



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

SOUTH TUGGERANONG

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH - MEMORIAL WALLS and GARDENS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND GUIDELINES

Background

1. The initial Holy Family Parish Memorial Wall and Prayer Garden was established at the request of a parishioner, the late Liz Beckingham. After she died, her family began a fund to provide finance to develop the then existing space within the south courtyard of the church immediately behind the Altar. The wall was intended to be used for the interment of the ashes of parishioners and others and/or to have a plaque put in place to remember the deceased.
2. All niches and memorial plaques places have been allocated in the first wall.
3. A second Memorial Wall was completed in December 2012, made possible through the donations of parishioners. This wall is located in the west church courtyard. This wall has a capacity of 134 niches in two walls (left and right). A Prayer Garden behind those walls was completed in February 2013. In future, there is space for a third Memorial Wall and Garden in the east church courtyard.

Purpose of these Guidelines

4. This document aims to set out the general principles under which the Memorial Walls are to be administered.
5. There is a need to have transparent and consistent criteria to allocate niches for ashes and plaque spots in the Memorial Walls as spaces are limited and there is quite an investment needed to build and maintain them. It is also important to allocate or reserve niches for those who will need them soonest. It would be unfavourable for niches to be reserved but remain vacant for many years as it proves challenging for office staff to try to find space for a parishioner who has died in the meantime and whose family would like them to have a place.
6. Administration relating to the Memorial Walls at Holy Family Church will be undertaken by the Corpus Christi Parish Office staff.

Eligibility criteria

7. Generally, all existing and previous Corpus Christi, Holy Family and St Francis of Assisi parishioners (including immediate family members) are eligible for the interment of their ashes and/or placement of unaccompanied memorial plaques. Ashes of people from outside the Parish are not entirely excluded, any request would be subject to careful consideration and a genuine link to the Parish would be taken into consideration. Plaques are only permitted on the wall to commemorate a deceased person or persons.



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1. Current guidelines allow allocation of niches to those parishioners who have died but had not reserved a niche. His/her family will need to request a niche soon after their death. Consideration will also be given at the time to reserving a niche for the surviving spouse, if requested. The guidelines also allow persons over the age of 70 years, and those with terminal illness, and their spouse (if requested), to reserve a niche. All enquiries will be confidential and will be dealt with in a pastoral manner.

Financial Aspects

2. Fees

There is **no set fee** for this service, however, donations are welcome at the time of application for a niche and/or plaque spot. Please consult with a member of the Parish Team. Requests for the interment of ashes and/or placement of memorial plaques that meet the criteria set out in paragraphs 7 and 8 will generally be accepted.

A suggested minimum donation is \$500 per niche and includes an accompanying plaque space. For a memorial plaque space only a suggested donation of \$75 would be appreciated. However, the donation amount is not fixed and may be varied to reflect individual circumstances. Those in the Planned Giving program are able to request a reduced donation.

3. Ownership of Ashes

The person who is the Executor of the deceased's estate owns the ashes and if for any reason the family wishes the ashes removed later that will be possible with the written permission of the Executor.