



- Memorial Plaque for Infants and Children

This section is reserved for the remembrance of infants and children who have died and now rest in the love of God.

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

Cost: \$350.00 plus GST.



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St John's Wood/The Gap
Parish

Columbarium



Catholic Cremation

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

The body is a temple of the Holy Spirit and, therefore, must be treated with respect. 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.

While full-body burial remains the Church's preferred choice, there are practical reasons for cremation. Low cost and a more ecologically-friendly choice are some reasons.

Our Parish has built a columbarium which is a facility used for the interment of cremated remains.

Interment

Several days after the cremation, the deceased family will collect the remains of their loved one in an urn. The family can then make arrangements for the interment by contacting the parish office. A simple liturgy will take place similar to an interment at a cemetery. The niche will be blessed with holy water before the ashes are placed inside.

The niche will be sealed with a plaque which has been inscribed with the full name of the deceased person and dates of birth and death. The size of the plaque is 15 cm x 15 cm.

The niche is licensed for a period of 50 years with a renewal period of 1 x 20 years (totalling 70 years) possible.

Cost: \$2,500.00 plus GST.

The reservation of niches for future use is available. Contact the parish office for more information.



Memorial Plaques

Another option for when a body is buried elsewhere, is for the family to place a memorial plaque at the Parish Columbarium.

- Memorial Plaque for Adults

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

Cost: \$350.00 plus GST.



Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live." John 11:25