

Information for Celebrating Funerals in The Caloundra Catholic Parish

A very important aspect in the life of the Catholic Parish and the Christian community is the farewell in death of a loved family member and friend. The community gather and the celebration exists to express our faith and to support those who are grieving. All members of the parish, not only those who regularly attend a Church, are welcome to celebrate the funeral of a loved one in Caloundra Catholic Parish or have a member of the clergy present at the ceremony.

At the death of a Christian, whose life of faith was begun in the waters of baptism and strengthened at the eucharistic table, the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life.

The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God.

Christians celebrate the funeral rites to offer worship, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the gift of a life which has now been returned to God, the author of life and the hope of the just living.

PREPARING A FUNERAL

Preparing a funeral for a deceased loved one is an emotional experience for families and the desirability of celebrating a Funeral in one of our Parish Churches of the deceased's own community should not be underestimated. Your Priest will guide you through the process of preparing the liturgy, however the following will be of assistance when the funeral is to be celebrated:

1. In the first instance, the Parish should be contacted by the Funeral Director to ascertain that the Church is available.
2. All readings are to be from Scripture.
3. All music must be sacred / liturgical.
4. One (1) eulogy is permitted.

If you wish to speak to someone or make further inquiries regarding funeral arrangements for you or a family member please contact the Caloundra Parish Office.