FUNERAL BOOKLET



St Paul’s

Somerset West

# **DETAILS****: Contact Person’s Details**

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| Name & Surname |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Email Address |  |
| Relationship to the deceased |  |

## **Details of the Deceased R.I.P.**

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| Name & surname |  |
| Date of birth / age |  |
| Date of passing |  |
| Cause of death (only if appropriate) |  |
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| Place of death |  |

## **Spouse of Deceased - Details**

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| Name & surname |  |
| Number of years married |  |

## **Immediate Family’s Names**

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| **Name & Surname** | **Relationship (son, daughter, etc.)** |
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| **Anyone else who should be mentioned?** | |
| **Name & Surname** | **Relationship to the deceased** |
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## **Funeral** **Details**

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| Date, time of funeral |  |
| Place of funeral |  |
| Place of burial |  |
| Name of funeral parlour |  |

## **Details of Service**

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| Funeral Service |  | or/ | Requiem Mass |  |
| Body present at service |  | or/ | Ashes present at service |  |
| Burial |  | or/ | Cremation |  |

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| **Readings** |  |
| First (OT) |  |
| Responsorial Psalm |  |
| Second (NT) |  |
| Alleluia |  |
| Gospel |  |
| Intercessions |  |
| **Hymns and Music** |  |
| *Entrance* |  |
| *Offertory* |  |
| *Communion* |  |
| *Recessional* |  |
| *Other music* |  |
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| Organist |  |
| Choir |  |
| Flowers |  |
| **Readers** |  |
| *First Reading, Psalm* |  |
| *Second Reading* |  |
| Sacristan |  |
| Eulogy / Tribute / Thanks |  |
| **Personal Details of the Deceased** | |
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# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

## **Memorial Service**

Opening Hymn (Entrance Procession)

Introduction

Opening Prayer

(Eulogies)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel

Homily

Moment of Reflection

Prayers of the Faithful

(Eulogies) Thanks

Final Commendation

Closing Prayer, Blessing

Procession, Recessional Hymn

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## **Requiem Mass (No Burial; Cremation)**

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Entrance Procession with Opening Hymn

Introductory Rites

Greeting

Placing of Christian Symbols

Opening Prayer

(Eulogies)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Alleluia

Gospel

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Moment of Reflection

Thanks (Eulogies)

Final Commendation

Closing Prayer, Blessing

Procession, Recessional Hymn

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## **Requiem Mass** **(With Burial)**

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Entrance Procession with Opening Hymn

Introductory Rites

Greeting

Placing of Christian Symbols

Opening Prayer

(Eulogies)

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading

Alleluia

Gospel

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Preparation of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Moment of Reflection

Thanks (Eulogies)

Final Commendation

Closing Prayer, Blessing

Procession, Recessional Hymn

Procession to the Graveside

Rite of Committal and Burial

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# **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**OPTION ONE: FIRST READING (Wisdom 3:1-9)**

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

But the souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God,

no torment shall ever touch them.

In the eyes of the unwise they did appear to die,

their going looked like a disaster,

their leaving us, like annihilation;

but they are in peace.

If they experienced punishment as men see it,

their hope was rich with immortality;

slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be.

God has put them to the test

and proved them worthy to be with him;

He has tested them like gold in a furnace,

and accepted them as a holocaust.

When the time comes for his visitation they shall shine out;

as sparks run through the stubble, so will they.

They shall judge nations, rule over peoples,

and the Lord will be their king forever.

They who trust in him will understand the truth,

Those who are faithful will live with him in love;

For grace and mercy await those he has chosen.



The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.**

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**OPTION TWO: FIRST READING (Job 19:1, 23-27)**

A Reading from the Book of Job

Job answered:

“Oh, that my words were written!

Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!

Oh, that with an iron pen and lead

they were graven in the rock for ever!

For I know that my redeemer lives,

and at last he will stand upon the earth;

and after my flesh has thus been destroyed,

then from my flesh I shall see God,

whom I shall see on my side,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

The word of the Lord.

**OPTION THREE: FIRST READING (Isaiah 25:6-9)**

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

On that day:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts

will make for all the peoples a feast of fat things.

And he will destroy on this mountain the covering

that is cast over all the peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death for ever,

and the Lord will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people

he will take away from all the earth:

for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God;

we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the Lord; we have waited for him;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

The word of the Lord.

**OPTION ONE: RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 139)**

***Our response is: ‘Lead me, Lord, in the path of eternal life.’***

O Lord, you search me and you know me,

you know my resting and my rising,

you discern my purpose from afar.

You mark when I walk or lie down,

all my ways lie open to you.

*R. Lead me, Lord, in the path of eternal life.*

O where can I go from your spirit,

or where can I flee from your face?

If I climb the heavens, you are there.

If I lie in the grave, you are there.

*R. Lead me, Lord, in the path of eternal life.*

For it was you who created my being.

Knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I thank you for the wonder of my being,

for the wonders of all your creation.

*R. Lead me, Lord, in the path of eternal life.*

O search me, God, and know my heart.

O test me, and know my thoughts.

See that I follow not the wrong path

And lead me in the path of life eternal.

*R. Lead me, Lord, in the path of eternal life.*

**OPTION TWO: RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 23)**

***Our response is:******The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;

he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,

for the sake of his name.

*R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Though I walk in the valley of the shadow of death,

no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

*R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

You have prepared a table before me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing.

*R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell

for length of days unending.

*R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

**OPTION THREE: RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 42)**

***Our response is:*** ***My soul is thirsting for God, the living God****.*

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,

so my soul is yearning for you, my God.

***R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

My soul is thirsting for God, the living God;

when can I enter and see the face of God?

***R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

For I will go to the place of your wondrous tent,

all the way to the house of God,

amid cries of gladness and thanksgiving,

the throng keeping joyful festival.

***R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

O send forth your light and your truth;

let these by guide.

They will bring me to your holy mountain,

to the place where you dwell.

***R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

And I will come to the altar of God,

the God of my Joy.

My Redeemer, I will thank you on the harp,

O God, my God.

***R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

Why are you cast down, my soul;

why groan within me?

Hope in God; I will praise him still,

my Saviour and my God.

***R. My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.***

**OPTION ONE: SECOND READING (Romans 8:31-39)**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.**

With God on our side, who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son but gave him up for the benefit of us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those whom God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Nothing, therefore, can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried or being persecuted or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**The word of the Lord.** RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

**OPTION TWO: SECOND READING (1 Corinthians 15:51-57)**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, and the perishable cannot inherit what lasts forever. I will tell you something that has been a secret: that we are not all going to die, but we shall all be changed. This will be instantaneous, in the twinkling of an eye, when the last trumpet sounds. It will sound, and the dead will be raised, imperishable, and we shall be changed as well, because our present nature must put on imperishability and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of Scripture will come true: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?’ So, let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The word of the Lord.** RESPONSE: Thanks be to God.

**OPTION THREE: SECOND READING (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.**

We would not have you ignorant, brothers and sisters,

concerning those who are asleep,

that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again,

even so, through Jesus,

God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord,

that we who are alive,

who are left until the coming of the Lord,

shall not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord himself will descend from heaven

with a cry of command,

with archangel’s call,

and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

And the dead in Christ will rise first;

then we who are alive, who are left,

shall be caught up together with them in the clouds

to meet the Lord in the air;

and so we shall always be with the Lord.

Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The word of the Lord

**ALLELUIA VERSE**

*Please stand for the Gospel acclamation.*

‘Alleluia, alleluia! (Lent: *Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!*)

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life’, says Jesus.

‘No one can come to the Father except through me.’

Alleluia!’

R. Alleluia!

# **GOSPEL *(by priest or deacon)***

**John 14:1-6**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father’s house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that, where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

# **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*The response is: ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

God, the Father Almighty, raised Jesus from the dead and He will give life to our own mortal bodies, too. We pray to Him in faith: ‘Lord, bring us to life in Christ.’

Lord, hear us.  *R. ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

Holy Father, we have been buried with your Son in baptism to rise with Him in glory: may we always live in Christ.

Lord, hear us.  *R. ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

Lord, when your Son was in agony you sent an angel to console Him: at the hour of our death take away all fear and fill our hearts with your hope.

Lord, hear us.  *R. ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

You delivered the three young men from the blazing furnace: free the souls of the dead from the punishment their sins have deserved.

Lord, hear us.  *R. ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

God of the living and the dead, you brought Jesus back to life: raise up the faithful departed, and let us come with them into your heavenly glory.

Lord, hear us.  *R. ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

Grant, Lord, we pray, that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ, so, too may our hope be steadfast in the resurrection of our brother (sister) from the dead.

Lord, hear us.  *R. ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

Lord, we pray for comfort and your peace, which passes all understanding, in the hearts of all our brother's (sister's) family members who mourn his (her) passing today.

Lord, hear us. *R. ‘Lord, graciously hear us’*

Priest: Mary, our Mother, we pray you enfold them in the mantle of your care and the deep assurance of your Son’s care for them.

We make all these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen