



How do I arrange an interment for the ashes for my loved one?

There is an interment of ashes request form that can be completed. Please contact the parish office to arrange a time to meet and discuss the interment with Rev Kim.



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

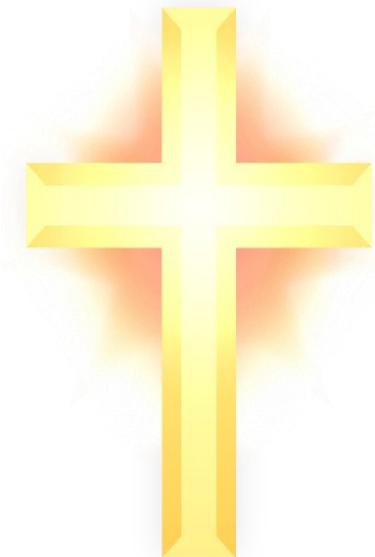
By his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1 : 3-4

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interment of ashes in our memorial garden





What is a Memorial Garden?

Memorial Gardens are a witness to Christian beliefs in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assurance we share in his resurrection to eternal life.

Mundaring Anglican Parish Memorial Garden is adjacent to the paved area in front of the Church of the Epiphany, Mann Street, Mundaring, Western Australia.

The Mundaring Parish has adopted guidelines to manage its Memorial Garden. Our parish guidelines comply with the Diocesan Policy for Memorial Gardens, Monuments and Plaques.

How are the ashes interred?

Christian practice is to mingle ashes with the earth. Ashes are emptied from their container into a hole in the earth and covered with earth. No ashes are buried in a container in Anglican Memorial Gardens. The ashes are buried to a depth greater than 25 centimetres.

Is there a service when interring ashes?

Our Rector presides at a short service of prayers and readings from scripture held in the Memorial Garden. The order of service used is taken from the section The Interment of the Ashes in *A Prayer Book for Australia*.

Is the location of the ashes marked?

The exact location of the ashes is not marked. Our Memorial Garden as a whole is a place of remembrance of all whose ashes are interred there. Its intimate scale is not suitable for a steadily growing number of individual monuments or plaques and permission will not normally be given for them to be erected.

Our Memorial Garden is very small with no capacity to increase its size. To be able to give all those who want their loved ones interred in our Memorial Garden the opportunity to do so, the decision has been made to offer a plaque on the Memorial Board in the Church of the Epiphany instead of erecting a monument.

Why are there monuments in the garden?

Monuments currently in our Memorial Garden were placed there before the present Diocesan requirements for the management of parish Memorial Gardens that states approval will not normally be given for monuments to be erected.

Are the ashes ever disturbed?

Any disturbance of earth in our Memorial Garden is carried out with sensitivity and care. Disturbance is normally in the form of adding new earth as soil levels drop and when replacing plants. No digging occurs in the garden. Care is taken to retain the dignity and solemnity of our Memorial Garden when any restorative work is carried out.

Is the Memorial Garden tidied and tended?

Our Memorial Garden and the native flora planted in it are lovingly tended and cared for. Care is always taken to retain the dignity and solemnity of our Memorial Garden when it is being tended.

Can we visit and leave flowers?

Visitors, family and friends are welcome to visit our Memorial Garden for remembrance and quiet reflection. Our Memorial Garden is very small and it is not appropriate to leave large bunches of flowers, vases, or ornaments. Flowers that are small, simple and natural (not artificial) can be left on our Memorial Garden.

Can the interment be acknowledged?

While the exact location of the ashes will not be marked, a plaque can be commissioned from the parish to be included on our Memorial Board in the Church of the Epiphany. Plaques are of the same font and style and contain the words 'In Loving Memory', the name of the person whose ashes have been interred, and their date of birth and date of death. There is a modest charge for the plaque.

Is there a written parish record?

There is a Register recording brief details of those whose ashes have been interred in our Memorial Garden.