



The Holy Family

— COMMUNITIES OF —
Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary,
Our Lady of Good Counsel & St Joseph's



PROPOSED MERGER OF OUR PARISHES – QUESTIONNAIRE – MARCH 2025

This questionnaire is part of the Sacred Heart & St Margaret Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel and St Joseph's Roman Catholic Parishes consultation taking place regarding the proposal to formally merge these Catholic Parish communities which we currently refer to as the Holy Family Community. Only the Bishop has the authority to establish, alter or suppress parishes (See Canons 120-122, 515.3). This consultation process is taking place with the permission of Bishop Patrick McKinney and all findings will be presented to him for his consideration and to assist with his decision-making.

In order that the consultation process be as representative as possible, we are inviting parishioners, parents in our schools, Deanery clergy and local ecumenical and faith representatives to complete this questionnaire. This may mean that we receive several responses from one household or family - this is perfectly acceptable but if you wish to submit a 'whole family/household response', this is fine too. However, we can only accept a maximum of ONE questionnaire per person. Whilst the questionnaire cannot be anonymous, as we need to ensure that each one is a genuine, non-duplicated response, all responses will be held in the strictest confidence. If there is insufficient space for your answer to any of the questions, please continue using the space at the end of this questionnaire. If a question does not feel relevant to you, please feel free to write N/A (not applicable).

Q1. What are your fears and hopes about a future merger?

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(Continue overleaf if there is insufficient space.)

Q2. Over the past year we have co-ordinated Mass times across our parishes to facilitate the possibility of working with one priest. Are you happy these are the most suitable times and locations for the Masses: not just for you and your family, but for all parishioners and for the Parish Priest? Give details and/or suggestions if you wish. Visit www.holyfamily-leicester.rcdon.uk for more information & Mass times.

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Q3. When the time comes that we must face a further reduction in priests across our Deanery, what do you think should happen if a priest cannot be available for a Mass every Sunday in your church?

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Q4. Have you any suggestions as to how best to bring our communities together over the coming months, spiritually, practically and socially?

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Q5. In the event that a merger proceeds:

- i. how can we best maintain the individual identity of each church community?

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- ii. how can we best ensure the continuation of localised support, activity and pastoral responsibility in each church community?

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Q6. Becoming one parish would simplify all administration and would remove the need for cross-charging whilst enabling us to pool our resources both financial and human, deploying them to meet the greatest need/s. What skills could you offer to assist in the ongoing mission of our parish/parishes?

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Name*

Address*

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Email

Telephone

Parish Database (PAMIS)

☐ I am happy to be added/my details updated on the parishioner database. *

*If you tick this box, the details that you have supplied will be recorded in our parish database. We comply fully with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018. The information you have supplied is held securely and in confidence, it is not shared with third parties. Your data is held for pastoral care and parish administration only. You have detailed rights (to review, amend, delete etc.,) these are explained in the Nottingham Diocese Privacy Policy published on <https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy>. We can supply a printed copy if required.

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