

# Participation in the Funeral Mass or Liturgy

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Below are some guidelines to assist in arranging for those people required for roles within the Funeral ceremony.

## Music

Musical choices will need to be selected for your ceremony. We have made some recommendations for your consideration on our website. Please see the section 'Funeral Preparation' on our website [www.ofw-adelaide.org.au](http://www.ofw-adelaide.org.au)

Music may be played via pre-recorded means. If so you may require someone to operate the sound system during your ceremony. Or you may like to arrange musicians and singers. Many parishes now have screens to display lyrics, so it may not be necessary to include them in your booklet.

## Gathering Rite

- Will the family walk in with the Coffin?
- Or will the Coffin already be at the front of the church?
- Placing of the Pall (white garment over the coffin) 2 - 4 people to place
- Lighting of the Pascal Candle Person to light
- Symbols (photos, significant items etc.) People to place
- Eulogy (to compose and present) People to present

## Liturgy of the Word

- Readings (*dependent if having First and Second Readings*) 1 - 2 people
- Psalm (if not sung) 1 person
- Gospel Celebrant
- Prayers of the Faithful People to read

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

- Procession of the Gifts of Bread and Wine 2 - 4 people
- Music or Hymns to accompany (see above)
- Extraordinary ministers (Communion Ministers) Parishioners

## Concluding Rite

- Appreciation and thanks Family member or celebrant or Funeral Director
- Pall Bearers Family and friends

