

The Parish of Magheralin

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GRAVEYARD REGULATIONS AND CHARGES

With effect from 19 June 2023 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 them or to Oswald Ellis, Graveyard Registrar who will respond on their behalf.
- When the allocation of a new grave-space is approved by the clergy and churchwardens this grave shall be deemed to be Registered to a named individual on behalf of the family concerned. The name and contact details of the individual/family shall be recorded within a graveyard register (in accordance with (GDPR)); and grave registration papers shall be issued to the individual, and retained by them as proof of registration, for future reference.
- When a death occurs, the holder of the grave registration papers (or in the case of their own death, their next of kin) should make application for burial to 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.

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- 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.

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,
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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.
- No interment space will be allocated to a non-subscribing parishioner
- The first burial in a space should be that of a subscribing parishioner, his or her spouse or dependant child living in the same household.
- 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.

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- 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.
- A fee will be charged where ashes are being interred in an existing grave
- Artificial wreaths or other adornments are not permitted in the churchyard.
- 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.
- All Christmas wreaths still on graves 6 weeks after Christmas will be removed 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.
- All rubble, including concrete, and stones should be removed from the graveyard, as applicable, by monumental sculptors, gravediggers or family who have permission to bury and placed in the disposal area behind the metal fence in the assigned area at the rear of the church hall. Flowers and other garden waste can be placed in a brown bin. Other waste e.g., plastic flowers should be placed in either the green or blue bins depending on whether or not the items can be recycled.
- Any grave left not maintained with weeds etc growing the select vestry will reserve the right to step in to remove weeds or any offending item.

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: £150 *See footnote to regulations

Duplicate Papers: A fee of £12.00 will be charged (parishioners)

A fee of £50.00 will be charged (to non-subscribing parishioners).

CHARGES FOR OPENING INTERMENT SPACE

Actual payment to the gravedigger, plus

£150 paid by * subscribing parishioners

£400 paid by * non-subscribing parishioners

£50 paid by * subscribing parishioners for the interment of ashes in an existing grave

£150 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 £100

*To be paid by Non-Subscribing Parishioners £400

Surrounds (including headstones)

*To be paid by Subscribing Parishioners £100

*To be paid by Non-Subscribing Parishioners £400

**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 3 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.