

FIRST DROMARA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GRAVE YARD RULES

(As Amended 1st May 2008)

1. No grave plot may be opened unless registered.
2. Only persons authorised by the Congregational Committee are permitted to open a grave and only then after the appropriate fee has been paid for doing so.
3. Burial fees to be paid to the Church Treasurer prior to interment.
4. No monument may be erected, removed or inscribed without the consent of the Congregational Committee prior to commencement of the work. The name of the contractor and details of the work must be supplied prior to consent being given.
 - a) Foundations for surrounds must not exceed “corner post” dimensions (i.e. 6” corner post with 4” surround; foundations must not exceed 6”)
 - b) Solid concrete must **NOT** be used to seal a grave. Concrete flags of 2” thickness are the requirement.
5. Trees or shrubs are not to be planted without the prior consent of the Congregational Committee who reserve the right to prune or remove them.
6. When a registered claimant to a grave plot dies the following provisions shall have effect:-
 - a) Application must be made within 12 months of the date of death for re-registration of the grave by a qualified claimant after which time the plot will be deemed vacant.
 - b) Registration in the name of a husband will be deemed to automatically cover his spouse without the need for re-registration.
 - c) Only a member of the deceased’s immediate family, i.e. Parent, Child, Sibling, Nephew or Niece, Uncle or Aunt may re-register a grave.
7. In the event of dispute the decision of the Congregational Committee shall be final.
8. Registration and Interment Fees shall be set by the Congregational Committee from time to time for both members and non-members. Only those who are regular contributors to the Freewill Offering of the Church shall be treated as members.
9. No vacant grave plot shall be registered to Non Members of the Church.
10. No interment shall take place during times of Divine Worship.
11. Wreaths, flowers etc. when taken off graves must be removed from the confines of the graveyard entirely.
12. Allocation of vacant plots shall be at the absolute discretion of the Congregational Committee.
 - a) In the event of rock being discovered within a plot, it shall be the responsibility of the deceased’s relatives to bear the cost of removal of that rock.
 - b) All rubble resulting from a grave opening, or erection of a monument shall be completely removed from the Church premises and not deposited in the refuse skip.
13. Cremated remains must not be scattered in the Graveyard. The urn or casket will be treated as a normal interment.

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Congregational Committee