

# Bishop Ford Memorial Garden & Columbarium



From earliest times, Christians have gathered and prayed at the final resting places of their deceased. This seemed strange to their neighbours. But the scriptures told these early Christians that Christ, at his death and resurrection "descended to the dead" and brought new life there. Because of the Risen Christ, we too remember our loved ones and name them before God, as we speak of the "communion of the saints". And so, we have created this Memorial Garden, remembering that the first appearance of the Risen Christ was in a garden. This project is founded on our belief that all human life is sacred. Each person is in the image of God and is of infinite worth to him. And so, each life should be honoured. We have set aside this sacred, consecrated place, this garden, in order to give life to these, our convictions.

#### "May they rest in peace and rise in glory". Amen

The Bishop Ford Memorial Garden is located on the grounds of All Saints Anglican Church in Cochrane, Alberta, and is administered by the Church. It will be a private, gated area between the Church office wing and the Parish House.



### Location

Located on a hilltop overlooking the town of Cochrane, the centrepiece of the Bishop Ford Memorial Garden is a 4-sided, 72-niche granite columbarium to hold the urns of your loved ones in a safe and secure location.

Approved by the Town of Cochrane in May 2020, construction of the Bishop Ford Memorial Garden has begun, the lands have been sanctified, and arrangements can now be made for inurnment.

Family members will be able to gather around an altar for a service of remembrance in the Garden. Benches will provide an opportunity for loved ones to sit and enjoy the serenity of the location.

To preserve the beauty of the Garden, no vases, flowers bouquets or other items can be placed on the columbarium or left within the Garden. We welcome memorial flowers on the All Saints altar during Sunday services.

Opportunities, such as bench markers and landscaping features, will be available within the Garden to memorialize loved ones. Each niche measures  $30 \text{ cm x} 30 \text{ cm x} 40 \text{ cm} (12^{\circ} \text{ x} 12^{\circ} \text{ x} 16^{\circ})$  to allow families to have the flexibility to accommodate one or two non-biodegradable urns.



The concealed inner aluminum door locking system provides families with peace of mind that their loved ones' ashes will be safely secured.

Niches can be purchased at any time for future use.

## Niche Pricing

Single \$2,799 plus GST includes open and close for one urn

Double \$3,299 plus GST includes open and close for two urns

Payable at time of purchase



"To lead people to follow Christ, who makes life whole"

#### Inscriptions

Granite face plates will be removed for laser engraving and, within our guidelines, can be custom designed by the family.

- A specified font will be used for all inscribed text.
- Families will have the option to include a graphic or picture of their loved one. There will be a variety of art imagery to choose from.
- All text and imagery must be laser etched to allow for finer artistic detail and images of people.
- Approved parameters do not allow for flower vases on face plates.

To maximize flexibility, inscriptions will be coordinated by the family in conjunction with the specified engraver. The engraving cost (currently estimated between \$300 and \$500) will be invoiced directly to the family, with price based on the graphics chosen and the volume of text being inscribed. Face plate designs will be subject to approval to ensure they conform to the parameters set out by All Saints.

At the time of engraving, All Saints will remove the face plate, send it to the engraver and reinstall it. The cost of this service is included in the niche pricing.

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