

## Funerals in the Parish of Rushen



Some people find planning the funeral with family and friends helps in their grieving. Perhaps you already know something of what your loved one wanted. You may even have planned the service together some time ago.

If you are uncertain the minister who will lead the service can help you choose suitable readings. If they did not know your loved one well, they will want to talk with you to build up a picture of the person's life, this may take only one meeting but sometimes it can be more.

Some deaths will be especially traumatic, distressing or unexpected. The Church has special funerals for children, or after sudden or violent deaths, including suicide. Talk with your minister about what is possible

The service will follow a clear plan. The focus moves from earth to heaven as the service moves from greeting the mourners, to remembering the one who has died all the while asking for God's comfort and then committing your loved one into God's care.

At present the Parish of Rushen does not have a minister or Priest-in-Charge. Parish affairs are being conducted by the Rural Dean, Canon Peter Robinson, and Mr. Gerald Callister, the Parish Sequestrator (Tel: 474924). Usually the undertaker dealing with the relatives of the deceased will liaise with one of these two people with regard to the availability of a minister to conduct the funeral service, and the availability of one of the four churches in the parish. Fees for funerals and cremations are laid down by the Archbishop's Council annually and are called Parochial Fees. These are usually paid to the undertaker and will be outlined to the relatives of the deceased when the funeral is arranged.

The Rural Dean will arrange for a minister to conduct the service and this person will visit the relatives prior to the service to discuss matters as outlined above.