



# JENNINGS

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

ADVANCE FUNERAL GUIDE

Your Jennings Funeral Director will help you with any aspect of your advance funeral plan

## **JENNINGS FUNERAL DIRECTORS DUBLIN**

**Advance Funeral planning - your mind at rest - our attention to your detailed wishes.**

✓ PRE-PLANNED FUNERALS

Options available for those interested in pre-planning their own funeral.

✓ FREE GUIDANCE & CONSULTATION  
WITH YOUR OWN JENNINGS FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

✓ NO PRE-PAYMENT NECESSARY.

\*This booklet can be downloaded, printed, and kept for your convenience.

\*See page 7 for funeral options check-list which may prove useful before you visit Jennings Funeral Directors for your free consultation.

## **Advance Funeral planning - your mind at rest - our attention to your detailed wishes.**

Funerals are changing; in Dublin and all around Ireland. People have a wider choice of options than ever before, and Jennings Funeral Directors have seen increased levels of enquiries from those who wish to have an active part in pre-planning the details of their funeral.

The certainty that we all must go sometime meant that the option to pre-plan a funeral has traditionally been a part of what Jennings offer in terms of customer service. This began in our Head Office at the **Five Lamps** in Amiens Street, and we now offer that service at all our branches – **Oscar Traynor Road, Coolock, Raheny and Blanchardstown**, Dublin 15.

It's actually a regular occurrence, as during the course of a working day while making arrangements for more immediate funerals, a Jennings Funeral Director may often greet people who have popped into their local Jennings branch for a chat. Often hale and hearty in health, they come in to seek advice about planning their own funeral, and want to formalise their own ideas and wishes in a relaxed atmosphere.

### **Benefits of pre-planning your funeral.**

- Making a funeral plan, even the broad outline of it, will help ease the burden on your beloved relatives after you pass away.
- As modern funerals can now include so many elements that make a funeral deeply personal and meaningful, it is the perfect opportunity to choose the kind of elements for your service that you find special in life. You have boundless options like songs, hymns, flowers, bouquet colours, poems, tributes and even your choice of coffin, to reflect the real essence of your personality and your life.
- Creating your own funeral plan will ensure you have the chance to eliminate any aspects that you might not like at all; ensuring the celebration of your life encapsulates everything you want it to. Once you make your advance funeral plan, Jennings will archive every tiny detail safely to ensure complete fulfillment of your wishes.

- For people who don't have a particular religious faith, pre-planning a funeral can be very important to truly reflect the things that are important to you.
- Advance planning will take a potentially painful task from the shoulders of those we leave behind, to provide guidance and structure at a difficult and emotional time.  
Anybody who has had to step up to the plate after losing a beloved parent; relative or friend will know that decisions like having to choose a coffin – often on the very day someone we love dies – is a tough call. Grieving and emotionally fraught, making decisions after the passing of a loved one is a challenge, and at Jennings Funeral Directors, we see the sense of relief in people when a funeral has been pre-planned and the coffin already chosen by the beloved relative.
- Having to choose a coffin or an urn is a slightly surreal experience, but doing so in peace and calm without an immediate hurry allows you to make calm, considered choices. You have the time and serenity to reflect on the most appropriate option for you; the life you have lived and your personal preferences. Jennings Funeral Directors will always ensure you are provided sensitive and gentle guidance, advice and space to make the choices you really want.
- Consultation for advance funeral planning is free, providing financial peace of mind. Please note that in Jennings, we encourage advance funeral planning which is very different from advance funeral payment, although Jennings will facilitate payment if you wish. But payment is not compulsory – pre-planning your funeral is about learning what services are available, and being given a clear idea of budget. A pre-planned funeral is completely different from a pre-paid funeral.
- People who seek expert guidance by calling into Jennings to discuss their funeral leave our office with far greater clarity than when they came in – they have a clear idea how much their funeral will cost; what elements are most reflective of their personality, and often tell us they feel like a great burden is lifted.
- Advance funeral plans can be as detailed as you wish; from the flower arrangements to Reposal and viewing times. You can make a broader outline without so much detail if you like; a pre-planned funeral can include your basic wishes if you are happy to leave the finer details to your beloved relatives.

This booklet can be printed out and brought with you as a guide to discuss advance funeral plans with your local Jennings Funeral Director.

At the back of the book is a useful checklist – you can ‘tick’ many choices there before, during, or after you speak to a Funeral Director. Bear in mind that nothing is set in stone and you have complete flexibility. For example, you might opt for a cremation and then change your mind a few days – or even a few years – after you visit Jennings. A simple phone call to Jennings and your Funeral Director will allow you to make changes about any element of your funeral, be it prayers or readings for your church service, or a change of location for a Reposal.

Here is a basic sequence of what happens during an advance funeral plan meeting with a Jennings Funeral Director.

Despite the fact bereavement is never a word that fills a room with good cheer, pre-planning your funeral with Jennings is generally a very warm, positive conversation. As it is all about something that reflects and celebrates your life, most people find it a strangely comforting experience. At its core, those who wish to have the pre-planning conversation have a simple and clear request; they want to discuss their funeral with an expert, have it understood, written down, and kept safe. At all branches of Jennings, there is space and privacy so that your detailed funeral wishes can be discussed in a safe, comfortable environment. The meeting can be as long or as short as you wish. The Funeral Director will guide you through and answer all of your questions. The **checklist** at the back here will give you a notion of sequence.

## New Graves

If you need to purchase a new grave, your Jennings Funeral Director has all that information to hand. Cemeteries and their regulations vary from location to location, and from Mulhuddart to Fingal, and the graveyards in between, different rules can apply.

Some cemeteries allow you to purchase a new grave plot while you're still alive. Some do not allow this – but don't worry – your Funeral Director will build your cemetery choice into your funeral plan and where necessary your grave can be then purchased in the immediate aftermath of passing away.

**Grave prices** vary according to location and other factors, so another benefit of pre- planning means that you can ask the Funeral Director for guidance and clarity in cost.

Once your advance funeral plan is in place, you can keep in touch with us at Jennings for updates on things like graveyard fees, the advent of new cemeteries that may interest you, and other elements or cost factors so you always have relevant information and complete clarity.

If **cremation** is your choice, we will take you through all of the steps and answer all your questions from the cost of cremation to the details of what actually happens; to the kind of cremation urn you might wish to have your ashes retained inside. At all our Jennings Funeral Directors branches you'll see tasteful, softly lit display rooms with coffins and urns both decorative and simple.

## Budget

Jennings believe in being able to facilitate every budget, so we have the broadest range of urns and coffins available, and we're happy to advise and guide you on all your choices during an advance plan funeral meeting.

**Religious funerals, non-religious funeral services** – here is where advance funeral planning makes so much sense. Ireland has become more secular; more multi-cultural; embracing diversity and change – and for all kinds of reasons, spirituality has become a deeply personal thing for many people. Jennings Funeral Directors link this to the growing trend in pre-planned funerals.

**Options** include religious funerals, humanist funerals, civil funerals or even a combination of all. You may opt for a funeral combining elements of religious and non-religious traditions, and your Jennings Funeral Director will advise you on the possibilities for each.

At Jennings we get regular queries about how a humanist funeral differs from a civil funeral.

A **Civil Funeral Celebrant** will engage with a funeral plan that can involve prayer and ritual but no Funeral Mass or sacrament – this type of funeral often includes poems, stories, songs and other elements that reflect the beloved deceased relative, friend, and partner.

A **Humanist Funeral Celebrant** will officiate at your funeral service where there is no prayers or crosses on coffins or religious icons of any description.

Jennings will work creatively with you to the highest standards. Whether you need us to make a note to contact your cousin who is a priest after you pass away, or if you want to be put in contact with a humanist; or you need us to help you check out Wexford's eco cemetery – it's our job to help ensure your wishes are respected.

With both humanist and civil funerals, many people opt to make best use of the Funeral Home facilities. As part of your advance funeral consultation, your Funeral Director will arrange for you to view the broad range of dedicated Reposal Space at all branches of Jennings. Advance planning really comes into its own in this instance, as it is far easier to imagine a meaningful gathering and farewell tribute when a person has actually seen the space options and has the chance to absorb all the information to make considered decisions. (Reposal Spaces are also known as Chapels-of-Repouse).

## **Funeral Questions - finding clarity**

Most people are too busy living a full life to think about its inevitable end, so we don't tend to focus *too* much on funerals. It's only when we start to engage in the kind of questions brought about by a pre-planned funeral that we realise there are a huge number of variables.

Do the Funeral Directors carry umbrellas to shelter people at graveside? Do I want funeral flowers? Do we need mourning cars and how many? When is embalming required? Is there a need to allow enough time for friends or family to travel home from abroad? Can we purchase a family grave if the first internment is a casket of ashes? Is it ok to have a eulogy factored in to a Reposal instead of the church?



Don't worry if the checklist below triggers a lot of questions; make a note of them, as when you follow up this booklet by speaking to or meeting a Jennings Funeral Director, all your questions will be answered. Peace of mind is important to all of us. That's what enables us to get on with living, and to enjoy the best of life.

## CHECKLIST FOR YOUR ADVANCE FUNERAL PLAN

- ✓ Can be used as a reference point before, during, or at any stage after your free consultation with Jennings Funeral Directors.
- ✓ No appointment necessary – call in to any branch of Jennings to seek professional help and information.
- ✓ Do take note that this funeral checklist is simply to guide your funeral plan – nothing is set in stone – at any stage in the future you may decide to change any aspect of this with one simple phone call, email or visit to your nearest Jennings Funeral Director.

### Decide or reflect on the on the type of funeral service you'd like to have

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| I would like my funeral to be followed by burial.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like my funeral to be followed by cremation.                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like my funeral to take place in Dublin                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like my funeral to take place outside of Dublin                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be re-patriated to a place outside Ireland                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like my funeral to take place in a church followed by a burial       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like my funeral to take place in a church followed by a cremation    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like <i>no</i> church service, just a Reposal followed by burial.    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like <i>no</i> church service, just a Reposal followed by cremation. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like a civil funeral, with some prayer included.                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like a humanist funeral, with no prayer, icons, or religious aspect  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |



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**No Funeral Service required**

No funeral service – my remains taken in a hearse from Jennings to the cemetery ☐

No funeral service – my remains taken in a hearse from Jennings to the crematorium ☐

**This section is useful if you require a church funeral**

I am

Roman Catholic ☐

Presbyterian ☐

Church of Ireland ☐

Muslim ☐

Jehovah's Witness ☐

Baptist ☐

Methodist ☐

Anglican ☐

Hindu ☐

Other (see space for *other*) ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

**If you require a Catholic Church Funeral Mass, below is a list of some North Dublin churches often linked to Jennings Funeral Directors. Please tick your parish church; or church you have had a connection with.**

St Agatha's Church, North William St ☐

St Brendan Church, Coolock ☐

St Brigid's Church, Killester ☐

St Brigid's Church, Blanchardstown ☐

Christ the King Church, Cabra ☐

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| St Francis Xavier's Church, Gardiner Street       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St Laurence O'Toole Church, Seville Place         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St Luke the Evangelist Church, Kilmore West       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Marlborough St, Dublin 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St Peter's Church, Phibsboro                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our Lady of Consolation Church, Donnycarney       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our Lady Mother of Divine Grace, Raheny           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane                  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our Lady of Victories Church, Ballymun            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Our Lady Help of Christians, Navan Road           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other church (see space below for <i>other</i> )  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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## Burial options:

If burial is your choice, do you already have a family grave in a cemetery where you are entitled to be buried? ☐

Your Jennings advance plan Funeral Director will take care of contacting the cemetery about confirming space available in your family grave, so don't worry if you're not sure.

Do you wish to purchase a new grave? ☐

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Jennings Funeral Directors have compiled a list of the main Dublin Cemeteries for your convenience, but there is space at the end if your own choice of graveyard is not listed:

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| Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin 9                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fingal Cemetery, Balgriffin, Co Dublin                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Balgriffin Cemetery, Balgriffin, Co Dublin                   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mulhuddart Cemetery, Dublin 15                               | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| St Fintan's Cemetery, Sutton, Co Dublin                      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mount Jerome Cemetery, Dublin 6                              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Malahide Cemetery, Co Dublin                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Boharnabreena Cemetery, Co Dublin                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Mount Venus, Rockbrook, Rathfarnham                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kilmashogue, Rockbrook, Rathfarnham                          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Newlands Cross Cemetery, West Dublin                         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other:   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Your Funeral Director will be able to guide you through the different grave options in the different cemeteries around Dublin and Ireland – and you don't need an appointment to call into Jennings and seek information. Please note that some cemeteries are full (the Funeral Director will let you know which cemeteries are full) and new graves can't be purchased there but if you already have a family grave in a full cemetery, you may be able to have a burial there once the Funeral Director checks about space.

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### Cremation:

If cremation is your preference, see crematorium options here:

Glasnevin Crematorium & Cemetery, Dublin 9 ☐

Mount Jerome Crematorium & Cemetery, Dublin 6 ☐

Newlands Cross Crematorium & Cemetery, Dublin 12 ☐

Your Jennings Funeral Director will give you all the options for what happens after a cremation – you'll have different choices about where your ashes are stored and how Jennings can help your family or friends to have them collected from the crematorium.

## FUNERAL CARS

A **Funeral Hearse** is a crucial part of all funeral plans, bringing dignity to the rituals around farewells and passing away. It is also very practical – if your funeral is a very simple affair, the hearse will carry the coffin from perhaps the funeral home to the cemetery – for example from Jennings of Amiens St to Glasnevin Crematorium. Or, if your funeral includes one or more Reposals and a church service of some sort, then the hearse can be used for all trips during the funeral times.

**Limousines** are optional. Please note that one limousine typically holds seven people – but that includes small children also.

### Would you like?

Hearse Only ☐

Hearse plus one Limousine ☐

Hearse plus two or more Limousines ☐

Horse-drawn hearse plus Limousines ☐

I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

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The following questions are simply for you to note areas that you might need time to reflect on – and can all be teased out and your personal needs discussed in great detail later. Behind all these general questions is a wealth of expert information. At Jennings, the Funeral Directors have deep insight into all aspects of funeral arrangements – whether that's a knowledge of the freshest funeral flowers locally available, or what's involved if a Dublin resident plans to be buried elsewhere in Ireland.

## REPOSALS / REPOSING TIMES / FUNERAL LOCATIONS / WAKES / REPOSAL SERVICES

### Would you like?

A Reposal as part of your funeral ☐

A Removal to the Church the night before your funeral ☐

A Reposal in a Funeral Home space of your choice ☐

A Reposal in your own home ☐

A Reposal in the home of a family member or friend ☐

I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

Other: ☐

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## Embalming, viewing, preparation

### Would you like?

Professional embalming, preparation, preservation ☐

No embalming. ☐

## Laying out, viewing options, Reposal.

### Would you like?

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- To be laid out in my own clothes ☐
- To be laid out in a habit based on religious preference ☐
- An open coffin during Reposal time including people paying respects ☐
- I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐
- A closed coffin at all times ☐
- I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

### Would you like?

- A particular memento placed in your coffin before closing ☐
- I'd rather leave that to my family to decide ☐
- I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

### Would you like?

- A civil funeral celebrant during Reposal with some aspects of prayer. ☐
- A humanist funeral celebrant during Reposal with no religion whatsoever ☐
- I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

You might like a very alternative funeral to all these outlines – that might include an eco-cemetery, a very unusual coffin, or a different kind of Reposal space. Speak to us in Jennings as soon as you can and your Funeral Director will help you design a very unique funeral with all your values and wishes included.

### Would you like?

- Music as part of your funeral – in church or at your chosen place of Reposal ☐
- Specific songs or airs that hold deep meaning for you ☐
- Specific musical instruments, like organ, strings, or pipes ☐
- CD or iPod compilation of your choice ☐
- I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

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### Funeral Flowers. Would you like?

- Funeral flowers as chosen by friends and family ☐
- Specific funeral flower arrangements – wreaths, coffin sprays, posies ☐
- No flowers – donations in lieu to charity of your choice ☐
- I'm not sure – I will speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

### Prayers, readings, readers, eulogies, poems.

#### Would you like?

- Family and friends to choose readings and readers – in church and/or during Reposal ☐
- Specific poems and prayers and readers that I wish to include ☐
- If there is a eulogy, I would like that to be time specific ☐
- I have no thoughts or input on whether a eulogy is part of my funeral or not ☐
- I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐

### Newspapers Death Notices

Most likely, your bereavement notice will be written by a dearly beloved friend or relative. But many people have clear ideas of **where** they would like these notices to appear. And even without the actual text, your Jennings Funeral Director will be able to give you a clear idea of cost.

#### Would you like your notice to be published in one or more of the following:

- The Irish Times ☐
- The Irish Independent ☐
- The Evening Herald ☐
- The Cork Examiner ☐
- RIP.IE ☐
- I don't know – I'll speak with the Jennings Funeral Director ☐
- Other: ☐