WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. JOHN PAUL II, NOTTINGHAM

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH *(Woodthorpe, Arnold & Sherwood)* ***& ST. ANTHONY*** **(Calverton)**

PARISH PRIEST: **Rev. Canon Philipp H. Ziomek BA., BD., VF**

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Parish Mission Statement: In essentials – unity; in non-essentials - liberty; in all things -Charity.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINAL TIME **14th / 15th November ad 2026. Vol:2 No 50**

LITURGY SCHEDULES IN OUR CHURCHES. **14Th / 22nd November ad 2026**

At St. Anthony's Church, Mansfield Lane, Calverton, Nottinghamshire.		***Lector (Feasts see below)***	
This Sunday	**11:30 a.m. Int: Dec. Relatives of Linette O Sullivan**	**Moira Hodgkinson**	**Green**
Wednesday	**9:30 a.m. Int: Dec. Relatives of Madame Francois**		**White**
Next Sunday	**11:30 a.m. Int: John Huthwaite RIP**	**Michael Wilkes**	**White**

At The Good Shepherd Church, Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe.		***Lector & Feasts.***	
1962 Rite Vigil	**4:30 p.m. The next celebration of the 1962 Rite of the Mass (Latin) 12th December at 4:30 pm**		
Saturday Vigil	**6:00 p.m. Int: Michael & Maria Gabrychowicz / Jozef & Hannah Spalek RIP**	**Peter Lee**	**Green**
Sunday	**8.00 a.m. Int: Mavis McCluskey RIP (anniversary)**	**Hannah Icke**	
Sunday	**9.45 a.m. Int: Dec. Members of the Legion of Mary**	**Jon Cox-Brown**	
Sunday	**5.30 p.m. Int: Dec. Relatives of the Mangan & Gaynor Families**	**Rachael Carter.**	
WEEKDAYS:	**16th / 21st November ad 2026**	**Thirty-Third Week in Ordinal Time**	
Monday:	**9:15 a.m. Int: Dec. Members of the Walker Family**	**St. Margaret of Scotland**	**White**
	11:00 a.m. At the Keep, Tithe Green – Funeral Rites – The Late Lewis Woodcock-Hackshaw RIP		
Tuesday:	**9:15 a.m. Celebration of Word & Holy Communion**	**Ded Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul**	**White**
Wednesday	**9:15 a.m. Celebration of Word & Communion**		
	11:00 a.m. Requiem Mass & Obsequies – The Late Thomas Christopher Pugh RIP		**Purple**
Thursday	**9:15 a.m. Int: Marinette Sabio RIP**	**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**	**White**
Friday	**12:00 p.m. Int: Michael McGrath RIP**	**Votive of Divine Mercy**	**White**
NEXT WEEKEND	**21st / 22nd Novemb**	**Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinal Time (Christ the King)**	**White**
Saturday Vigil	**6:00 p.m. Int: Mark Mole RIP**	**Elias Mutumutema**	
Sunday	**8.00 a.m. Int: Mary Fitzpatrick RIP**	**Margaret Ball**	
Sunday	**9.45 a.m. Int: Annie Kelleher RIP**	**Christ the King Senior Academy**	
Sunday	**5.30 p.m. Int: For the People of the Parish**	**Crystie Mascarenhas**	

Sacrament of Confession: (†.With Adoration) Friday 11:30 am - 11:50 am†.: Saturday 10:45 am - 11.30 am & 5.00 pm -5.50 pm.†.
1st Saturday of the Month - A Holy Hour Adoration: † 11.00 am - 12 noon. (With Confession available)
Friday Adoration from 11:00 am for the dying. Parish Prayer Group meets every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 2:00 pm - Lady Chapel

Admin Office - Mon & Thursday- 9 –1 pm. Wed & Friday 9 - 4 pm.
Admin Officer: Mrs. Rosemary Mahoney. 0115 926 8288
Premises Officer & Facilities Manager: Mr. Ray Steeples.
Communications Administration - Mrs. Julie Rawding
Parishioner Forum Chair: Mr. Reginald Carter.
Front of House – The Good Shepherd – Miss Jo Turner
Safeguarding Office: Dr. Julian Caesar 07513 725471
& Mr Christopher Forbes (Good Shepherd)
For St. Anthony's, Calverton:
Mrs Christine Thomas Tel: 07513 725233.
Baptism: Coordinator - Maggie Tempest.
Marriage: Coordinator - Fr. Philipp. Bookings should be made at least six months in advance. Couples please contact Fr. Philipp.
Parish Retail Outlet Manager (Shop): Mrs. Maria Godfrey.
Parish Stewards Manager: Mr. Reginald Carter.
Parish Lectors Co-Ordinator's:
For Good Shepherd - Mrs. Caroline Smith.
For St. Anthony - Mrs. Christine Thomas.
Music & Choirs:
The Good Shepherd Community. Precentor & Choir Master:
Mr. Robert O'Farrell.
Folk Group Leader: Mrs. Rachael Boyce-Steele.
Sacrists - The Good Shepherd. -Me dames. Maria Randle, Janet Myers, Jenny Steeples,Lorraine Staiano, Jadwiga Blazewicz-Bell & Vivienne.
Ecclesiastical Haberdasher: Mrs. Janet Myers

Sacrist - St. Anthony's : Mrs. Nicky Gudgeon.
Music:
St. Anthony's (Calverton) Community. Precentor: - Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis.

Altar Ministrants:
Parish Master of the Guild of St. Stephen - Mr. Adrian Staiano. ***(Both Communities)***
Parish Guild of St. Stephen Secretary: Mrs. Julia Blazewicz-Bell

Parish Finance Committee: Chair - Canon Philipp.
Secretary: Mr. Philip Martin.

Knights of St. Columba: Mr. Ronald Lynch.
Society of St. Vincent de Paul: Mr. Kenneth Steele CDM.
Parish Friendship Club: Me dames Patricia Falconbridge & Jarvis.
Social Committee Chair: awaiting appointment.
Estates Management & Architect Liaison : Fr. Philipp & Sarah Benedeck
Flower Guild Coordinator: Mrs. Rebecca Newell.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: Secretary - Mr Philip Martin. **Thank you for your generous & responsible giving. Ddonations can be received** ***BY SMARTPHONE OR BY CARD:*** The code for you to scan with a smartphone camera is shown to the right. By scanning this code the smartphone will immediately open the parish's dedicated on-line donations page. .
Legacies: Thank you for remembering the work of the Good Shepherd & St. Anthony's in Your Will.

Suggested donation for Newsletter 20p

OUR CATHOLIC ACADEMIES IN THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN PAUL II, NOTTINGHAM.
Christ the King Senior Academy (11-18 years)
Principal: Miss Jo Love. Telephone: 0115 955 6262.
St. Margaret Clitherow Primary Academy (3-11 years) Principal: Mrs S. Sweeney Tel: 0115 915 0296.
The Good Shepherd Primary Academy (3 - 11 years)
Principal: Mrs C. Toner. Tel: 0115 926 2983.

HOSPITALS: If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from a Chaplain please use one of the following telephone numbers to arrange it.***Please*** **telephone /ask the** ***Ward staff to contact the Chaplain Direct on*** City Campus: 0115 969 1169 ext. 76187 QMC Campus: 0115 924 9924 ext. 83799.

BISHOPS VISITATION TO NOTTINGHAM DEANERY PARISHES:
FRIDAY SOUP LUNCHEON: Thank you to all who join, share and encourage friends and family to come along for our Friday Soup Lunches. The menu is rich and varied with nourishing hot soups (different menus each week) with Cheese rolls (reflecting our traditional Friday abstinence from meat) and sweet treats of cakes, biscuits and apple pies. There is no charge, but any offerings or donations are gratefully received in support of the building fund etc… More importantly it creates warm spaces for people to meet and all are welcomed.
We began on Friday, 6th November at 12:45 pm. Advertise and encourage each to meet in this convivium in the Josephinium.

PARISH SHOP: Our ever popular parish shop in the Marian Cloister is well stocked with all you will need for Christmas festivities. We now have our ever popular "Cleopatra's Needle" Advent Candles, Cards, wrapping paper, gift tags etc… as well as all necessities for family and individual spiritual development. We encourage all parishioners to have a Sunday Missal rather than rely on the parish Newsletter. Sunday (and Daily) missals are available through the Parish Shop or why not subscribe to "Magnificat". This is a monthly publication containing all the Mass texts for each day, morning and evening prayer, as well as some articles of interest regarding the Saints and spirituality. For details of subscription speak with Mrs Godfrey in the Parish Shop.
N.B. A copy of a monthly magazine or a coffee from Costa etc...now retail at about £4 - £6. It puts into perspective how we value Spiritual things surely!

FILTER COFFEES, DECAFFEINATED COFFEE & TEA are all available after Sunday Mass. Why not join us in the Assembly Rooms or at St. Anthony's with conversation and a drink before going off home? Over to you.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH: The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thank you most sincerely for the tremendous generosity of support for the work that they do with us. Please note £1078.74 resulted from their appeal. Very sincere thanks.

ST ANTHONY'S GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: To support this raffle the community is looking for gifts of Wines / Spirits / Chocs / Fancy Gifts etc.. Any Donations can be left in the Church porch and tickets for this draw will be on sale at the end of the month.

ST ANTHONY'S WEEKLY COFFEE MORNING: Members of the weekly Coffee Morning have collected £69:00 from throwing their loose change from their coffee purchase into the pot and will send this off to Mary's Meals.

ALTAR SERVERS NEW CASSOCKS & COTTAS: This fund remains open if anyone would like to make a donation or sponsor an Altar Ministrant. Each Cassock & Cotta or an Alb & cincture for an Altar Server cost (C & C) = £160:00. An Alb & Cincture costs £145:00. Our current ones are gradually being replaced some of them after giving over 25 years service. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE; 2ND COLLECTION: Parish Debt- There's a second collection at all Masses at the Good Shepherd Church next weekend (21/22 November), towards the costs the parish will incur in repairing the defective concrete affecting certain areas of the external church building. We hope to start work on phase 1 of the building works, involving repairs to the church spire and bell tower, early in the new year. Meanwhile, we continue to rely on your usual generosity! With grateful thanks, Parish Finance Committee

DETAILS FROM THE DISPLAY POSTERS:

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR. The organisers thank you for the tremendous donations and support so far. We continue to work toward success once again this year as we journey forward responsible for the needs of the community and its physical estate.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: This has proved a great opener for Christmas Festivity and this year's should be no different. Entertainment by KPOP heroes as well as Spiderman and with a sumptuous party meal & games, this is an event for all not to be missed. The Box Office is open from this weekend and tickets are on sale. Please ensure you obtain a ticket in advance to assist catering for this event. Thank you.

HEARTS IN SEARCH OF GOD PROJECT: This promotes walking pilgrimages by developing Pilgrim Ways in every Catholic Diocese throughout England & Wales. They look for two interested representatives from the Nottingham Diocese. Interest? Contact Fr. Simon Gillespie on simon.gillespie@dioceseof nottingham.uk for further in formation.

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM in partnership with Saint Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, is offering a funded PhD studentship (full fees and stipend) investigating 'Care at a Distance: Hospice at Home, Virtual Palliative Care and Faith Communities'. How do people decide whether to accept Hospice at Home, virtual wards and telehealth services at the end of life? Whom do they trust to explain them? How can hospices communicate these services more effectively within ethnically diverse faith communities? The deadline for submissions is Friday 20th November, for more information contact: careathomephd@stmarys.ac.uk

NOTTINGHAM CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. (CMA) warmly invites all in healthcare (working, students and retired) to their Annual Mass celebrated by Canon Chris Thomas. Mon 30th Nov at 7.30pm at the Sacred Heart, Carlton NG4 1FP (large car park & on the lilac bus line). Then meet others over drinks and light refreshments in the church hall. Prof David Paton will say a few words about St Colette's pregnancy support centre and its upcoming anniversary. Friends and family welcome. For more info contact Caroline 07757 285 888. Booking not essential but helps planning.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS.
Remember in your prayer our beloved dead, and the following whose funeral rites we prepare this month.
The Late Lewis WOODCOCK-HACKSHAW RIP whose funeral rites are celebrated on Monday, 16th November at 11:00am at Tithe Green Burial Ground.
The Late Thomas Christopher PUGH RIP whose Funeral Rites take place at the Good Shepherd Church on Wednesday, 18th November at 11:00 am prior to interment at Tithe Green Burial Ground.
The Late James (Jim) SQUIRE RIP whose Funeral Rites take place at The Good Shepherd Church on Thursday, 26th November at 11:00 am prior to interment at Redhill Cemetery at 12:30 pm.
May the souls of the Faithful departed, now rest in the Lord's peace.

Last Week: 15 / 11 / ad 2026
Parish Collection - GS £
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2nd Collection - GS £
2nd Collection - SA £
Standing Orders: £ 1014.87



General Donations to parish funds, Parish Shop payments,Ticket sales etc….. can be made using a debit /credit card in the Good Shepherd Church Porch.
Cheques can be made payable to "St. John Paul II, Nottingham Parish Account.

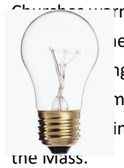


Could you a cake The Parish Christmas Bazaar.

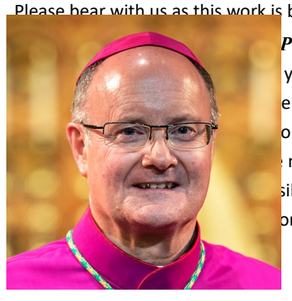
All contributions will Be gratefully received to support our Cake Stall. This is always a great success and sells out quickly. We look for apple pies, Fancies & cup cakes, as well as Scottish shortbread, Iris soda bread, fondant fancies as Florentines. Check out Mrs Beaton, Mary Berry now, or you might get ideas from the Great British Bake Off.

YOUNG ADULTS IN THE DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM Join Young Adults across the Diocese of Nottingham to share in prayer, community, and a deeper understanding of Advent with the Young Adult Advent Sycamore Course. Meeting at 7.45pm, online, on the four Mondays of Advent (30th November, 7th, 14th, and 21st December: for more details contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk and to book https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6RcRkJKHtP

PARISH RESPONSIBILITIES: Now the colder weather is here, please can we ask that we all take responsibility for keeping the Churches warm. Please can we ask that we remember to close doors when we leave. Also at The Good Shepherd Curch if you find it getting too hot and turn the convector's off, please ensure that they are on again before you leave. This will ensure that the Church remains warm for those who follow at the next celebration of the Mass.



CAR PARK LIGHTING (AND HALL). We wish to reassure that this is in hand. Unfortunately sophistication of the lighting systems in both the Assembly Rooms and on the car park, are such that after fifteen years they have now worn out. It isn't a question of changing a light bulb! As the systems are now old, we need to find ways in which they can be replaced. Please bear with us as this work is being done.



BISHOP'S VISITATION: Accompanying you will find the vision that our parishes are preparing for the Bishop's visit as he will come to all the parishes in the Diocese for missionary activity. It is vitally important that we take responsibility in this and especially meet the Bishop. The connection between the home, the Parish Churches and our Schools. Your encouragement is vital. Please look forward to welcoming Bishop Patrick to St. John Paul II Parish, and ensure

NEXT SUNDAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING.

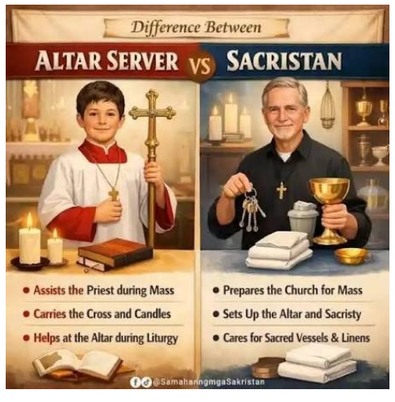
The Solemnity of Christ the King has for many years now, been designated as National Youth Sunday. A celebration of Youth in the Church. Members of Christ the King School will share the 9:45 am Mass with us and lead the Liturgy of the Word. One of them will speak to us of their experience in Christ te King Senior Academy expressing the value of our Catholic Schools.

The following Sunday is the First of Advent leading us through the four weeks of preparation to Christmas.

A tradition has developed in the Parish for the leadership of The Good Shepherd Primary Academy at the 9:45 am Mass and the enrolment of our candidates in the First Confession and First Holy Communion programmes leading up to June 2027. It is an opportunity for us all to experience our youth and children as they take on leadership in the heart of the parish. Keep them and our Schools in your prayer.

HOSPITALS: A reminder to us all that our hospitals have hospital Chaplaincy available to us. If you are going into Hospital, you can continue to receive Sacraments; Confession, Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick. Please advise the Parish Administration Suite before going into Hospital, and of course whilst in Hospital you can ask the Ward Staff to arrange a visit from one of the Chaplains. Again it is vital that you make these arrangements.

GUILD OF ST. STEPHEN FOR ALTAR SERVERS. The feast of St. Stephen falls on 26th December and is the feast day for our Altar Servers. Traditionally those who have been prepared for enrolment in the Guild are enrolled on this day. It is vital that you speak with Julia Blazewicz-Bell to ensure your name is down for enrolment. Also those who have achieved ten years constant Service on the Sanctuary will receive the Silver medal of the Guild. We thank all of our parents for encouraging our young people in this service of the Lord as Sanctuary Ministrants.









Monday 30th November. 7pm. St Mary's, Hyson Green. NG7 6FZ
Tuesday 15th December. 7pm. Corpus Christi, Clifton. NG11 9BP
Thursday 17th December. 5.45 – 6.45. Good Shepherd, Arnold. NG5 4HT

Several priests available for Confessions at each service.

'Prepare the way for the Lord; make his paths straight'

Our Sacristans

are looking for support. We could do with perhaps two people who might join our sacristans to cover holiday absence etc… If you feel this tremendous work is somethin.g you migh get involved in please have a word with one of our sacristans or with Fr. Philipp.
Training is given and of course it isn't an onerous task. Ideally it is the weekdays that need cover, for this. We look forward to hearing from you.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES IN St. John Paul Parish, Nottingham.

Please note, we are preparing our annual Christmas greeting to peoples living within your neighbourhood. We hope that you will all Join us in evangelisation by our greeting. Please can every parishioner (it doesn't matter if you live a distance from the parish community), take at least ten for distribution when available. We rely on you !

At St. Anthony's Church, Manfield Lane, Calverton. Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm. (Thursday 24th December) and Holy Family Sunday, 27th December at 11:30 am as usual.

At The Good Shepherd Church, Thackeray's Lane, Woodthorpe.
Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm. Children's Lantern Mass.
Christmas Midnight at 12 midnight (00:00 hours).
Christmas Day at 10:00 am.

As Christmas Day & News Year's Day fall on a Friday this year, and the days are major solemnities in the Church, the usual Friday Abstinence from meat is suspended for these two feasts.

Have a blessed week.

Fr. Philipp

St. John Paul II Parish plan – "Go make Disciples"

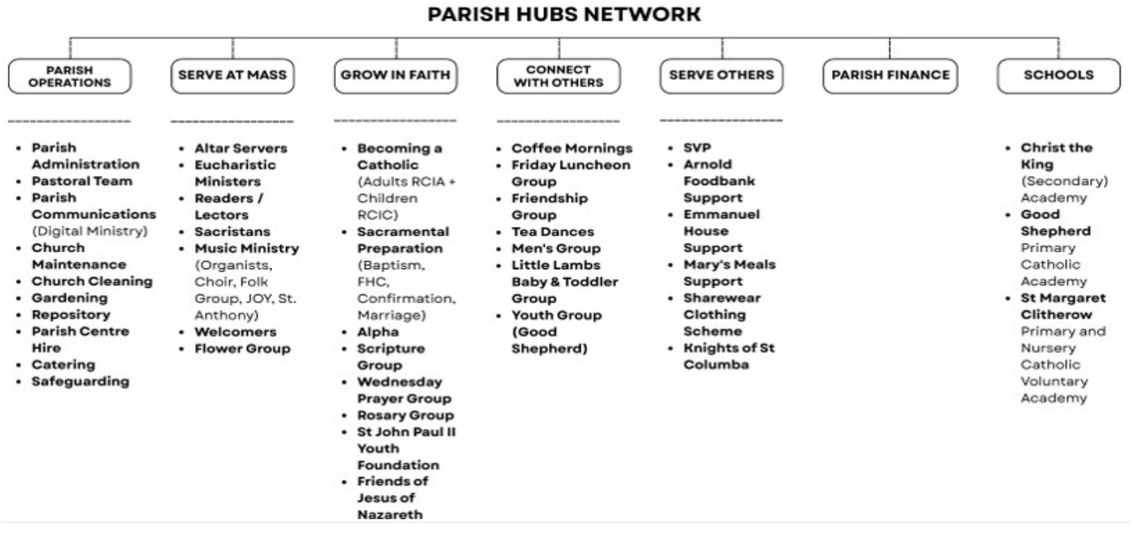
Parish 3-year Plan: Strengthening Connection, Mission, and Community The Parish of St. John Paul II consists of two very well-established Churches. There is a phenomenal amount of great work already happening in the Parish, with attendance at Mass increasing, and several groups, ministries and initiatives working extremely well. We celebrate the success we have had to date! However, we need to keep moving forward as a Parish and align to the Diocesan 5-year plan and the theme of "Go make Disciples" Encounter, Mission and Discipleship. Our Ministry leads and volunteers are integral to making this work, so based on their feedback, the Pastoral leadership team have developed a 3-year plan focussing on what we can do better, with Year 1 prioritising on **rebuilding unity with ministries and volunteers and transforming communication** — the foundations needed for everything else to flourish. **Actions we have taken so far** **Jan 2026** - Parish leadership team attended Bishop's roadshow on the Diocesan 5 Year plan **Feb – March 2026** – Sessions on Encounter, Mission and Discipleship run by Jo Hopkins **Feb 2026** - Parish Ministry leads invited to meeting to formulate the plan **Feb 2026** - Parish leadership team have reviewed outputs from the Ministry meeting **Feb – Apr 2026** – Parish survey broadly circulated to get broader feedback from Parish **Mar-April 2026** – Parish leadership team finalising plan **June 2026** – Parish Ministry lead meeting **October 2026** – Parish Ministry lead meeting **October 2026** – Parish leadership team approved ministry hub model Summary of main feedback themes from Ministry leads **Rebuild Connection Across Ministries and Volunteers**	The feedback highlights that *"all ministries are too separate – how do we align more"* and *"we do not come together very often"*. The next year should focus on rebuilding shared identity and collaboration.
Transform Parish Communication	The feedback repeatedly notes the need for clearer, broader, and more modern communication: *"We need better ways to reach out to the broader community"*, *"Clear short communications"*, *"Launch digital ministry"*.
Strengthen Youth, Families, and Formation	Our leads emphasised that young people are not sustained beyond sacramental programmes: *"Young people sustained in their faith beyond FHC and Confirmation"* and *"Active calendar of events outside sacramental preparations"*.
Make Mass and Parish Life More Welcoming	The feedback highlights discomfort at certain Masses and a lack of friendliness: *"People do not speak to you… doesn't feel friendly"*, *"Have a welcome/hospitality team"*.
Deepen Community Presence and Outreach	Our leads want the parish to be more visible and active: *"What do the people in our community NEED?"*, *"Hot drinks to people of Arnold"*, *"Free gardening/odd jobs"*.
Governance, Structure, and Mission Delivery	To ensure the plan is delivered, the parish needs clarity and accountability.

St. John Paul II Parish plan – "Go make Disciples"

St. John Paul II Parish plan – "Go make Disciples" Approved by Pastoral Leadership team – 9.11.2026 **Summary of plan** To allow for proper execution and prioritisation of the focus areas the 3-year plan will focus on the following areas: **Year**	**Primary Focus**
Year 1 (2026–27)	Ministry Cohesion & Communication
Year 2 (2028-29)	Youth, Families, Welcome & Outreach
Year 3 (2029 onwards)	Mission Expansion & Long-Term Growth

Parish structure, roles & Responsibilities **ROLE**	**RESPONSIBILITIES**
Parish priest	Spiritual leader of the parish Oversees all ministries, leadership teams, and pastoral direction
Pastoral leadership team	Works closely with the Parish priest Guide and promote the vision, strategy and major decisions
Ministry hub lead	Responsible for one of five ministry hubs Brings together all ministries within the hub Co-ordinates and communicates with ministry leaders, and the leadership team
Ministry lead	Oversees a specific ministry area (examples: Liturgy lead, music ministry lead, hospitality lead) Actively participates with Ministry hub lead, and other ministry leads within the hub
Volunteers & catechists	Serve under ministry leads Carry our day-today ministry work (example: readers, catechists, outreach)

List of parish hubs network



We encourage everyone in the Parish to get involved – all are welcome! If you want to get involved please email the Office and we will ensure the relevant person gets in touch with you.