

## **Our Columbarium & Memorial Wall**

### **What is a Columbarium?**

A columbarium is a wall of niches to hold the ashes of those who have been cremated. The term "columbarium" comes from the Latin word for 'dwelling place of a dove'. (Christians believe the dove is a symbol of the Holy Spirit).

Columbaria can be found in many cemeteries and in some church grounds.

While columbaria have existed for over a hundred years, the Catholic Church has allowed cremation only since the 1960's. Hence a columbarium in a Catholic parish dates back only a few decades.

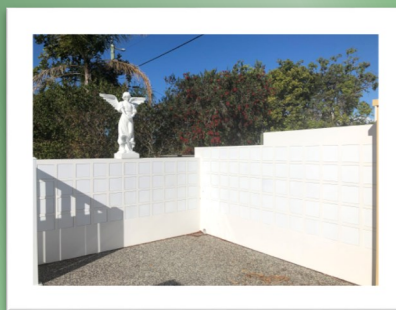


## **Construction**

Our Columbarium and Memorial Walls were completed in May 2020. The aim is to provide a peaceful and respectful atmosphere, connected with the worshipping space of the community, which would enable family and friends to pray for, and reflect on, their loved ones who have died.

The columbarium is comprised of 2 sections: traditional **Niche Walls** consisting of 288 niches into which cremated ashes will be placed; and **Memorial Walls** consisting of 109 spaces for plaques to be placed in memory of loved ones who have been inurned elsewhere. The columbarium - like the church graveyard of old - is a link between the living and the dead who are ever joined in the communion of saints.

*Niche Size: (1ft x 6in or 30cm x 15cm)*



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**Capuchin Franciscan Friars**

## **Columbarium Wall**

### **Niche Options**

Please note Guardian Angels Columbarium has single niches only. Niches are available on 8 walls:

- ◆ Saint Padre Pio
- ◆ Saint Anthony of Padua
- ◆ Saint Francis of Assisi
- ◆ Our Lady of the Angels
- ◆ Saint Joseph
- ◆ Saint Clare of Assisi
- ◆ Saint Therese of Lisieux
- ◆ Saint Mary MacKillop

The wall and niche of your choice can be selected pending availability.

Memorial Plates are available on 3 walls:

- ◆ Saint Vincent de Paul
- ◆ Saint Gerard Majella
- ◆ Saints Peter and Paul

Please contact the Parish Office to ascertain availability:

198 Bay Tce, Wynnum Qld 4178

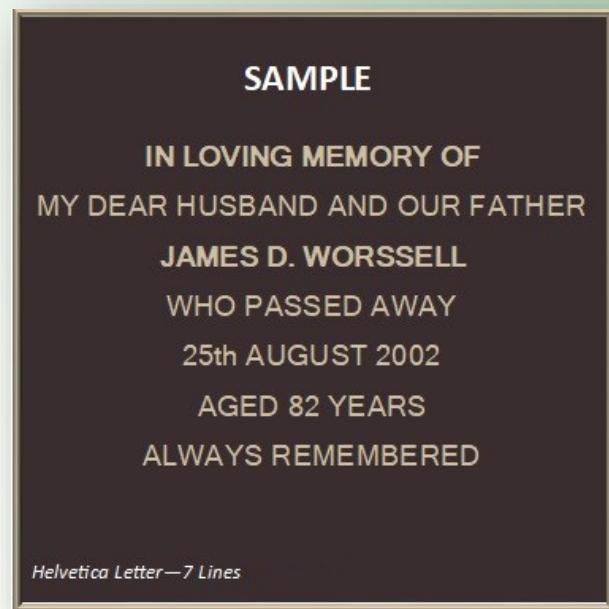
Ph: 07 3393 4980

Email: [gachurchwynnum@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gachurchwynnum@bne.catholic.net.au)

## Plaque design

The plaque for our Columbarium and Memorial Wall will be of standard size and design, using the same print font.

The size is 200mm x 200mm



Additional options of motifs, borders or badges incur additional cost.

Please contact the Parish Office on 3393 4980 or email [gachurchwynnum@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:gachurchwynnum@bne.catholic.net.au) for information about the cost involved.

## After the Funeral

Funeral process: Following the funeral service, the coffin is taken to the crematorium where the cremation takes place. (The Rite of Committal may occur at the church or the crematorium.) Within a few days, the family is advised that the ashes are ready. (They are appropriately presented in a box that fits into the columbarium niche.) The family contact the Parish Office to arrange for the plaque to be made (which may take up to six weeks), and for the inurnment of the ashes into the columbarium. If the family requests it, a blessing - led by a priest - may be arranged at the time of inurnment or at a later date. In the case of the Memorial Wall (no ashes involved), the wording on the plaque is determined when required and the plaque, similar to the design described, is attached when it is delivered.

## COLUMBARIUM MEMORIAL WALL



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