



# MANNING PARISH

St Pius X Columbarium

23 Paterson Street, Manning WA 6152

CHRIST OUR ANCHOR









## PREAMBLE

The Catholic Church commends its deceased members to the mercy of God by means of its funeral rites. It likewise asks that the Christian faithful continue to offer prayer for deceased family members and friends. The annual celebration of All Souls Day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed on November 2, attests to this salutary practice. Masses celebrated for the deceased on the anniversaries of death or at other significant times continue the Church's prayer and remembrance. For Catholic Christians, cemeteries, especially Catholic cemeteries, call to mind the resurrection of the dead. In addition, they are the focus for the Church's remembering of the dead and offering of prayer for them.

The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased.

## WHAT ABOUT CREMATION?

In May 1963, the Vatican's Holy Office lifted the prohibition forbidding Catholics to choose cremation. This permission was incorporated into the revised Code of Canon Law of 1963 as well as into the Order of Christian Funerals.

Since there is little difference between the remains of one who has been buried and one who has been cremated, there is no reason to favour one over the other, from a theological point of view. According to the Bible, at the resurrection we are given a "new body," which also means that we

will still be our own unique, individual selves. The decision to bury or cremate is one that must be made with sensitivity toward the feelings of all members of the family.

Whatever we choose, we can be confident that the gift of eternal life is given to all who believe.

By its recognition of cremation, the Church has opened great possibilities for parish communities to provide perpetual care of its members within its community environs. The Church has extended its liturgies and rites to embrace the family and community needs of the members who have chosen cremation.

The final disposition of bodily remains signifies our respect for the body of the one we have loved. We commit the body to the grave or columbarium but, more importantly, we commit our loved one to God. In the Christian faith our church is where all events of life are celebrated, lived and honoured: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, worship of God, spiritual growth and finally death.

Being able to select one's final resting place where they have received the church's spiritual blessings and comfort allows one to reach beyond their death in a definitive way.

### **WHAT IS A COLUMBARIUM?**

A Columbarium is a permanent structure composed of a collection of niches designed to house cremated human remains.

Here in the Parish of Manning we are proposing to build a Columbarium on the carpark side of the Church. The Columbarium affords church members and their families the opportunity to select a final resting place within the site of the parish church which has been central to their lives.

The Columbarium area will be maintained by a Columbarium committee.

### **NICHES**



There are three sizes of Niches – Single, Double (Container size from the Crematorium) and Urn size. (Urn size can hold up to two urns). The walls are named after various saints. The niches are numbered accordingly for easy selection and identification.

## **TERM**

The grant for the use of the Niche is for 25 years which commences from the day when the ashes are interred.

## **COST**

**Niche price for Grantee** (Current 2024 prices inc. GST)

*(Prices subject to change in our yearly review)*

- Single Niche 114H x 160W x 330D=\$880 (plus \$40 Granite Stone)
- Double Niche 114H x 310W x 330D=\$1,320 (plus \$60 Granite Stone)
- Urn Niche 400H x 310W x 330D = \$2,420 (plus \$130 Granite Stone)
- Plus, a payment of \$363 (plus GST) maintenance fee for 25 years which commences from the day of interment.

**Engraving of Plaque** (Current 2024 prices inc. GST)

The payment for engraving can only be made when an order is placed with the submission of an Engraving Order Form.

- Single Niche is \$290 (1 image & 2 motifs);  
Double Niche is \$340 (2 images & 2 motifs);  
Urn Niche is \$490 (2 images & 2 motifs)

## **PAYMENT**

Payment for the Niche and Maintenance Fee to be made when a Niche is allocated, and invoice issued.



## **INTERMENT OF ASHES**

Following the funeral, the body is cremated at the Crematorium. The family will be contacted later by the Crematorium or funeral director for the ashes of their loved one to be collected. The family will then contact our Parish Office to arrange for the interment of the ashes in a previously selected niche in the wall of the Columbarium. The container supplied by the Crematorium containing the ashes can fit into the Single or Double Niche. If using own container it has to be approved by the Committee and can fit into the Niche.

A plaque will need to be ordered through the Parish Office and pending its arrival, the family will arrange a suitable date with the Parish Priest for the interment.

## **MEMORIAL WALL**

It is also proposed to build a Memorial Wall in the Columbarium area, for installation of Memorial Plaques in remembrance of loved ones who are buried or interred elsewhere.

## **PLAQUES**

Columbarium and Memorial Plaques are of standard design and size. Installation is included in the cost of the plaque. The words and symbols (motifs) are to be discussed at the time of ordering but shall be in accordance with the guidelines of St Pius X Columbarium.

You will be contacted by the parish when the plaque is received.

## **RESERVATION PROCESS**

Contact the Parish Office for Application Forms

Complete the Application

Pay the appropriate fees

## **ENQUIRIES**

For more information on the availability and reservation of niches and plaques, contact the Parish Office or complete the Expression of Interest form and forward it to the Parish Office.



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## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

*By completing and signing this form you are not committing to the purchase of a niche.*

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am/We are interested in:

[  ] Single Niche [  ] Double Niche [  ] Urn Size Niche

I/We, therefore, authorise Manning Parish to contact me/us to discuss the matter further.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## RETURN TO:

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