use of incense (to honour your body, and that our prayers might rise like the incense). We pray God will forgive sins and welcome you into paradise. Once again, there is nothing to choose for this section.

Music: It is quite fitting to have music at your Funeral. For a Church service, suitable religious Hymns or songs are recommended to be used.

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

Psalm (only when sung): \_\_\_\_\_

Offertory Hymn (Requiem Mass only): \_\_\_\_\_

Communion Hymn (Requiem Mass only): \_\_\_\_\_

Reflection Hymn/song (if desired): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Do you wish to have the Parish choir/recorded music, provided by the Funeral Director/a family member, friend or chosen other to sing/a vocalist provided by the Undertaker/instrumental music only.

My wishes are for: \_\_\_\_\_



It is strongly recommended that you make a Will and nominate a person as an Enduring Guardian, and that you ensure they are informed of this document. You may also want to reference this Document in your Will so that family members will be aware of the requests you have made.

My Will is lodged with: \_\_\_\_\_ dated: \_\_\_\_\_

The information that you have provided will be an enormous help to your Parish Priest in the preparation of your Funeral Service and will lighten the burden for your family, by giving them a guide to your wishes.

Please indicate if you wish to have a Eulogy at your Funeral? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have written/intend to write your own 'Eulogy'/final goodbye, and wish this to be read at your funeral, please indicate this: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you have a copy, you are welcome to attach it to this document – thank you!)

I would prefer:

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| Death Notice in Local paper:   | YES | NO |
| Funeral Notice in Local Paper:   | YES | NO |
| Notice of Death & Funeral (after Burial has taken place, if this has not occurred before): | YES | NO |
| Flowers on coffin:   | YES | NO |
| COMMITTAL: Public burial (after Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers):                          | YES | NO |
| Private burial (to take place with family & invited guests only):                          | YES | NO |
| Private cremation (to take place with family & invited guests only):                       | YES | NO |

As stated, this information is intended to be a guide for those who plan your Funeral. It is appropriate for you to attach anything else you would like to be considered e.g. – a photo for the Funeral Notice, a photo/s for the Funeral Booklet, and any other information you want your family to consider.

It is always a good idea to discuss this with family and loved ones and to update this document should you need to. Anything that you provide is considered confidential and will remain the property of St Nicholas Parish and will only be distributed at the discretion of the Parish Priest, at the time of death.

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

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Witness name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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