

Guide to Making Funeral Arrangements

The death of a loved one can come suddenly or can be expected over time. In either case families can sometimes be unsure where to turn to in order to find the sensitive information they need. We hope to provide this information as sensitively as possible.

When a loved one dies in Hospital

If a loved one dies in Hospital, the hospital takes care of all the arrangements including arranging for a priest for last rites. However, this does not include contacting an undertaker which is totally at the discretion of the family.

When a loved one dies at Home

- Make contact with your GP or Westdoc on 1850 365 000
- Should your loved one require the last rites of the Church make contact with the Presbytery 098-28871
- Contact the Undertaker

In all Cases

- The Undertaker will liaise with the priest and the family regarding the times and dates for all funeral arrangements.
- The Usual Times for Funeral Masses in Westport Church are 11:00 AM or 12:30 PM
- The Priest will discuss the type of ceremony and the liturgy with the family at their convenience.
- Links to funeral prayers and readings can be found on this page but the priest will also always make them available in hard copy.
- A book containing readings and practical advice entitled "celebration of life" can be obtained free of charge from the Presbytery at any time and is also available after death from the priest or the undertaker.
- Music for the ceremony should be discussed with your priest. While "favourite songs" can be included, the funeral liturgy itself i.e. the Mass should contain only sacred music.
- Options for musicians should be discussed with your priest or undertaker.
- The Parish Team is available at all times to support a family throughout a bereavement and should you require prayers or practical support please do not hesitate to contact us.