

Memorial Plaque for Children

This section is reserved for the holy innocent children who, for one way or another, have enjoyed a short period of life on this earth.



The appearance of Our Lady takes the shape of a womb which is the symbol of an earthly life of every human being. Her left hand is huge, out of proportion, representing her strength and determination to hold the baby. It is symbolic of the strong and hard work of a caring hand. The hand of the baby half holds onto her thumb that has two meanings. Firstly, it symbolises the union, connection and total trust between mother and baby. Secondly it is also the symbol of her powerlessness of saving the baby. Her eyes are closed in contemplation of her suffering and the pain of being pierced deep in her heart while the eyes of her baby are wide open to look into an open space. It is the symbol of eternity, the vastness of God's love and mercy. Part of her veil covered the baby to show the warmth and the love she cared for her baby.

The rocks below are the symbols of rocky path the mother has experienced in mourning her child. The wording on wave shapes contributes to the shaking road that has been happening to her life.



Any enquires, please contact the parish office for more information.

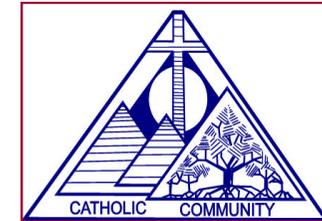
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Columbarium



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Historical Background Catholic Cremation

For centuries cremation of a body was prohibited to oppose the belief that there is no eternal life. The ban was lifted in 1963 that allows cremation, provided that it does not deny the teaching of the resurrection of the body.

Cremated remains must not be kept at home but must be buried, just like a body, in a cemetery, crypt or other appropriate burial place. The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, and therefore, must be treated with respect.

While full-body burial remains, the Church's preferred choice, there are practical reasons for cremation. Low cost is one and it is a more ecologically-friendly choice. Cremation is the process of reducing a body to bone fragments through the application of intense heat. The bone fragments are then pulverized and placed in an urn and returned to the family.

Our Parish recently built a columbarium, a facility used for interment of urns with cremated remains.



Inurnment

Several days after the cremation, the deceased family will collect the remains of their loved one in an urn. The family then makes arrangements for the inurnment. A simple ceremony will take place, the liturgy is similar to the entomb at a cemetery and the niche will be blessed with Holy Water before the installation.

After the inurnment of the ashes it will be sealed with the plaque with name and dates on it.

The size of a plaque is roughly 14.5 x 14.5cm with full names and dates.

Costs of Inurnment of Ashes

The niche is licensed for a period of 50 years costing \$2,500.00 plus GST. After 50 years the possibility of renewal for another 25 years is available.

Reservation of niches for future use are available. Contact the parish office for more information.

*Through death we are returning
to see the Lord of all beings
and hope to enjoy a life everlasting.*



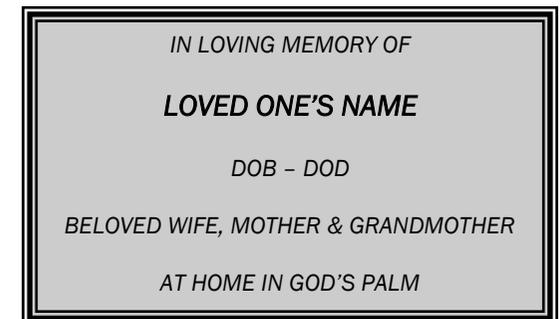
Memorial Plaque for Adults

When a body is buried elsewhere and you would like to have a plaque for your relatives at the Columbarium of the Parish, the memorial plaque is a good choice.

Costs of Memorial Plaque

The plaque is permanently fixed onto one of the sand stone tablets. The plaque size is 14.5 x 7.5cm and can have an inscription of up to 40 words on it.

Presently it costs \$250.00 plus GST each and if the script is other than English, the costs will be dependent on its maker.



A sample of
Memorial Plaque