



# Parish of Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold

## Cemetery Regulations

1. The Right of Burial in the cemetery is granted subject to the decrees and canons of the Catholic Church and the rules and regulations of the cemetery in force at any particular time. It is a condition of plot ownership that these rules and regulations are adhered to.
2. Interments cannot take place unless the Registrar's certificate has been given to the parish priest.
3. The cemetery is private property, owned by the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the right is reserved to exclude anyone from the cemetery whose conduct is inappropriate.
4. **Plots**

New plots will be allocated based on the next available according to the cemetery plan. The standard for digging will be to provide capacity for three interments, and in the parish ashes plot, two interments. Cremated remains may be interred in either the parish ashes plot, or a graveyard plot. The scattering of cremated remains within the cemetery is not permitted under any circumstances.
5. **Memorials**

Memorials may only be supplied and erected by a memorial mason, who is a BRAMM or NAMM registered installer. No memorial may be erected without prior written permission of the parish priest. Permission will not be granted until a minimum of 11 months have elapsed since the interment. The only memorial stone permitted in the graveyard is a headstone.
6. The maximum size of memorial permitted is:

Base	90cm wide x 40cm deep x 10cm high
Memorial	80cm wide x 30cm deep x 90cm high (unless a cross, then 100cm high)
7. A single central memorial stone has been erected for the parish ashes plot, upon which the parish will arrange for the deceased's name and date of death to be inscribed. This is done once a year. No other memorial stone is to be erected on the parish ashes plot.
8. **Safety of Memorials**

Once a memorial is erected, it remains the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain it in a safe condition at all times. Neither the Archdiocese of Liverpool nor the parish accept responsibility for its safety and security. The right is reserved to move and take away any memorial, which is allowed to deteriorate so as to constitute a danger to others. The parish will carry out periodic risk assessments in the cemetery and should any memorial be found to pose a risk, they will inform the plot owner (or the family of the deceased) who has the responsibility to address the identified problem within a reasonable timescale.
9. **Damage**

The parish cannot accept responsibility for damage done to memorials, whether it



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is due to vandalism, the weather or other causes beyond our control. It is the responsibility of the plot owner to maintain their memorial in a way that contributes to the dignity of the whole cemetery.

### **10. Grave Maintenance and Aftercare**

For the period after burial:

- All graves will be tidied up and left in an acceptable condition by the parish. The levelling of graves during the period of settlement will be carried out by the parish as required, and this can take about a year.
- During this period, a simple wooden cross marked with the name of the deceased may be placed at the head of the grave.
- Flowers may be placed in vases or pots or small bedding plants embedded in the soil, but the un-turfed area may not be extended.
- When the time for returfing or seeding the grave comes, the groundsmen will remove all above items, but will leave at the head of the grave, anything the plot owner may wish to reclaim. They will be disposed of if the plot owner does not remove them within a reasonable time. Thereafter the parish will undertake the turfing, seeding and maintenance of the lawned areas. No cost will be incurred to the owner of the right of burial.

Anything that hinders the maintenance of the cemetery is not permitted. Examples include wedges, permanent crosses, wooden memorials, statues, chains, gravel, kerbstones, or fences around graves.

No item is permitted to be placed in the lawned areas between the rows of headstones. Similarly, vases, flowers, plants, trees, dug borders, ornaments are not permitted outside the area of the headstone. Free-standing vases are only permitted if they stand on the headstone plinth / base. This also applies to the parish ashes plot

No trees or shrubs may be planted in the cemetery, and no seats or benches are allowed, except with permission by the parish priest. Any application should be made in writing.

Any memorial or other item that does not conform to the above may be removed without notice by the parish.

- 11.** Cemetery users are asked to keep the cemetery clean and tidy and are specifically required to remove their own items of refuse from grave areas e.g. floral tributes, wreaths and plants using the waste bins provided. Any remaining Christmas foliage will be removed by the ground's maintenance volunteers prior to Ash Wednesday.

- 12.** The right is reserved to amend or add to these regulations at any time.