

Celebrant Vs Clergy

- **Common differences between a Celebrant and Clergy.**
- **What the other options are available?**

Should I have a Celebrant or Clergy?

A Celebrant and Clergy's job is to gather the essential information from the remaining family members about the deceased.

Usually this is done face to face in the comfort of the family home, in the church, or via telephone/email correspondence.

Both a celebrant and clergy will take the gathered information and place it together in preparation for conducting the funeral service and/or Eulogy.

A Celebrant will usually combine their gathered information together with poems, other family stories, music, and readings; making the funeral content mostly about the deceased and their life.

A Clergy (refers to all members of religion) will usually combine their gathered information together with prayers, hymns, readings and other religious content.

Celebrants will happily include elements of religion if requested by the family to do so. Sometimes Clergy will limit the religious element to focus on the life of the deceased if requested.

Clergy charge a nominal fee usually \$120.00 - \$250.00

Celebrants charge fees of between \$400.00 - \$500.00 + GST

Word of mouth is the best recommendation and indication of a professional and experienced Celebrant. You may like to ask your friends if they have used a Celebrant in the past with whom they would be happy to recommend.

Please see our [Links Page](#) to find our recommended Celebrant contacts.

Are there any other Options available?

Whilst many families will have a Funeral Celebrant or Clergy to officiate their funeral service, another option available is to ask a family member, friend or relative to officiate the service for you.

This role is generally best suited to someone with a logical approach; who is not too grief stricken.

Please see our [DIY Section](#) to purchase a Chapter from our E Book "[Officiating A Service](#)". This will provide you with guidelines, information and precedents to follow when officiating the service without a Celebrant or Clergy if you need the additional help. Chapters can be purchased individually.