

The right of burial in the graveyards is granted subject to the decrees and canons of the Catholic Church and the rules and regulations of the graveyards in force at any particular time.

General Regulations for Burials and Maintenance

- 1 Prior to each burial, notice must be given to the parish either through the relatives of the deceased or through the funeral undertaker.
2. Right of burial in a grave may not be purchased in advance but shall be allotted only after death has occurred.
The fees for graves are as follows:
(a) Single plot – Keady (Old Section), Derrynoose & Madden, £100
(b) Double plot Keady (Old Section), Derrynoose & Madden, £200
(c) Standard grave – Keady New Section Only £250, including foundation fee.
The receipt issued by the Parish for the fee shall serve as proof of ownership of the right of burial.
3. Only one person shall be registered as owner of a right of burial in a private grave; joint ownership is not permitted.
4. Ownership of right of burial may not be transferred to another party without prior notification being made to the Parish Priest/Finance Committee.
5. Erection of Memorials.
 - (a) Memorials may only be erected with the approval of the Parish Priest/ Finance Committee and must conform to the following standards.
 - (b) All memorials shall have an adequate and secure foundation. The foundation is already provided for all memorials in the New Section.
 - (c) The Parish Priest/ Finance Committee. reserves the right to remove any memorial monument or surrounds or railings placed on a grave without approval and/or any monument allowed to fall into a state of disrepair that has become a danger to health and safety.
 - (d) Memorials shall be of stone or other approved material and the height of memorials shall be restricted as follows, EITHER:
 - (i) Standard Headstone - Maximum height 3ft 9ins. OR:
 - (ii) Memorial Cross or Religious Statue - Maximum height 5ft 6ins.
 - (e) Surrounds or railings are permitted in the Old Section only. All graves in the New Section may only have a headstone or cross without any surround.
 - (f) Any designs of memorials or inscriptions thereon may not be contrary to Christian beliefs.
 - (g) A person erecting any memorial on a grave shall cause as little disturbance as possible and shall remove all debris on completion of the work and shall not allow debris to fall or collect upon an adjoining grave or damage or disturb any other grave or any memorial thereon. The mixing of cement on the paths is forbidden.
6. **Regulation Specific to the New Section Keady opened in 2021:**
Every new grave shall, in the first instance, be opened at least NINE FEET deep where possible and no coffin shall be laid in any grave nearer to the surface of the ground than FOUR FEET therefrom, measuring from the upper part of the coffin. No more than three full sized coffins shall be laid in any grave.
7. New graveyard plots will be allocated on the basis of the “next plot in the line” in accordance with the graveyard layout.
8. No benches, seats or any other memorial apart from those mentioned in paragraph 5 above are permitted in the New Section. They may only be installed in the Old Section with the prior approval of the Parish Priest/ Finance Committee. Any unauthorised installations in either Section of the Cemetery may be removed without notice.
9. No grave shall be opened nor shall any remains be exhumed, except under the circumstances and subject to the conditions specially provided by law. Permission must be obtained from the local Council before Church permission shall be given.
10. All withered flowers and wreaths and any other rubbish must be properly disposed of either by using the bins provided or by removal from the Cemetery.
11. The Caretaker or other person, for the time being, in charge of the Cemetery may remove from it any person who shall conduct himself or herself improperly therein. The Cemetery may be closed to the public at specific times for either health and safety, security or legal reasons.