

## **Bishop McGough launches Instructions for my Funeral Mass document**

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Bishop David McGough, an Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and Lead Bishop to the Pastoral Care Project launched the Instructions for my Funeral Mass document at their recent Annual General Meeting.

The specially designed document, produced by the Pastoral Care Project has been approved for national use by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

At the AGM, Bishop David McGough said, “The document began here in the Archdiocese of Birmingham but it is now available throughout the country and this is what we are launching this evening. It has a delightful introduction by Archbishop Vincent Nichols, who was our Archbishop for many years and now Leader of the Catholic Church in this country. It is so beautiful and so practical.”

Bishop David continued, “People do need to make preparations for their funeral and actually they do feel a lot better if someone can open up the subject with them. Very often, it is best if it is someone outside of their family.”

“Anyone who has worked in pastoral ministry will often have known someone whose faith was an important part of their life. However, because of the isolation in which people often live, if they haven't made it quite clear the type of funeral they want, they can end up with one that is nothing like they would have wished for - it does not express the person of faith and trust they were. This document is a very practical way of enabling that to happen.”

For further information about purchasing copies of Instructions for my Funeral Mass for your parish please visit [www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk](http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk) email [info@pastoralcareproject.org.uk](mailto:info@pastoralcareproject.org.uk) or telephone 01675 434035.

The Pastoral Care Project wishes to thank all those who have already purchased Instructions for my Funeral Mass – an important source of income for our charity.

For additional information about the Pastoral Care Project's resources, which could bring about a greater understanding of dementia and opportunities to reach out to others during this Year of Faith, please contact:

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