

# Outline for the preparation of a Funeral Booklet

The following structure is the basic structure for the Funeral Mass.

You may wish to supplement the basic structure with the words of the hymns and religious songs which will be used at the Mass.

Should you wish to include the words of the readings then they may be included in their 'given' place, or be placed together at the end of the booklet – so as not to discourage the congregation listening directly to the word of God as it is proclaimed to them.

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# Funeral Mass.

## Introductory Rites

### Greeting

The priest greets the congregation in these words or similar:

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
Congregation: **And with your spirit.**

### Sprinkling with Holy Water

### Entrance Procession

*(Opening Hymn)*

*(Placing of the Pall)*

*(Placing of Christian Symbols)*

### Opening Prayer

## Liturgy of the Word

### Reading

The reader ends the reading with the acclamation: The word of the Lord  
Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

### Gospel Acclamation

### Gospel

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
Congregation: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *N.*  
Congregation: **Glorify to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel has been proclaimed...*

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.  
Congregation: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Homily

### Prayer of the Faithful

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*(Offertory Hymn)*

### Preparation of the Gifts

## Eucharistic Prayer

### *The Preface dialogue*

Priest: The Lord be with you

Congregation: **And with your Spirit.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: **It is right and just.**

## Acclamations

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation

Priest: The mystery of faith.

Congregation: **We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.**

or **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.**

or **Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.**

***NB Only one of the above will be used, and so only that one  
should be put in the service booklet***

## Communion Rite

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Sign of Peace

### Breaking of the Bread

## Communion

*Catholics who are present are invited to come to receive Holy Communion. Others present are invited to come forward to receive a prayer of blessing: they should come to the minister with their arms crossed before them, to make it clear that they are coming to receive the prayer of blessing.*

*(Song during Communion)*

*(Song after Communion)*

Prayer after Communion

## Final Commendation

*(Words of Remembrance)*

Invitation to Prayer

Silence

Signs of Farewell

Song of Farewell

Prayer of Commendation

Procession to the Place of Committal

*(Recessional Hymn)*

***NB Items in brackets are optional and if not included should be deleted from the list***

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