



DIOCESE OF **Hexham & Newcastle**



Application Pack

Parish Secretary

Location: St Peter's, Low Fell,



Job Description

To provide general administration support to the parishes of:

- Corpus Christi, Kelvin Grove, Gateshead
- Holy Rosary, Teams, Gateshead
- St Peter's, Kells Lane, Gateshead

What will your duties and responsibilities be?

- Record, respond to and take enquiries by telephone, e-mail or written correspondence
- Production of documents and reports and the maintenance of the filing system
- Deal with callers to the parish office
- Manage parish diary to support the clergy
- Liaise with the local schools as required
- Support the Parish Finance and Management Committees to maintain effective systems
- Assist (or create) with the weekly newsletter
- Co-ordinate the hire and use of the hall by parish groups, parishioners and external users
- Deal with general administration and preparation of Mass intentions and schedule
- Respond to enquiries for certificates of baptism etc.
- Take and record details pertaining to baptisms, marriages and funerals
- Compile and maintain a directory of parish groups and co-ordinate and circulate rotas
- Assist the Parish Safeguarding Representative with the verification of ID documents for Data and Barring Service (DBS) check processing
- Maintain a list of key holders and distribute keys as necessary
- Photocopying and collation of documents and reports
- Production of publicity materials
- Maintain parish records and databases e.g. parish census
- Manage the supply and return of newspapers and magazines
- Liaise with contractors for building works
- Update parish website (when established)
- Order and distribute resources as requested

What skills and experience do you need to apply?

You must have:

- A good level of general education, including GCSE A*-C in English and Maths or equivalent
- Experience in general office management and administrative procedures
- Excellent and up-to-date IT skills, including Microsoft Outlook, Word, Excel and Publisher
- Experience of updating websites and social media channels
- A good grasp of English grammar, accuracy and a high level of attention to detail
- Excellent customer service skills with experience of dealing with sensitive situations
- A professional approach with excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to develop good working relationships
- Good organisational skills and excellent planning skills
- Experience of co-ordinating diaries and people in a work environment
- Ability to work with complete confidentiality and integrity, adhering to all internal procedures
- A sense of humour
- To be self-motivated with a good sense of responsibility with the ability to work independently with minimum supervision
- Conscientious and loyal to the aims and objectives of the Diocese, always having regard to its Catholic character

It will be good, but not essential, if you also have:

- A willingness and availability to work flexible hours when required

What will we offer you? (KN to complete once post agreed)

- Salary: £5,574 pa and a workplace pension scheme where we match up to a maximum of 7.5% of your salary
- Hours: Part-time – 10 hours per week, times to be agreed at interview
- Contract: Permanent – subject to satisfactory probationary period
- Holidays: 28 days holiday per year plus bank holidays (pro rata to 72 hours)
- Cycle to Work Scheme
- Employee health and well-being support
- Free on-site parking
- Location: St Peter's, Kells Lane with some home working available by agreement

How can you apply?

To apply, please send:

- A letter of application saying why you want to work with us and what you'd bring to the role, with examples of how your skills and experience would enable you to fulfil your duties and responsibilities
- A CV, including the names of two people we may approach for professional references
- Please send these by email to human.resources@diocesehn.org.uk

Critical date

Deadline for applications: 10 February 2023

This appointment will be subject to:

- Two satisfactory references
- The successful completion of a probationary period of six months

Safeguarding

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is committed to safeguarding all children and vulnerable groups at risk within its community. All employees are expected to contribute to the creation of a safe environment, challenge inappropriate behaviours and report concerns in line with procedures. In fulfilling the duties of this role, the post holder may come into contact with children or vulnerable adults. Therefore, they must adhere to diocesan safeguarding policies and procedures.

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