

Plaques: There are two options for a plaque - **brass**, which allows a lot of text but will weather more (\$90-100 approx.) or **bronze**, which is longer-lasting but allows less text(\$450-500 approx.) All plaques are a set size (20cm x 6cm) and **you will need to arrange and pay for the plaque separately.**

To purchase plaques please contact:

[Canberra Rubber Stamps and Signs](#)
49 Townsville Street, Fyshwick, ACT
Ph: 6280 6954

All plaques require a hole in each of the four corners to accommodate the screws necessary for attachment to the wall - the Company knows to do this.

Plaques for parishioners buried or cremated elsewhere can also be erected on the memorial wall.

A record of the position of each individual plaque is entered in a register kept at Corpus Christi Parish Office.

For all enquiries regarding the memorial wall and garden, interment of ashes and memorial plaques, please contact the Parish Office.



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**Corpus Christi
Catholic Parish
Tuggeranong South ACT**

Holy Family Church, Gowrie

**Memorial Walls
(Columbarium)
and
Prayer Gardens**



It has long been a tradition within the Catholic Church to provide a sacred site as a final resting place for deceased members of the faithful. In the past this has taken the form of cemeteries in the grounds of parish churches or areas blessed in local cemeteries.

As it is becoming more common today for people to choose cremation instead of burial (see Catholic Catechism, article 2301) the interment of a deceased's remains (ashes) is now possible in some of our local parish churches through the provision of memorial walls with niches for the ashes.

The custom of having a columbarium (niche wall) is not new in Australia. The first Catholic parish in Australia to provide one was in Melbourne in the late 1960s.

It is a way of attending to the corporal work of mercy of caring for the remains of the deceased and it is a fitting witness to eternal life, located within the sacred place of our worship and praise of God.

It is also a testimony to the Church's quest for justice in society. Commercial memorial gardens and cemeteries often charge fees which reflect the business side of dying. While no fees are set a suggested minimum donation of \$300 is welcome to offset costs.

The initial Corpus Christi Parish Memorial Garden was established at the request of a parishioner, Liz Beckingham. After Liz died, her family began a fund to provide for the wall, garden and lighting.

The memorial wall & garden is located in the apse to the rear of the Altar. The wall has one hundred and four double niches for the interment of ashes, however, reservations are no longer being taken as all spaces have been allocated.

Our second memorial wall (columbarium) was built in 2011 and is located to the right hand side of the church. Reservations are available for this wall (see the Parish website for [guidelines](#)).

Out of hours entry to either wall is with a key held in a secured locked box outside on the church wall. Please contact the Parish Office for instructions and code.

Urns: *There are two sizes of urns - please specify the small one (size 11cm x 8cm x 19cm). Occasionally, the crematorium will place the ashes in a larger urn which does not fit into the memorial wall niche. **It is necessary therefore to request the small urn from the crematorium.** Ashes are not scattered.*

[Norwood Park Crematorium](#)

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