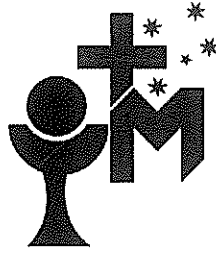


CATHOLIC PARISH OF HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S MALVERN EAST

Holy Eucharist Church

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St. Mary's Church

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Consent Form: Interment of Cremated Remains on Parish Property

APPLICANT'S DETAILS:

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____

Relationship to the Deceased

Spouse Relative Friend Executor/Administrator Other

if 'other', please specify _____

DETAILS OF THE DECEASED:

Full name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Date of Death: _____

Name of Next of Kin (if different to the Applicant):

Name of Executor/Administrator (if different to the Applicant/Next of Kin):

REQUEST FOR CONSENT:

I/We request that St. Mary's Parish consent to the interment of the Deceased's cremated remains on the Parish's property as follows: Ashes to be interred in the St. Mary's Parish Memorial Garden.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

I/We acknowledge and agree that:

1. The Parish makes no representation, warranty, assurance or guarantee as to the future use and ownership of the Parish property.
2. The disposal or interment of cremated remains on Parish property: (a) does not guarantee that the Parish property will always be used for the purposes of a parish; and (b) does not prevent the Parish changing the use of the Parish property at any time in the future (including selling, leasing, developing or otherwise dealing with the property).

I/We indemnify and release the Parish from and against all claims in connection with the disposal of the Deceased's human remains on the Parish property.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Next of Kin's signature (if different to Applicant): _____ Date: _____

Executor's/Administrator's signature (if different to Applicant) _____ Date: _____

WHAT THE CHURCH TEACHES ABOUT CREMATION AND OUR PARISH MEMORIAL GARDENS

Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust; in sure and certain hope of the Resurrection into eternal life.

A word about Cremation

Many people still think the Church prohibits cremation. The fact is that the Church has permitted cremation since 1963 and many churches now have their own memorial garden for the interment of ashes. For Christians it is just as important to bury or inter the ashes with the prayers of committal as it is to bury the body. Storing ashes at home, dividing them up, scattering or casting them away, is just as irreverent and sacrilegious as doing the same to the deceased body. At the time the funeral is organised arrangements should also be made for the priest to celebrate the Rite of Committal and the interment of ashes.

Because the cremation itself is not a religious act but rather preparation for interment of the ashes there is no real point in any service of prayer taking place at the crematorium, the best procedure is:

- The Funeral Mass is celebrated at the church as usual. At the end of Mass the coffin is taken from the church to the crematorium for private cremation without any service or ceremony at the crematorium. No one need attend or follow on to the crematorium.
- As soon as possible after the cremation the ashes are interred in the church's memorial garden, in a cemetery or some other appropriate place. At the interment the committal prayers are said just as they would for a burial.

Our Memorial Gardens

Like many churches St. Mary's and Holy Eucharist have developed memorial gardens where the ashes of departed parishioners may be interred. The ashes are interred directly and permanently into the earth. This means the ashes are poured out of any container directly into a small grave dug into the garden. No containers are buried. The name of the deceased is inscribed on a small brass plaque together with dates of birth and death. There is no fee for the interment of ashes (except for the cost of the plaque) but a donation is appreciated to assist with the costs of establishment and future maintenance.

Making your wishes known

If you wish to be cremated and have your ashes interred in our memorial garden after you have died it is very important that your family and next of kin know this and it is preferable that you put your wishes in writing. Funeral instructions should not be put in your will as a will is normally only 'read' after the funeral has taken place. You may wish to add your own instructions to your family in the box below and pass it on to your family.

If you would like a copy of '*Guide to Planning your Funeral*' copies are available simply by asking. This guide gives a simple format by which you can set down your wishes for your funeral.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MY FAMILY

On my death I wish my Funeral Mass to be celebrated at _____

Following the Mass there is to be a private cremation and then, at the earliest opportunity, I wish my ashes to be interred in the Memorial Garden at _____ presided over by a priest, deacon or authorised minister of the Catholic Church supplying the Rites of Christian Burial.

Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____