



Information: Funerals and Corona Virus (Covid 19)

We are all going through sad times at the moment and we do not know how long this will be, but it is important to understand the following.

- To stop the spread of this virus, **Covid-19**, the Government has stopped all public gatherings of more than two people This excludes funerals, but they are slightly different in that they can only be attended by **immediate family**.
- This is **wife/husband, grandchildren, parents or children** of loved one, at this present time it is not advisable for elder grandparents to attend, as this is the age group who are suffering most by this awful illness. Other relatives and friends should not go to the funeral.
- There is **no service in church** but only at the graveside, but this does not mean more relatives can attend.
- The hard part is **no hugging or kissing** of relatives, please, please stay 6 feet (2 metres) apart from one another
- This measure has been brought in to **protect all the community** and we all need to follow the regulation so that no more of the population Gypsy or Gaje submit to the illness.
- The hardest parts is **no sitting up or wake** but it really is very important that there are no large family gatherings, keep your loved one in your thoughts and prayers, remember them in your own way and with God's grace we shall be through all this soon.

No matter what denomination Catholic, Church of England, Light and Life, or any other denomination we can all come together in a day of prayer and commemoration after the threat has ended.

Love to all at this very difficult time,

National Federation of Gypsy Liaison Groups

Can we also hold in our thoughts and send out a prayer to keep all the funeral directors safe, they are working under very difficult circumstances?

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