

Funerals at Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Kew

To align ourselves more with neighbouring parishes and Archdiocesan standards, we have amended our suggested financial contribution for funerals at Sacred Heart as follows:

For The Presbytery

BSB: 083 347 Account #: 663 832 561 Reference: Full name

Mass or Funeral Liturgy: \$300

Burial or Cremation: \$150

For Sacred Heart Church

BSB: 083 347 Account #: 682 606 383 Reference: Full name

Use of the church: \$100

Please also note:

Booklets must be sent to the parish office for approval prior to the funeral. They do not need to contain the entirety of the liturgical prayers, although this is permissible in a requiem Mass (funeral Mass with Holy Communion) to assist people in following along.

Symbols of remembrance are not appropriate in the church or placed upon the coffin unless they are of a Christian nature. These must be discussed and approved by the priest who is conducting the funeral. However, non-Christian symbols may be placed on the table at the entrance of the church prior to the beginning of the funeral.

Words of remembrance or eulogies can be offered by only one person before the funeral begins. In our experience, less is more, and should be no longer than 5-10 minutes. These words must be appropriate for Christian prayer. Because of past incidents of disrespect and hurtful content, eulogies should be sent the parish office for approval prior to the funeral. Any additional eulogies must be discussed with the priest who is conducting the funeral.

Music is offered by our parish vocalist and musician (organ/piano) at a cost of \$600.00 or can be provided by a service from outside the parish (e.g., Music for Funerals [<https://musicforfunerals.com.au>]). The choice of hymns must be appropriate for Christian worship. The priest who is conducting the funeral will discuss this with the family and make the final approval with them.

Photo slideshows are permitted before the final commendation but limited to the length of one song/hymn. The music can be sung live by a musician or pre-recorded and played over the church sound system. The choice of music must be appropriate to religious ceremonies and approved by the priest who is conducting the funeral. Those operating the slideshow must test their equipment and slideshow on our audio-visual system in the days prior to the funeral so as to ensure smooth running.

Our system seamlessly connects to the two monitors within the church. If you are to use our system, we strongly recommend using PowerPoint and a font size of 60 or greater for maximum readability for all attendees. You are also welcome to bring in your own equipment e.g. screen, laptop.

Food or drink cannot be consumed in the church or during the prayers.