

Parish of St Edwards the Confessor – Columbarium

With the pending Columbarium commencement of usage, additional information and details is warranted.

Overview: The word Columbarium is used to describe a place that has been designated for the internment of the ashes of those who have been cremated. The location of the St Edwards Columbarium has been carefully chosen so those whose ashes are interned are close to the church altar, and as a reminder for those celebrating mass, that their loved ones are close and to pray for them.

The St Edwards Columbarium is solid granite, and can be viewed at the back of the church, behind the chapel.

The Columbarium has two functions, (a) to provide a location (a “Niche”) for the ashes of deceased loved ones, and (b) provide a Memorial Wall where plaques may be mounted to provide remembrance for those loved ones that may not necessarily have a niche in the St Edwards Columbarium.

Summary:

1. Cost of an Ashes ‘Niche’ location. Wall 1 - \$400 each (no GST) or Wall 2 - \$600 each (no GST).
2. Cost of a ‘Memorial Wall’ plaque location. \$200 plus GST (\$220.00) each.
3. Period to make payment. 90 days from application.
4. Ashes ‘Niche’ location. Allocated on the order of receipt of application forms at the Parish Office.
5. Period of reservation: Initial period 25 years from the application being accepted.
6. Extending reservation period: Reservations may be extended upon expiry at **no cost**.
7. Contacting the Applicant: If the parish cannot contact the applicant at expiry, the reservation may be returned back to the parish. **Therefore, it is most important to always keep your contact details up to date.**
8. After ashes are interned: After internment, the ashes will remain in the wall **forever**, there is **no expiry date**.

Ash Niches: Ash Niches provide a permanent location for loved ones. The dimensions are designed to contain standard 4.5 litre Crematorium vessel. On the front of each Niche is a granite cover that will be used to provide an engraved memorial for the internee. The wording will be limited by the size of the plaque. The granite cover will be permanently attached, once the niche is occupied. Each niche can contain one internee.

If you already have an urn for a loved one, you will need to have a Crematorium transfer the ashes to a standard Crematorium 4.5 litre vessel, as the urn may not fit in the niche.

As each niche has its own memorial details on its cover, it is not necessary to have a “Memorial Wall” plaque, although you may if you wish.

Memorial Wall: The Memorial Wall is for plaques for loved ones, who may have been interned elsewhere. Each plaque is made of cast bronze for durability and will conform to a standard dimension of 150mm by 100 mm. Each plaque will have a cross on it and wording as suggested by the applicant or relatives. The wording will be limited by the size of the plaque.

Application for a Niche or Memorial Plaque: Applications have been open for acceptance since the announcement that a Columbarium is to be built. Application forms are available at the back on the church, from one of the drawers near the main doors.

EACH application for an ashes niche, or a memorial wall plaque must be on a **SEPARATE** form (note the Niche and Memorial Wall Plaque applications are **DIFFERENT**).

So if you need niche locations for say, a husband & wife, two separate applications are required.

Applications can be returned the parish office (during office hours) once completed.

A “Certificate of Reservation” will be issued after reservation payment.

Reservations may be refunded upon surrendering of the Reservation Certificate.

Niches:

The current the cost of an ashes “Niche” location reservation is Wall 1 - \$400 each or Wall 2 - \$600 each.

Payment is required within 90 days of submitting applications.

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This cost does not include the cost of engraving the wording on a “Niche” front cover, the actual cost would have to be supplied by the stone masons upon submitting your requirements.

All the details on a niche front cover will be submitted to the Columbarium Manager (office) who will arrange to obtain a quote for the required engraving.

Upon your acceptance of the engraving quote, full payment will be required before authorising the engraving.

The initial reservation period for a niche is 25 years from the date the application is accepted. Upon expiry of the reservation period, further extensions may be requested, at no extra cost.

If the parish cannot make contact with the applicant or their representatives, then the allocation may revert back to the parish. **Therefore, it is important to keep contact details up to date.**

The allocation is by row, with row A at the top & row H at the bottom, each row contains 9 niches.

Once a Niche is occupied, it is permanently sealed up forever, there is **NO** expiry period.

Memorial Wall Plaques:

The current the cost of a “Memorial Wall” location reservation is \$200 each.

Payment is required within 90 days of submitting applications.

This cost does not include the cost of the actual plaque and the lettering on it. The actual cost would have to be supplied by the foundry upon submitting your requirements.

All the details on a plaque will be submitted to the Columbarium Manager who will arrange to obtain a quote for the required plaque.

Upon your acceptance of the plaque proof & the cost, full payment will be required before authorising the manufacturing of the plaque.

The initial reservation period for a Memorial Wall location is 25 years from the date the application is accepted. Upon expiry of the reservation period, further extensions may be requested, at no extra cost.

If the parish cannot make contact with the applicant of their representatives, then the allocation may revert back to the parish. **Therefore, it is important to keep contact details up to date.**

There is **NO** expiry period on wall plaques once attached.

If you have any further queries, please contact me.

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