

Quick Survey Talk
Sacred Heart Church 1&2 October 2022

Good morning.

For those of you who don't know us, we're Phil and Maria, members of our Parish Pastoral Council and we are at all masses this weekend to talk to you about our parish family and to enable you all to fill in a really short survey. You will all have been given a piece of paper and a pen - if not, please put your hand up and we can provide one for you now. It will only take a few minutes to complete but we wanted to explain to you why we are asking you to do this, to give you ideas about the kind of responses you may wish to give and to enable you to fill it in as we go along.

Why we are doing this

For many people, emerging from the pandemic and the death of Her Majesty the Queen have been times of taking stock and regrouping. It's been both a challenging and inspiring couple of years for everyone and that includes our lovely parish. In light of this we would love to find out more about you. We'd love to know what you enjoy doing, what your interests are, what skills you have, what brings you joy and to let you know about opportunities available in our parish community.

We'd like to give you the opportunity now, before the end of mass, to fill in a very short survey with 2 parts, before we end our time with a prayer.

Part 1

This first part will only take about a minute.

Firstly, on the paper provided, write down your name and contact details - either phone number, email address or both.

Then, in the part labelled 1 on your sheet please list your interests and hobbies eg running, cooking, painting, reading, meeting friends, cinema, TV, the environment, gardening, shopping, DIY, volunteering

Part 2

In section 2 we would like you to think about your skills and gifts. We have all been given gifts by God and we often don't recognise them as such. These could be skills you use in your work such as teaching, drawing, IT skills, languages, cooking, good with numbers, a good problem solver, a good organiser or they could be just things you do a lot and enjoy such as communicating well, driving, listening, caring, good at praying, good at including people. Again, it should only take you about a minute to list your skills down in the part labelled 2 on your sheet.

Part 3

All families need TLC to thrive, family members to look out for and support one another, and the opportunity for each family member to use and develop their God given talents and interests.

Our parish family is no different.

In order for our parish family to grow and thrive and develop, it needs to be nurtured, it needs it's members to feel part of a team, the Body of Christ, and it needs everyone to pitch in from time to time and offer their gifts and talents to help others on their faith journey.

We wouldn't just love you to consider how you might lend a helping hand from time to time in our parish family, we need you to. We need everyone to support our parish family in a way that's personally life-giving and manageable. Remember if we all take and don't give, then the opportunities for receiving will be diminished severely.

We'd like to pray together now and ask that when you leave, you continue to pray, asking God to help you to identify how you can serve our parish family using the gifts you have been given.

As you leave we will collect the survey sheets and give you a list of the opportunities available in the parish which you can get involved in.

Thank you for taking part in the survey. Please do get in touch if you'd like to talk to us about the survey and about our parish family.

Dear Lord, open our eyes and hearts to see the gifts we have to offer for your glory. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them (Rom 12:6).
By completing this survey I confirm I give permission for the parish to hold this information.*

Opportunities for you at Sacred Heart

Welcomer*	Flower Arranger
Sacristan - organise the sacristy	Music group*
Choir*	Altar server*
Catechist for Children's liturgy	Barista - serve coffee and tea
Holy Duster - clean Church	Member of PPC
St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)	Legion of Mary
GIFT team - sacramental preparation*, youth work	ALPHA and Connect Team
Prayer Group	Environmental/Sustainability Rep*
Wednesday Word	Forming in Faith
WAYmakers team - welcoming a refugee family*	Catholic Women's League (CWL)
Arts group*	Sewing/Craft group*
Librarian - helping with library	Book Club (coming soon)
Rep for Christians Together Across Exeter (CTAX)	Helping to run Adoration
Catholic Marriage Preparation Exeter (CMPE) team	Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
Extraordinary Minister of Communion - taking communion to sick and housebound	

* especially suitable for young people