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Parish of COLLOONEY
Diocese of KILMORE, ELPHIN and ARDAGH
St Paul's Church GRAVEYARD POLICY

Rules & Regulations for Graveyard

The following rules and regulations have been laid down by the Select Vestry of St. Paul's Parish Church with regard to the parish graveyard.

1. The following fees are to be charges to non-subscribers:

Funeral Fee for church €400

Fee for opening grave €500

Fee for erection of headstone €250

Fee for erection of kerbing (replace existing one) €250

Note: No new kerbing allowed in graveyard

(For the purposes of these regulations, a subscriber is defined as the following:

- (a) Communicant member of the church
- (b) Member of the Registry of Vestrymen
- (c) Regular attender over the age of 18

There is no pre-booking of any new grave.

2. Persons who wish to do any of the above works must seek permission from the Rector/Priest in Charge and the Church Wardens who will then bring it to the attention of the Select Vestry at the earliest convenience. Any wording, design and change of wording has to be approved by the Rector/Priest in Charge and the churchwardens prior to the erection or amending of headstones.

3. In the event of unsafe graves The Select Vestry will contact families regarding the matter. If the problem is not resolved within the time frame given the Select Vestry reserve the right to amend.

4. Gravediggers and family are responsible for taking away any rubbish left over from the digging of the grave. Stones and excess rubbish must not be left in or around the graveyard.

5. There shall be no planting of any growth other than grass or flowers on the grave, i.e. no trees and no shrubs and any rubbish /debris removed on a regular basis. Ornaments are not permitted.

ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK

A copy of these rules and regulations will be displayed in the Church and available on the church's website.