



Regulations for the Parish Cemetery of St Mary

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Preface

1. Any person wishing to purchase a **grave or cremated ashes plot** in the Parish Cemetery should approach the Parish Secretary.
2. The Parish Secretary will issue to the purchaser a copy of the 'Regulations for the Parish Cemetery of St Mary'.
3. If the purchase is to proceed a numbered receipt (called a Proprietor's Certificate) will be issued upon receipt of the appropriate fee as set out in Appendix 1.
4. The allocation of burial plot will not be confirmed until time of the death.
5. If the death has already occurred, the receipt will be issued in the name of the Purchaser.
6. These regulations only apply to the Parish Cemetery. If you already own a grave plot within the churchyard, you should approach the Rector on all matters. Under Canon E II, the Rector maintains the Register Book of Burials.

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The following Regulations were adopted at a Parish Assembly on 13th June 2023.

A Committee comprising:

- The Constable
- The Rector
- The Procureurs du Bien Public and
- Six parishioners on the Electoral Roll

A quorum will comprise of the Rector or Connétable, one Procureur du Bien Public and three parishioners. The elected members will be chosen every three years and are eligible for re-election.

The Parish Secretary will be responsible for keeping the Register of Plots; the sale of grave plots and cremation ashes plots. The Parish Secretary will remain responsible even though these duties may be delegated to another member of the Parish office staff.

The Parish will be responsible for the care and maintenance of all aspects of the cemetery. The Parish are not responsible for maintenance of the grave furniture.

When a grave or cremated ashes plot is purchased, the buyer must be given a numbered receipt for the amount and the number of the grave or cremated ashes plot acquired. The purchaser must also be given a copy of the monuments permitted to be erected in the cemetery (see Appendix 2).

The owner of a grave or cremated ashes plot is not allowed to sell the right to burial or to exchange it in any way without the permission of the Committee.

Rights to burial in grave or cremated ashes plots will be sold outright to those who acquire them. These rights will be handed down to the principal heir. When there is no direct descendant then the rights will be transferred to the main collateral heir and his or her descendants.

If a proprietor under this clause cannot be traced after 10 years, the rights will be forfeited and returned to the Parish.

The owner of a grave or cremated ashes plot will be able to have buried any person he considers suitable notwithstanding any opposition.

Ministers, pastors or clerics of any denomination may follow their own ritual for funeral services in the cemetery.

A minimum of two working days' notice must be given to the Parish Secretary or his/her delegate before a burial can take place.

The cost of a grave or cremated ashes plot will be fixed by the Committee and from time to time may be revised to suit costs when necessary, in relation to rates of inflation (see Appendix 1). Payment will be the responsibility of those issuing instructions if no prior acquisition has been made.

Regulations regarding memorials/headstones are details in Appendix 2.

The Parish is responsible for ensuring that the cemetery grounds are kept neat and tidy. Families will remain responsible for the upkeep of their grave. Anyone who does not comply with these Regulations will be required to remedy the situation forthwith. Failure to comply will result in the Parish authorising the necessary work and recovering the costs from the relevant party under the direction of the Connétable as a civil debt.

The Committee is authorised to have any work carried out in the cemetery. Nothing may be erected or built in the cemetery by the owner of the grave or cremated ashes plot other than in accordance with those items in Appendix 2.

The keeper of the cemetery records (the Parish Secretary or his/her delegate) will inform the grave digger of the depth at which each coffin is to be buried. Each grave can accommodate 3, 2, or 1 coffin, according to the wishes of the purchaser. No burial may take place at less than two feet from the lid of the coffin to the surface of the ground **except cremated ashes burials (see Appendix 1)**.

Burials will not be permitted on Sundays or Bank Holidays except in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Connétable.

All dogs must be on a leash at all times whilst in the cemetery.

These Regulations may be altered in any way by a Parish Assembly.

APPENDIX 1

Cemetery Charges

Please visit www.stmary.ie for full details of Cemetery Charges.

A Parishioner is defined as:

- any person domiciled in the Parish on the date of purchase.
- any person born in the Parish or whose parents were domiciled in the Parish at the time of his/her birth.

	Parishioner	Non-Parishioner
Grave	£450	£900
Cremated Ashes Plot	£150	£300
Child/Baby Plot	No Charge	
Re-seed/Top up of grave after burial	£200	£200
Cremated ashes	£50	£50

Please note that fees are subject to change.

A grave is a piece of land 8 feet long by 3 feet 4 inches wide & can accommodate up to 3 burials.

Four cremated ashes burials can be made on top of a grave. Where ashes are to be exhumed in order to accommodate further coffins, this is possible, subject to the consent of the Connétable.

A cremated ashes plot is a piece of land 2 feet long by 1 foot 8 inches wide and can accommodate four ashes burials.

The re-seeding charge will not be applied if curbs are to be added to the grave.

All payments of charges should be made to the ‘Parish of St Mary’

APPENDIX 2

Memorials

Details of all memorials and inscriptions must be submitted to the Parish Secretary for approval before creation. If there is any concern regarding the format, the proposed feature will be referred to the Committee when their decision will be final. Please note that only one memorial/headstone is acceptable per plot, and nothing is to be laid on the grass as these may be removed and disposed by the Parish.

Any memorial erected without permission may be removed at the owners' expense.

No memorial may be removed permanently from the cemetery without the permission of the Committee.

Any activity detrimental to good order and dignity in the Cemetery is prohibited.

The Parochial authorities do not accept any responsibility for any injury to individuals or damage to memorials or other objects placed in the cemetery however caused.

Headstones must be erected to enable the maintenance of the area to be carried out efficiently for the foreseeable future.

The following memorials are not permitted:

- Artificial stone, chairs or rails
- Plastic and glass domes
- Planting of trees or shrubs
- Border tiles
- Artificial colours
- Curbs

Permission is required for:

- Chippings & statuary
- Built in vases & artificial flowers
- Photographs
- Use of wood

Charges - New monuments/memorials 10% of cost