

Archdiocese of Liverpool – Community Audit

This document has been prepared to help those who are gathering information within the parish. It may be used in its entirety or adapted for your needs. There may be areas that are not relevant to your community – there may be things that you need to add. Please do so. This Audit, along with other information and data should be used to complete the Parish Development Tool to gain a whole picture of the Parish.



People		
Priests (<i>numbers, names, ages</i>)		2 Canon C Fallon (71) Fr Lister Tonge (73)
Deacons (<i>numbers and names - not retired, ages</i>)		Rev Keith Ballard (67) Rev Stephen Crowther (83, retired)
Does the parish have a pastoral council? (<i>numbers, age range, responsibilities, frequency of meeting etc.</i>)		Monthly Parish meeting Approx 30 attend each month most parish groups represented at the meetings. Could be described as a Parish in Council meetings as all issues relating to parish life are discussed.
Does the parish have a finance committee? (<i>numbers, age range, responsibilities, frequency of meeting etc.</i>)		Finance Committee 6 members – George Aldridge (Chair), Noreen Smith, Marie Woods, Paul Reilly, Fr Chris, Deacon Keith. Buildings Committee - Bill Hardaker, John Walker, Steve Crummey, Francis Garner, Fr Chris
Employed personnel	Administrator	1
	Pastoral Assistant	
	Cleaners	1
	Maintenance	
	Other	
Number of readers	Weekday Masses	7
	Sunday Masses	13
Number of Eucharistic ministers (<i>numbers and ages</i>) <i>Who takes Holy Communion into the community?</i>		14- various ministers take communion to the housebound and those in nursing homes. 30 Housebound people receive Holy Communion

Music Ministry <i>(please indicate role and numbers, eg 1 organist, 8 choir)</i>		3 Organists 1 Music ministry group – 10 members (4 Instrumentalists and 6 singers)	
Other ministries <i>(numbers and ages)</i>	Welcome	23	Average age 70+
	Flowers	2	Average age 75+
	Cleaners	16	Average age 65+
	Counters	10	Average age 60+
	Funeral/Bereavement	7	Average age 75+
	Sacristans	5	Average Age 70+
	Altar Servers	0	
	Liturgists	3	Average age 60+
	Other	0	
Catechists <i>(numbers and ages)</i> <i>If no catechists who runs these programmes?</i>	Children's Liturgy	Development in progress: currently 2 leaders with others in training	
	Baptism	4	Average Age 60+
	Holy Communion	3	Average age 55+
	Confirmation	Deacon Keith	
	Marriage	Parish Clergy	
	RCIA	Parish Clergy	
Liturgy, Prayer and Community Groups			
Masses (please indicate time and numbers)		Time	Average Congregation
	Monday	9:30 am	30 attending + 14 Average Live Streamed
	Tuesday	9:30am	30 attending + 14 Average Live Streamed
	Wednesday	9:30am	45 attending + 14 average Live Streamed
	Thursday	9:30am	30 attending +14 average Live streamed
	Friday	9:30am	30 attending + 14 Live Streamed
	Saturday		

		Saturday Vigil		
		Sunday	9:00am	Approx.110 + Average 20 Live Streamed
			11:30am	Approx. 130 + 20 Average Live Streamed
Other services <i>(please list and frequency)</i> <i>eg. Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Prayer of the Church</i>			Weekdays Morning Prayer of The Church Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays Reconciliation Services Advent/ Lent UCM –Rosary in Church before meeting First Friday Eucharistic Adoration (Prayers for Peace) Stations of the Cross during Lent Occasional Rosary/ Benediction around particular seasons and feasts	
Parish retreat days and pilgrimages <i>(dates and numbers)</i>				
Evangelisation Groups <i>(eg Alpha, Sycamore)</i>	Lent & Advent courses for Enquirers and others		Led by Parish Clergy	
Parish Groups <i>(please list groups, numbers involved and type – prayers groups, social action, social, women’s sodality etc)</i>	CAFOD	Rep: Noreen McGinnity	Social Action , Live Simply Group (6 members)	
	UCM	Lead : Kathy Buck	Pastoral support 12 members, and 3 in friends circle (housebound)	
	Wednesday Friends	Collective leadership	Coffee and Craft group, Social events	
Secular Groups <i>(please list groups, numbers involved and type)</i>	Community Choir		Approx 15 members	
The Parish Census Returns for each Parish have been collated for the last seven years and can be found in a separate document.				
Finance				

Current Account Status	In credit £340,000		
Investments	C - £1000		
Club Account Status	Club closed Deficit remaining £88,000		
Rentable Property	Parish Centre Rent £11,500 for next two years £22,000 thereafter.		
Other detail (<i>fundraising initiatives etc.</i>)			
How do regular Donations come into church?			
Direct Debit	2024 £28,000		
Loose plate	2024 £28,000		
How much is GiftAid?	£4,000 per annum		
Card Machine?	Yes - Donate QR code on Website		
Technologies (<i>computers, wifi, projectors, screens, photocopiers, printers</i>) and locations	2 Computers in main offices. Laptop, 2 projectors, 2 Screens Photocopier/ Printer All in Fr Chris' office or Antonia's		
Building Assets (<i>please see separate Building Assessment Tool</i>)			
Assets	Capacity	State of repair	Costs (income, from rental and outgoing)
Church	250	Good	£37,000 per annum
Presbytery	2 at present	Good	£18,000 per annum
Hall	N/A		
Club		Good Currently being renovated	£11,500 income for the next two years 22/k income per Annum going thereafter
Grounds		Good	
Carpark		Good	Costs shared going forward with The Venue
Graveyard		n/a	
Other			
Geography (<i>including geographical features, transport links and demograhics</i>)			
What are the transport links for your Church?		Excellent – 5 minute walk to Maghull Train station and bus interchange. Two minutes from A59; Church at centre of Parish	

Geographical boundaries and significant features (eg major road, canal, trainline or river splitting your area)		Leeds to Liverpool Canal – 2 minutes walk Merseyrail Northern Line – 2 minutes walk A 59	
What are the demographics of your area (eg. deprivation indices) that have a bearing on the local mission of your church? NB Some of this information/data will be available through 1st Planner, a geographical information system, by mid July 2025		Currently extensive new housing being built off Summerhill increasing local population.1600 new properties being built over the next few years. There are pockets of deprivation in the Parish. A local travellers community worship at St Georges. Church. Attending population is predominantly 60 years+	
Community Audit (including schools, foodbanks, charities, other religious buildings)			
Resource	Function	Relationship to Parish	Other notes (including location etc.)
St George’s Primary School	Education	Good attendance during Sacramental programmes	284 pupils on roll including 23 Nursery. Head Mr P Chapman. From Jan 2026 Mr S Dillon
Maricourt High School, Maghull	Education	School takes from approx. 30 feeder schools, few from St Georges last year 7 pupils from St Georges admitted to yr 7	1,260 pupils on Roll Head – Mrs T Hatton Chaplain Mrs J Ashes School has Chapel and a Chapel in the old convent building . Currently in Care of Sisters of Mercy but transitioning to Archdiocese of Liverpool
Foodbank	Social Action	The parish support two local foodbanks	Weekly collections made at Church
Charities supported	Social Action	CAFOD, Christian Aid, Missio,	Seasonal collections made. Starting CAFODs Live Simply Award
Community Engagement and Communication			
Communication type	GDPR compliant		Who administrates?
Weekly newsletter	Yes		Fr Chris / Antonia Gorman

Up to date website	Yes	Paul Symes
Facebook	N/A	
Twitter	N/A	
Instagram	N/A	
WhatsApp groups	Parish groups have their own 'What's App' group e.g. Bereavement team, Coffee and Craft group, CAFOD Live Simply Group, Music Ministry Group	
Other		
<i>Community events outreach</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Ecumenical events	3 times a year.	Good Friday, Remembrance Sunday, World Day of Prayer Clery attend local Church Leaders Meeting 10 times a year
Foodbanks	See above	
Asylum Support		
Other charities	Individuals support local charities e.g. one parishioner volunteers in local Christian bookshop Pastoral support given to local nursing homes Parkhaven Trust, Damfield Gardens and James Page House	

Environmental Check List	Indicate One
Questions	

1	How regularly during the year are environmental concerns included in worship?	Regularly	Never	Occasionally X	Special Times
2	Does your parish include creation/environmental issues in its catechesis?	Regularly	Never	Occasionally	Special Times X
		Yes		No	
3	Has your parish involved young people in auditing/improving the environmental management of the premises?			√	
4	Has your parish invited a speaker on environmental issues?	√			
5	Have you insulated the church buildings wherever possible? (If yes please give details)			√	
6	Do you choose appropriate size meeting rooms wherever possible?	√			
7	Do you timetable meetings to minimise heating use?	√			
8	Have you fitted energy-saving light bulbs?			√	
9	Do you encourage building users to switch off unnecessary lights and not leave items on stand-by (eg photocopier/computers)?			√	
10	Does someone regularly check water outlets – and fix drips and leaks?			√	

11	Have you installed water-saving devices (eg dual flush toilets, low spray flow/auto turn-off taps)?		√
12	Do you use environmentally friendly cleaning materials and paint?		√
13	Do you purchase Fair Trade products (eg tea and coffee)?	√	
14	Do you use local suppliers where possible (so supporting the local economy)?		√
15	Do you use crockery rather than disposable cups and plates?		√
16	Does your parish have collection facilities for recycling items which can be used by parishioners, building users or local community (eg cans, spectacles, stamps, printer cartridges, clothes, shoes, foil)?		√
17	Do you purchase recycled paper and envelopes?		√
18	Is your grounds management wild-life friendly (eg minimal use of weedkillers and pesticides, leaving some areas unmown, valuing old trees, hedges walls and stones)?		√
19	Do your grounds have other features to benefit wildlife (eg bird feeding station, bird nest boxes, bat boxes, piles of leaves and rotting logs for insects and hedgehogs)?		√

20	Is there a place outside for prayer/contemplation/outdoor celebrations/eucharist?	√	
21	Does your parish newsletter or website publish green tips?		√
22	Does your parish encourage walking, cycling and car sharing to church?		√
23	Does someone read the meters regularly to assess the church's energy use?		√
24	Does your parish support overseas development/climate adaptation initiatives?	√	
25	Has your parish supported or initiated environmental community schemes (eg clean-ups, involvement in a local campaign group)?		√
26	Is your parish part of Live Simply?	√	
37	Other considerations you may wish to highlight		

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