



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Rules for Columbarium Wall

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Definitions:

Niche: An individual chamber within a Columbarium Wall for the storage of human ashes in an urn. Each niche is provided with a covering granite/marble face plate and secured to the wall.

Columbarium Wall: A purpose-built wall for the housing of Niches.

Rules:

- Galway County Council (Council) provides a right of burial service within a Columbarium Wall in our burial ground in Moycullen. Persons wishing to avail of this right may purchase a Niche from Galway County Council through the Burial Ground Caretaker (Caretaker).
- The Columbarium Wall and surrounding facilities are the property of the Council. The purchase of the right permits internment of human ashes only. No property ownership rights are vested as a result of the purchase of the service.
- The allocation of a Niche will be made by the Caretaker. Both are allocated on a next available basis and cannot be purchased in advance.
- Galway County Council will invoice the purchaser the cost of a niche within two weeks of allocation and payment is to be made within two weeks of the invoice date.
- All receptacles / urns for ashes are to be provided by the purchaser and must be sealed and made of non-perishable material.
- The Council reserves the right to approve the number and type of receptacles/urns in each Niche. Details on urn dimensions and allowable quantities will be available from the burial ground caretaker.
- The burial ground caretaker must be present for the removal and replacement of a Niche face plate and for the placement of the urn in a plot.
- An internment in a Columbarium Wall will be recorded in the Register of Burials. Subsequent interments in the same niche must also be recorded.
- Inscriptions on the Niche face plate will be the responsibility of the family / next of kin. Inscriptions must comply with the specification that will be available from the Caretaker.
- The placing of memorabilia on the Columbarium Wall will not be permitted.
- The Council and its authorised agents reserve the right to remove non-compliant material from the Columbarium Wall in order to maintain a safe and clean area and to provide a consistent and respectful service.