

THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ARUNDEL & BRIGHTON

FOUNDATION MASSES

A Foundation Mass offers a quiet yet powerful opportunity to create a spiritual legacy, with the donor entrusting their intentions to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The Mass can be offered in memory of you or a loved one, or for another intention close to your heart, and will usually be celebrated in a church of your choice, once a year for 25 years, on a date that is meaningful to you.

In the same way that you can ask a priest to say Mass for a particular intention, and normally offer him a “Mass stipend”, not for the sacrament itself – which is free – but given in support of the priest’s livelihood, so a Foundation Mass is also a Mass for your intention, but you are asking in advance for the Mass to be celebrated annually for 25 years.

The minimum bequest for a Foundation Mass is £300, and you can arrange a Foundation Mass at any time by contacting your parish priest.

To include a request for a Foundation Mass in your Will, please use the wording given below.

Anyone considering leaving a gift in their Will is encouraged to speak with a solicitor or legal professional, who can advise and guide them through the process and ensure that their wishes are carried out with care.

Legal Wording for Wills

Please share this text with the solicitor or legal professional drafting your Will:

I give to the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Trust, registered charity Number 252878, the sum of £<insert sum amount; minimum £300> free of tax for the foundation of a Mass to be offered at <insert name and address of church> annually for 25 years for the intention of <insert intention>. I direct that the receipt of the Chief Operating Officer or other officer of the Trust shall be a full discharge to my executors in respect of the same.