

MASS INTENTIONS EXPLAINED

When an Intention becomes too many Names

A Mass intention is a focused prayer offered within the celebration of the Eucharist. At times, families request that many names be included under a single intention. The desire to honour loved ones is heartfelt, but very long lists can make the intention difficult to understand publicly and may distract from the prayer being offered. The Church encourages that intentions be expressed simply — one name, or a small number of names closely connected — so that the intention remains clear and the parish can unite in prayer for that purpose. This approach keeps Mass intentions rooted in the life of the parish and prevents them from appearing like private announcements. Every intention, even when expressed briefly, is fully present before God in the Eucharist.

