CORIO LARA
CATHOLIC PARISH

Planning Your Catholic Funeral

This form helps Catholics pan ahead for their funeral. Planning ahead ensures that your family and friends understand your wishes.

As you complete this form, please remember that a Catholic funeral is a ritual prayer of the Church. The priest who celebrates your funeral is required to follow the ritual law of the Church. He is under no obligation to honour selections that are incompatible with the ritual of the Church.

Once you have completed this form, you are encouraged to share it with your family and powers of attorney.

Contact Information

Your Full Name	
Known As	
Your Date of Birth	
Residential Address	
Spouse's Name	
Family Contact Name	
Family Contact Phone	
Family Contact Email	
Relationship of family contact to you	

Preferred funeral type	☐ Requiem Mass	☐ Funeral Service
Name and location of church for funeral		
Name of preferred priest for funeral		
Preferred funeral director		
Have you pre-paid your funeral with the director?		

Burial/Cremation

- *Catholics are encouraged to have their body buried in a grave or mausoleum.*
- *Cremation is permitted under the following conditions:*
    - *Cremation must not be chosen for anti-Christian motives.*
    - *The ashes are to be kept together (not divided).*
    - *The ashes are to be deposited in a niche, grave or mausoleum at a cemetery (not kept at home).*

Do you want to be buried or cremated?	☐ Buried ☐ Cremated
At which cemetery do you want to be buried/cremated?	

Sacred Music

- *The music at a Catholic funeral should be sacred in nature and express Catholic faith. Secular/pop music is to be avoided.*
- *If at all possible, the music should be performed live.*
- *You are encouraged to leave some money to fund musicians for your funeral. In 2026, an organist and vocalist will cost approximately $250 each.*

Entrance	
Offertory	
Communion	
Post-Communion	
Recessional	
Do you want the Mass parts sung?	☐ Yes ☐ No

Readings from Sacred Scripture

- *The readings at a Catholic funeral are taken from Sacred Scripture (the Catholic Bible). Non-biblical texts may not be read during the funeral rites.*
- *The readings should be selected from those texts approved by the Church for use at funerals. These may be found at www.coriolaracatholicparish.com.au/funerals or by asking your priest.*

First Reading	
Responsorial Psalm	
Second Reading *Optional*	
Gospel Acclamation	
Gospel	
Preferred readers *You may nominate one or two people*	Reader 1: Reader 2:

Other relevant information