



Funeral Mass guidelines for Balally Parish

We offer our deepest sympathies to you at this time of loss and sadness in your life. We, in Balally parish hope that these simple guidelines will help you as you navigate these difficult times and prepare the Funeral Mass of your loved one.

1. The undertaker usually gives you a book of readings / prayers / hymns which will help you in your choices. Fr Jim or a member of the Parish Funeral Team is happy to meet family members and go through the options. Your family may opt for a Funeral Mass or a Funeral Service (led by a lay person).
2. If you are printing a booklet, remember it is a Mass of the Resurrection/ Funeral Mass as well as a celebration of the life of your loved one.
3. You are very welcome to contact our Musical Director, Sarah Lane, who will advise you on the choice of music.
4. Our Funeral Team will be present on the day of the funeral to help with the liturgy and support you.
5. At the beginning of Mass, you are welcome to bring up some mementos of your loved one's life. To respect the dignity of the celebration these should not include alcohol, cigarettes, lotto card etc
6. At the beginning of the Mass **ONE** family member / friend is welcome to say a word of welcome, thanks, and tribute to your loved one (eulogy). This should last 7 to 10 minutes max. It is preferable that the eulogy is shown to Fr Jim/celebrant in advance and if possible, a copy should be sent to the parish office balallyparish@gmail.com
7. Your loved one will be prayed for at Mass on the following weekend and you will be invited to a special service around 2nd November, All Soul's Day when we commemorate all in the parish who have died in the last 12 months.
8. You are welcome to contact the Parish Office to arrange a Month's Mind Mass at a convenient date for your family.

With love and blessings

Fr Jim and the Parish Pastoral Council

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