

The Parish of Magheralin

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GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS AND CHARGES

With effect from 1 February 2016 until further notice

INTRODUCTION

- The burial ground at the Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity is managed by the officiating member of the clergy* and churchwardens of the parish in accordance with the Parish Graveyard Regulations.
- All committals should be conducted by a minister who is authorised to do so.
- Any requests for allocation of interment spaces, permission to bury, or the erection of headstones or grave surrounds must be directed to the officiating member of the clergy and churchwardens or to Oswald Ellis, Graveyard Registrar who will respond on their behalf.
- Normally the holder of burial registration papers will make application for burial to the officiating member of the clergy and churchwardens; these papers should be produced before a burial can take place.
- When members of a family have been buried in a particular place and following the death of a member of a family there is remaining space available, a family may apply for such remaining space to be used for members of that family. Any such application should be made to an officiating member of the clergy and churchwardens requesting that an endorsement should be made on the burial registration papers. Where there is a difference of opinion within a family as to who should hold the registration papers this should be referred to the officiating member of the clergy for guidance.
- As the burial ground is subject to natural decay, those holding burial papers should ensure that headstones, flat stones, memorials and grave surrounds are at all times maintained in good order for the benefit of other graveyard users.
- No permanent memorial marks, other than those approved below, may be placed on graves. Any hazardous or dangerous memorial or surround may be removed in the interests of safety.
- Unauthorised memorials may be removed by instruction from the officiating member of the clergy and churchwardens at the expense of those holding the burial registration papers.
- Prior to installation plans and proposed designs for headstones, flat stones and surrounds and for any treatment of the grave surface must be submitted to the clergy and churchwardens for approval.
- Any proposed inscription, insignia/motif must be approved by the clergy.

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The charges outlined below are those approved by the Diocesan Council for this burial ground. Please note that interment spaces remain the property of the Church of Ireland

The charges itemised below are payable in advance to

Mr. Oswald Ellis, Graveyard Registrar c/o Magheralin
Parish Office,
3 Newforge Road Magheralin,
Craigavon,
BT67 0QJ

PLEASE NOTE:

*Normally the officiating member of the clergy is the incumbent/rector. In the event of a vacancy the Area Dean is the officiating member of the clergy.

The allocation of a burial space does not confer legal title or exclusive right of burial.

GENERAL RULES

- No interment space shall be allocated until the necessity arises.
- No family may have an allocation of more than 1 interment space unless in exceptional circumstances.
- The first burial in a space should be that of a parishioner
- The time of the burial must not be arranged without prior permission of the officiating member of the clergy and churchwardens and reasonable notice must be given.
- No burial will take place within 30 minutes of/during times of Divine Service.
- No coffin shall be laid in any grave nearer to the surface than 1 metre, measuring from the upper part of the coffin.
- No coffin shall be buried within 3.66 metres of the fabric of the church except in an existing vault.
- After a cremation, ashes must not be scattered but should be buried directly in the soil or in a biodegradable container at a depth of not less than 30 cm.
- Artificial wreaths or other adornments are not permitted in the churchyard.

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- The use of unnaturally coloured gravel or glass chippings as a grave treatment is prohibited. However the following colours are deemed acceptable- white, black, grey or bottle green.
- Photographic images of any kind are not permitted on headstones or on/within surrounds
- No lighting of any kind may be added to headstones or placed on/ within surrounds.
- The officiating member of the clergy and churchwardens shall have the power to remove any bush, shrub or other form of growth which they consider to be detrimental to the burial ground or to any other interment space.
- All floral and other tributes may be removed from the grave 6 weeks after the interment, by instruction of the officiating member of the clergy and churchwardens or graveyard registrar.
- No major or disruptive grave maintenance work to be carried out on a Sunday.
- Foundations of headstones must be a minimum of 0.25 metres deep from ground level and have a minimum width of 0.15 metres.

THE ABOVE GUIDELINES SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHAPTER 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CHURCH OF IRELAND AND WITH THE DIOCESAN REGULATIONS.

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GRAVEYARD FEES

ALLOCATION OF INTERMENT SPACE

Burial Space Size 2.4m x 0.9m

Fee for allocation and registration of each new space:

*To be paid by a bona-fide subscribing parishioner: £100.00

*To be paid by non subscribing parishioner: £530.00

**See footnote to regulations*

Duplicate Papers: A fee of £10.00 will be charged (*parishioners*)

A fee of £45.00 will be charged to non subscribing parishioners).

** see footnote to regulations*

CHARGES FOR OPENING INTERMENT SPACE

Actual payment to the gravedigger, plus

£100 paid by * subscribing parishioners

£180 paid by * non subscriber parishioners

£30 paid by *parishioners for the interment of ashes in an existing grave

£60 paid by *non subscribing parishioners for the interment of ashes in an existing grave

**See footnote to regulations*

CHARGES FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT HEADSTONES AND GRAVE SURROUNDS:

Headstones only

*To be paid by Subscribing Parishioners £50

*To be paid by Non-Subscribing Parishioners £100

Surrounds (including headstones)

*To be paid by Subscribing Parishioners £50

*To be paid by Non-Subscribing Parishioners £100

**See footnote to regulations*

Footnote:

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A subscribing parishioner, either resident or accustomed, must subscribe a minimum of £100 per annum to the funds through the parish financial system, through regular giving in the previous 2 years. It must be contributed in such a manner that a receipt could be demanded for it. General Sunday cash collections are not recordable and therefore are not considered as qualifying subscriptions.