

Can I Purchase Now ?

Niches can be pre-purchased through the parish office before one is deceased. 20 Niches need to be sold before any drilling of niches.

How can I find out more about the Memorial Wall and Columbarium ?

The Parish will run regular information evenings to explain the specifics of the Cathedral Columbarium. Dates will be advertised in the bulletin and you are welcome to purchase niches at these sessions. Enquiries can be made through the Parish Office.

Will there be Masses to pray for the souls of those interred in the columbarium and those remembered on the Wall of Remembrance ?

There will be an annual Mass and rosary to remember and pray for the repose of the souls of those interred in the columbarium or who are remembered on the Wall of Remembrance. All the deceased parish members and their families are also remembered at all Masses celebrated at the Cathedral.

How do I purchase or reserve a niche?

The decision to purchase a niche for the interment of the ashes of their loved one and the authorization for the parish to collect the ashes can be made at the time of making the funeral arrangements through the Parish Office and or the Funeral Director. Columbarium niches may also be purchased in advance, even if a person is not yet deceased.

Fees

Standard Niche including plaque with inscription \$770.00 (Inc GST). A Family Block with a 20% discount on the total price is applicable where 4 or more niches are reserved.



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Columbarium



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FAQ's

The Bishop is pleased to announce the establishment of a Columbarium on the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral. This is a place where the cremated remains of your loved ones may be preserved within the precinct of the Cathedral. The earthly remains of your loved one would be located close to the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, be convenient to visit, and located to receive more Mass intentions and prayers for the repose of their souls.

What a is a Columbarium ?

A Columbarium is simply a wall with cored recesses in it to receive the ashes of the departed.

It is becoming more common for Catholics to choose Cremation and the interment of their ashes instead of burial. The Church has allowed this practice since 1965.

Our Parish acknowledges this trend and has researched and investigated the existing Cathedral perimeter walls to establish a Columbarium which will serve our Parish for many generations.

Core drilled holes in the existing perimeter wall will provide over 700 niches where the ashes of loved ones can be interred.

Each Niche will be beautifully and reverently sealed with a standard bronze plaque with standard inscription.

Eligibility for Interment?

The Columbarium is available to Parishioners (current or past), their spouse, children, parents or siblings, Parishioners from the Diocese of Bunbury or their relatives. Other requests will be considered by the Parish Columbarium Committee.

How will my loved one be interred ?

Cored drilled holes are made in the existing Cathedral perimeter wall. Ashes of your loved one will be placed into a cylinder that slides neatly into the core drilled holes. The niche is then sealed with a plaque.

Layout Of The Columbarium ?

The Columbarium is designed to keep the appearance of the Cathedral Precinct neat, and reverent at all times.

How are the ashes interred into the Cathedral Wall ?

After the Church Funeral Service and Cremation, the Crematorium will contact the family to advise that the ashes of the loved one are ready to be interred. The Crematorium will reverently place the ashes into the special columbarium cylinder. The family collects the ashes of their loved one. The family then contacts the parish office to arrange final interment of ashes into the Columbarium. Alternatively, the family requests the Parish to collect the ashes of their loved one on their behalf from the Crematorium, which is arranged and authorized with the Funeral Director at time of making funeral arrangements..

Is there a ceremony for interring ashes ?

Yes, please call the Parish Office to arrange a booking with a Priest or Deacon to have the ashes of your loved one interred into the Cathedral Columbarium.

Can I reserve a niche?

Yes, Columbarium niches may also be purchased in advance, even if a person is not yet deceased.

Husband, Wife, Family ?

A husband and wife or group of family members cannot be interred in the same niche. Due to the size of the Cylinder, only one person's ashes can be allocated to one niche. A family may reserve purchase a block group of niches. However, niches may only be reserve purchased for those niches that have already, or are about to be drilled. A 20% discount on the total price is applicable where 4 or more niches are reserve purchased.

Who maintains the Columbarium and Memorial Wall ?

The Parish Columbarium Committee will be the administrator for the Columbarium supported by the Bishop, the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee. The Crematorium will reverently place the ashes into a special cylinder. The family then contacts the Parish Office to arrange final interment of the ashes into the columbarium.

Who orders the plaques ?

The Parish will automatically order the approved standard template for the niche or memorial wall. The Family will be responsible for carefully checking accurate spelling of the name and date on the plaque of their loved one.

Upkeep ?

The Columbarium and Memorial Wall will be open every day of the week for families to visit, pray, and remember at any time. The Cathedral Precinct gates will be locked as per usual at night.