

**SACRED HEART PARISH, KOTA SENTOSA AND  
ST MARK'S CHURCH, BATU KAWA  
Guidelines to arrange Catholic Funeral**



**1. CHOOSE THE RIGHT FUNERAL DIRECTOR:**

We prefer you choose a Catholic company who understands Church funeral customs, and who can greatly assist you. If you engage a director unfamiliar with the Catholic Church, you will need to arrange the subsequent steps yourself. Therefore, we suggest the following:

**Christopher Chin: 019-8563438 (Burial service in charge)**

**Beatrice Mary Goh - 082-244493 (Catholic Mutual Benefit Society Office)**

**2. FUNERAL MASS AND WAKE PRAYERS:** Contact Sacred Heart parish office (082-622835).

**3.** Provide Baptismal Certificate of the deceased.

**4. BURIAL PLOT AND PREPARATION AT CATHOLIC CEMETERY**

Contact Mr. Raymond Lee: 082-242634

- The Lord's Resting Ground (7 ½ mile); RM 1,900

- Immaculate Heart Catholic Cemetery; RM 2,300

- Catholic Memorial Park (13 mile); RM 2,300

**FOR CREMATION:**

Nirvana Memorial Park Kuching: 013-818 6223; starts from RM1,800

Ashes should be interred in a Catholic columbarium. Contact St. Peter's Parish office: 082-429140. Niche contribution: RM 5,000 – RM 8,000.

**5. FUNERAL PARLOUR:** Before the funeral Mass, the body may be placed at home or at a Funeral Parlour. For St Joseph's Funeral Parlour, contact the Parish Office of St Joseph's: 082-423424. Their rate: RM 300 per day

**6. TRANSPORTATION, COFFIN, CHILLER:** The funeral director provides these services. Their rates typically start from RM 6,500.

**7. FUNERAL MASS;**

- No eulogy permitted. The officiating priest may allow a 5-minute address from the representative of the family of the deceased before the Mass begins. It must be appropriate to the Catholic faith.

**8. OBITUARY:** Must not be published BEFORE the date, time and venue of the Funeral Mass is confirmed with the parish office. Price starts from RM140 (newspaper company).

**9. BURIAL/CREMATION:** The parish will arrange a minister to lead the prayers. Wreaths/flowers are not permitted be left at the cemetery.

## 10. OFFERING TO THE CHURCH

This is not a payment but a love-offering to the parish which will be used to carry out the work of the Church. Consider a suitable amount to honour God – it would be odd to pay a large amount to the funeral director and only contribute a small fraction of that amount to the parish. Label your envelope “FOR THE PARISH”.

It is usual to give tokens of appreciation to the priest, burial minister, etc. Please label the envelopes clearly.

### Funeral Cost and Contribution Summary

Funeral Services, Coffin, Chiller	Typically starts from RM 6,500
Burial Plot and its Preparation	7.5th Mile: RM 1,900 - RM 320 (Infant)  13th Mile: -RM 2,300
St. Joseph’s Cathedral Funeral Parlour	RM 300 (per night)
Cremation (Nirvana)	RM 1,800
Columbarium at St. Peter, Padungan	RM 5,000 to RM 8,000
Obituary Notice	Starts from RM 140
<i>Love offering to the Parish Church</i>	<i>Suitable and meaningful amount</i>
<i>Priest, Burial Minister, etc.</i>	<i>Your own discretion</i>

The approximate funeral cost for all services listed above (including plot/niche):

- Burial: Starts from RM 8,840
- Cremation: Starts from RM 13,740

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