

Planning a Funeral Mass

When a loved one dies, it can be a difficult time for those who are bereaved and there are many questions to be answered. Please be assured of our love, support and prayers as you journey through the loss of a loved one.

After your loved one has passed, your first step will be to contact an undertaker. The funeral director will guide you as to what will need to take place to celebrate the funeral of your loved one. The funeral home will then contact us at Our Lady Help of Christians to plan the funeral details.

It is important to confirm the availability of the priest and the church before proceeding with arrangements, this is usually done by the undertakers.

Some families arrange for the remains to be brought to the church on the evening prior to the Funeral Mass. This would normally take place at 5.30pm. A short reception service is conducted in the church at this time.

Increasingly, most funerals now take place on the morning of the Funeral Mass with the reception ceremony held before the Funeral Mass. The Funeral Mass is at 10.00am.

When notified of a death, the Priests of the Parish, will arrange to meet the family to prepare the Liturgy. We have a funeral booklet to guide the family through the Funeral Liturgy. The booklet contains readings, psalms and sample prayers of the faithful.

Should the family have a priest relative or friend who wishes to celebrate or concelebrate the Funeral Mass, they would be most welcome. We ask that we be informed as early as possible if this be the case.

The undertakers usually handle the details of the notification in the newspapers and on the RIP.ie website. They will also contact the Cemetery or Crematorium to arrange for burial or cremation.

In relation to music for the liturgy, we have our own resident organist, who will advise regarding all liturgical music requirements and arrange a singer. The undertaker will contact them to coordinate with the family.

Please note that we have a webcam with live streaming. Families have found this to be most helpful for people, who for various reasons are unable to attend the funeral. The webcam can be found on the homepage of our website <https://navanroadparish.com/mass-times/webcam/> This recording is available for 28 days and can be downloaded and saved to your own storage device.