



SAINT MARY CHURCH

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*St. Mary
Cemetery*

Supplemental Rules

In addition to the Diocese of Manchester, Cemetery Rules and Regulations (Rules and Regulations), St. Mary Cemetery in Claremont (Cemetery Management) has established the cemetery specific Supplemental Rules (Supplemental Rules). These Supplemental Rules apply to all lot holders, visitors, and all other parties concerned. Along with the Rules and Regulations and these Supplemental Rules, Cemetery Management reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, and rescind their Supplemental Rules and to change all service charges. These changes, modifications, and rescissions automatically apply to lot holders, visitors, other parties, and all lot licenses, whether the licenses were issued prior or subsequent to their adoption.

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Lot Borders:

Lot borders/fencing as defined in the Diocesan Rules and Regulations Article XIV: Use of Cemetery, are not allowed and Cemetery Management shall remove without notice if installed.

Interment Floral Arrangements:

Interment Floral Arrangements may be left at the grave site at the time of interment for a period of 10 days. Cemetery Management reserves the right to remove them if they become unsightly or after the tenth day following the date of interment. Floral arrangements must not be placed on adjacent lots.

Memorial Day Floral Arrangements:

Memorial Day Floral Arrangements may be placed 7 days before Memorial Day and removed by June 10th. The remaining items will be removed by Cemetery Management.

Real flower arrangements must be placed on the base of the monument or on an extension of the base. Memorial Day arrangements may be placed on the ground in front of the monument.

Military and Veteran Flags:

United States flags must be securely mounted to dowels and flags must measure 8"x12" with placement against the base of the monument on the right side facing the monument. The flag must not come into contact with the ground at any time and the top of the pole shall not exceed 18". Flags may be placed 10 days prior to Memorial Day and must be removed by Sunday following Veterans Day November 11th. United States flags that are damaged, soiled, or tattered will be removed properly and disposed of by Cemetery Management.

Veteran and Military Grave Flag Holders:

Veteran/Military Grave Flag Holders may remain in place year-round. Placement is to be on the right side while facing the monument and against the monument base. Grave flag holders must be fixed to a metal rod and not exceed 5.5" diameter; markers must be no longer than 6" to the ground and not higher than 12". Flags may be placed in the grave flag holders if the marker allows or a distance of 6" directly adjacent to the right of the base.

Ornaments, Vigil Lights, Candles and Decorations:

In addition to the Diocesan Rules and Regulations Article XIV: Use of a Cemetery, rocks, statues, stuffed animals, bird feeders, bird houses, decorations with stakes placed in the ground (with the exception of the military grave flag holders), shepherd hooks, wind chimes, benches, pumpkins and witches (any and all Halloween decorations), and other seasonal and non-seasonal decorations, ornaments, vigil lights, and candles, are not permitted. The cemetery is not responsible for the damage to any of these items, and reserves the right to remove and dispose of any and all items placed in the cemetery including anything that Cemetery Management finds unsightly, inappropriate, disrespectful, in poor taste and in any way detracting from the aesthetic value of the cemetery or in any way offensive to the teachings and beliefs of the Catholic Church.

Shrubs/Bushes/Hosta, etc.:

No shrubs, bushes, hosta, perennial flowers of any kind shall be planted. Removal will begin by Cemetery Management starting in 2027. The removal of shrubs, bushes, hosta, and perennial flowers will only be done by Cemetery Management.

Water/Rubbish:

Water and rubbish removal bins will not be provided by Cemetery Management. Only carry-in water will be allowed and all rubbish, debris etc. will be removed by lot holder, visitors, or other individuals.

Plantings:

New plantings are prohibited effective as of April 15, 2026.

Real floral arrangements are allowed on the front side of the monument not to be placed more than 12 inches from front of the monument for the remainder of 2026.

Beginning 2026 Memorial Day floral arrangement holders will be provided by Cemetery Management. No other container or potted plants will be allowed and will be discarded without notice. No stones, pebbles or wood chips are allowed, and everything must be removed by September 15th.

Thanksgiving/Christmas:

Wreath placement is allowed from Saturday the week prior to Thanksgiving Day to January 15th. Cemetery Management allows for only fresh Christmas wreaths that are round and can only include a red bow. Lights on the wreath are prohibited. No other decorations are allowed and will be removed by Cemetery Management without notice. Damaged or unsightly wreaths will also be removed without notice. Wreaths must be on the monument or on a wreath stand next to the monument. If not removed by January 15th Cemetery Management will remove all wreaths.