

# Instructions for my funeral

Thinking about our funeral arrangements in advance can be an act of care for those we love. It helps them know our wishes and eases the burden of making decisions during a time of loss.

This leaflet is designed to help you reflect on your preferences for the Funeral Liturgy and related arrangements. You are always welcome to speak with the parish priest if you would like guidance or support.



1. I would like my funeral liturgy to take place at .....
2. I would like my funeral service to be  A Mass or  Funeral Service (i.e. a service of readings and prayers only)
3. **Scripture passages: I would like at my funeral**

- ◆ First Reading .....
- ◆ Psalm .....
- ◆ Gospel .....

*NB 1: The full selection of scripture readings approved for use at funerals at*

<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/funeral-readings>

*NB 2: Sometimes 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.*

4. **Hymns: I would like at my funeral are:**

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*You will find a list of suitable hymns in your parish hymn book or parish website:*

<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/funeral-music>

5. **Flowers: My preferences for flowers are** .....

6. **Donations/collection:**  I would like a collection to be taken for .....  
 ..... or  I would not like a collection to be taken.

7. **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 it is encouraged that there be a further brief service, sometime later, for the burial of the ashes.

- I wish to be buried at ..... or
- I wish to be buried / my ashes interred at ..... or
- I wish to be cremated at .....

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## 8. Other Considerations

◆ **Reception after the funeral I would like the reception to take place at**

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◆ **Funeral Directors**

- I have a pre-paid funeral plan with ..... or
- I would like ..... used as my undertakers or
- I leave the choice of undertakers to my next-of-kin

◆ **My Will My will is lodged with my solicitor**

Name ..... Telephone .....

Address .....

◆ **My next of kin**

Name ..... Telephone .....

Address .....

◆ **Power of attorney (if applicable) Power of attorney has been granted to**

Name ..... Telephone .....

Address .....

**Signed by me** ..... (*Please print name*)

**Signature** .....

**Date** .....

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 pre-paid funeral plan) with your nominated funeral director

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