remains. Cremation follows as soon as possible after the service and must be within 48 hours of arriving at the Crematorium.

Q. What happens to the coffin?
A. Regulations require that nothing must be removed from the coffin after it has been received at the crematorium. The coffin is placed into the cremator exactly as received. The cremator holds one coffin. The size of the cremation chamber is about 7ft long, 211/2 ft wide and 22 in high.

Q. How can I be assured that the cremated remains are correctly identified as my relative?
A. Each coffin is identified on its arrival at the crematorium and an identity card is placed on the outside of the cremator as soon as the coffin is placed into it. The cremator will only accept one coffin at a time ensuring the process must be completed before the cremator is used again. Each set of ashes kept separate throughout and are never left unidentified.

Q. What about Jewellery?
A. Glasnevin Trust advises that all items of jewellery be collected from the deceased before the funeral service takes place. The cremation process will destroy such items and there will be no way to recover them afterwards.

Q. Can relatives witness the committal of the coffin to the cremator?
A. This is not common practice in Ireland, although some Eastern religions prefer to view the coffin entering the cremator as a final part of the process.

Q. How can I ensure that my request for cremation will be carried out?
A. There is no laws to enforce that cremation can only take place with written instruction. It is very helpful for the guidance of executors and relatives clarity of instruction (either written of verbal) be given to executors or relatives of your wishes for cremation. There is a risk that direction in your will might not be read until after the funeral.

Q. Where do I collect the Ashes after Cremation?
Contact the appointed Undertaker as soon as possible arriving at the Crematorium.

Q. How is a cremation arranged?
Traditionally cremation was the choice of Eastern religions, now all Christian denominations, including Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland, allow cremation. The only religions who forbid cremation are Orthodox Judaism and Islam.

Q. Does my religion forbid cremation?
A. Generally the cost of a grave is more than the fee charged for cremation. There are associated cost for inscription of loved one who's remains are scattered close by. It is also available to meet a member of our staff to discuss any queries you may have about cremation.

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Q. Where can I receive further information on Glasnevin Trust Cremation Services?
A. Further information or advice can be obtained from; Dave Thompson, Crematorium Manager, Glasnevin Trust, Finglas Road, Dublin 11. T +353 1 8826500 dthompson@glasnevintrust.ie www.glasnevintrust.ie

If you would like to call or visit our Crematorium at Glasnevin or Newland Cross Cemetery, our team can answer any queries and arrange for you to visit discuss any information or further questions you may have about cremation.
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**Q. Is cremation more expensive burial?**  
A. Generally the cost of a grave is more than the fee charged for cremation. There are associated cost with memorialisation options such as decorative urns, burial of ashes and columbarium wall interment.

**Q. How is a cremation arranged?**  
A. Contact the appointed Undertaker as soon as possible after the death, advising him that you prefer a cremation. Discuss the details of the cremation with them; when the cremation is to take place, who will officiate at the service and what type of service is required. The Undertaker will ensure that all necessary statutory requirements are fulfilled. There is a requirement to sign the cremation forms, and we advise you to carefully read their contents to ensure they have been correctly completed.

**Q. Where do I collect the Ashes after Cremation?**  
A. After the Cremation service the ashes may be collected from the Cemetery Offices at either Glasnevin or Newlands Cross by appointment. The ashes are kept in a Glasnevin Trust standard urn which will be placed in a discreet holder on collection.

**Q. After Cremation what are the memorialisation options available for families and friends?**  
A. There are an increasing number of choices to be made on how to memorialise loved ones after cremation. The following are available from Glasnevin Trust:  
A) Garden of Remembrance.  
B) Columbarium Wall at Glasnevin Cemetery or Newlands Cross Cemetery  
C) Family grave.  
D) Decorative Urns  
F) Remembrance Stone.  
The Garden of Remembrance is designed to reflect miniature burial grounds where cremated remains are interred in ground vaults. Above each vault a memorial stone is inscribed with the name and date of death. At the time of cremation it is possible to reserve spaces alongside for future use by other family members.

**Q. What happens at the Crematorium on the day of the funeral?**  
A. Family and friends meet and wait outside the Chapel in Glasnevin or the Temple at Newlands Cross for the funeral cortege to arrive. When everything is ready the coffin enters followed by the mourners. Music is often played as the coffin arrives and is placed at the top of the Church or Temple, then the service begins as the music ends. The style and length of service depends on what has been arranged.

At Newlands Cross Temple the coffin is placed on a Catafalque. Towards the end of the service lights over the coffin start to dim and the coffin slowly descends into the Catafalque. This takes less than 2mins and if requested is accompanied by music signifying the end of the service.

In Glasnevin Cemetery Chapel, towards the end of the service a light curtain slowly closes across the front of the coffin still offering visibility, lights over the coffin start to dim and this is followed by a second curtain which removes the coffin from view and if requested is accompanied by music signifying the end of the service.

**Q. What happens to the coffin after the service?**  
A. The deceased is taken to the crematorium, where the nameplate on the coffin is carefully checked with the Cremation Order to verify the identity. The deceased coffin is labelled with a card prepared by the Crematorium authorities containing all relevant information. This card stays with deceased at all times until the final disposal of the cremated...