

JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Parish Administrator

LOCATION: The Linked Parishes of Our Lady Immaculate and Holy Name and St Augustine, Chelmsford
Parish Office: Rochester House, New London Road, Chelmsford, CM2 0DT

RESPONSIBLE TO: Parish Priest

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Parish Priest

OVERALL PURPOSE OF JOB:

To provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES:

Clerical

- Undertake typing and word processing as required
- Production of the weekly Parish Newsletter
- Organise rotas and organise Mass attendance weekend booking at the moment
- Produce Orders of Service for funerals when asked; and also Memoriam cards and prayers cards
- Undertake general office duties such as correspondence, filing photocopying, post etc.
- Maintain the Parish Registers
- Enter information in the computer diary
- Record Mass Intentions
- Run and maintain the website

Finance

- Ensuring Online payments are allocated correctly.
- Ordering stationery (to include sacristan's requirements)
- Order church and domestic supplies
- Collection counting (when required).
- Preparation of income for banking, paying expenses, maintaining petty cash and inputting all income, expenditure on the parish accounts. Possibly with the help of volunteers who could take part or all of the accounting work.
- Maintaining parish accounts.
- Liaising with Parish Finance Committee and Diocesan Finance Department
- Prepare the monthly expenses for parish priest/supply priest.
- All queries relating to invoices, contracts with suppliers etc.

Finance Committee Team

- To liaise, report and support the parish finance committee, including annual budget forecasts and calculations.

- Attend meetings, if required

Gift Aid Donation

- Record donations in Gift Aid system including standing order on a weekly basis
- Liaise with new donors and process their gift aid donations in a timely manner
- Maintain Gift Aid Declaration forms and records for Parishioners who wish the Parish to benefit from Gift Aid
- Process annual Gift Aid claim, and submit to the Diocesan Gift Aid Office.
- Respond promptly on any queries from parishioners regarding their donation
- Respond to any queries raised on the claim
- Liaise with Diocesan Accountant or Finance Staff as necessary

Reception

- Provide a friendly, welcoming face both at the door and on the telephone
- Answering any queries regarding the Catholic faith as appropriate
- Handle enquiries and sensitive pastoral matters including illness and bereavement

Notes:

1. You will be expected to produce work to a high standard and to promote quality at all times.
2. You will be expected to adhere to the policies and procedures of the Diocese of Brentwood.
3. The post holder will have access to confidential data. Disclosure of confidential information to any unauthorised person may lead to disciplinary action which could ultimately lead to dismissal.
4. You will be expected to participate in a staff appraisal scheme.
5. If you are a member of a professional/regulatory body you will be required to abide by the relevant professional Code of Conduct
6. Smoking and vaping is not permitted anywhere on the Church premises or grounds
7. Employees must be prepared to work flexibly to meet the changing needs of the organisation.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Brentwood operates an Equal Opportunities Policy and expects staff to have a commitment to equal opportunity policies in relation to employment and service delivery.

CHANGES TO THIS JOB DESCRIPTION

1. Any changes to job descriptions must be operationally required and approved with the staff member, line manager and then authorised by the Senior Manager and HR.
2. Master copies of all job descriptions are held on the HR Database, therefore any changes must be sent to HR for review and filing.
3. No changes can be made to generic job descriptions without all post holders being consulted and in agreement with the HR.
4. The above job description does not purport to be an exhaustive list of duties and responsibilities. The post-holder will be expected to undertake additional duties as the requirements of the post change.

Date of Job Description:

Post-holder in receipt and agreement of job description:

Signature

Name (please print).....

Manager's Signature

Name (please print).....

Review date

PERSON SPECIFICATION – Parish Administrator

SELECTION CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE
EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS		
Good level of general education (English and Maths to GCSE level or equivalent)	✓	
SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE		
Demonstrable experience in an administrative role	✓	
Able to demonstrate good numeracy skills	✓	
Prior experience recording accurate minutes	✓	
Excellent verbal and written communication skills	✓	
Demonstrates understanding and consideration of others with respect and empathy	✓	
Works constructively and respectfully with all team members	✓	
Experience of developing effective relationships with colleagues, and with people from different backgrounds.	✓	
Prior experience managing complex, sensitive and/or difficult issues	✓	
Trustworthy and reliable, with an appreciation and understanding of maintaining confidentiality	✓	
Self-motivated and uses initiative, working both alone and as part of a team	✓	

Excellent planning, time management and organisational skills	✓	
Works with accuracy and attention to detail.	✓	

KNOWLEDGE		
Good knowledge and confident in the use of Microsoft Office programmes including Word, Excel and Publisher	✓	
Have a working knowledge of GDPR regulations		✓

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS/INFORMATION (e.g. hours, shift work, travel)		
A willingness to undertake any necessary training on an ongoing basis, notwithstanding that that training may take place outside normal contracted hours and work location	✓	
Understanding of, and empathy for, the mission and ethos of the Catholic Church, the Bishop of Brentwood and the Priests and laity of the Diocese.	✓	
Ability to travel to all Diocesan sites and others that are deemed necessary in fulfilling the role.		✓

Hours: 35 per week, to be negotiated.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to the parish priest, Fr Bartolomeu Blaj, either at office@chelmsfordcatholic.co.uk or by post to the address above. Closing date for applications is Monday 26th January 2026.