

SACRED HEART CHURCH - DISABILITY PLAN

AREA	COMMENT	ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
<p>1. EXTERNAL ACCESS:</p> <p><u>1.1. Transport</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parishioners needing transport to Sunday Mass are given assistance by fellow parishioners, where required ▪ SVP members provide transport for monthly lunches, Autumn Club events/hospital visits and the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. <p><u>1.2. Car Parking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Designated car parking spaces for disabled parishioners are not yet available. 	<p>Limited car parking spaces are available on church property, and this space is maximised with double parking at Sunday Masses. Designated car parking not feasible at present.</p>	<p>Keep under review.</p>	<p>Finance and Building Committee.</p>

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<p><u>1.3 Entrance to Church and Hall</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ramp access to both Church and Hall ▪ New single door, with vision panel, installed from South Porch to main entrance of Church. (New door and modifications to pew near main entrance to Church will improve emergency egress) ▪ Welcomers available at 5 pm, 8 am and 11 am Sunday Masses to provide assistance with access if required. <p><u>1.4 Signposting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poster informing parishioners of Loop hearing system located at main entrance to Church and in Hall. <p>2. INTERNAL ACCESS</p> <p><u>2.1. Flooring</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Floor levels are even except step to altar. 	<p>Relevant measures would be taken if a parishioner with limited mobility or visual impairment took on a role of Altar Server, Reader or Eucharistic Minister.</p>	<p>The need for an automatic opening device for the new door will be kept under review.</p> <p>To be determined when required, to meet the needs of individual parishioners.</p>	<p>Finance and Building Committee</p> <p>Parish Priest</p>

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<p><u>2.2. Seating</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seating for less mobile parishioners available on side altar and communion brought to those parishioners. ▪ Space for wheelchair users and guide dogs available. 	<p>Space available near front pews for wheelchair user (family/friend) attending funeral service.</p>	<p>Rota of welcomers established for funeral Masses to assist parishioners and visitors.</p>	<p>Parish Priest to notify welcomer.</p>
<p><u>2.3 Sound System</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Loop system used for all services and poster at entrance informs parishioners/visitors. 			
<p><u>2.4 Lighting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Church lighting improved to assist the visually impaired and those who lip-read. 			
<p><u>2.5 Toilet facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disabled toilet available in Hall 		<p>Access to toilets to be available during Masses and wedding/funeral services</p>	<p>Parish Priest or Welcomer</p>

