

Employment Application Form

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| Job Vacancy Applied for: | **SACRISTAN/CARETAKER HOLYWOOD PARISH** | Applicant Ref No: |

## GUIDANCE NOTES ON COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM**

Please remember this application form is an essential part of our selection process, and the information you include will assist us in selecting a shortlist of candidates for interview. It is therefore important that you complete the application form in full, taking care to ensure it is presented legibly.

Return the completed application form on or before the closing date as provided.

Application forms should be returned via email, as a word document/PDF or as a paper copy by hand or post to the address below. Photographs of applications will not be accepted.

Late applications will not be considered.

Please ensure that you relate any relevant information to the job description in order to demonstrate how your experience, achievements and/or potential fit the post for which you have applied.

Take particular care to ensure that ALL sections of the Application Form are completed clearly and legibly. Only information provided on this Application Form will be considered by the panel.

Curriculum Vitae will not be accepted.

Please ensure you provide examples on your form of how your qualifications and experience meet the Essential and Desirable criteria requirements as presented within the Application Form.

You should ensure that you provide evidence such as, giving length of experience, examples and dates as required. It is not sufficient to simply list your duties and responsibilities or to simply state that you possess the criteria.

Write down clearly your personal involvement in any experience you quote. Write “I” statements e.g. I planned meetings such as [give examples], I dealt with the public [give examples], I am highly organised [give examples].

It is your unique role the panel is interested in, not that of your colleagues or others. It is how you actually carried out a piece of work that the panel will need to determine.

Your examples should be concise and relevant to the criteria. This is very important as the examples which you provide may be checked out at interview and you may need to be prepared to talk about these in detail if you are invited to interview.

We will not make assumptions from the title of the applicant’s post or the nature of the organisation as to

the skills and experience gained.

If you do not provide sufficient detail, including the appropriate dates needed to meet the eligibility criteria, the selection panel will reject the Application.

All information given will be treated with the strictest confidence.

**SACRISTAN/CARETAKER HOLYWOOD PARISH**

**Please complete this form accurately providing as much detail as possible**. Information given will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed unless required under provisions of the relevant legislation.

# Personal Details

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| Full Name |  | | |
| All Previous Surnames |  | | |
| Address  Postcode |  | | |
| Home Telephone Number |  | Mobile Telephone Number |  |
| E-mail address |  | | |

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| **Do you have the right to work in the UK?**  Note: The Diocese of Down and Connor will require proof of this right before an offer of employment can be confirmed – e.g., Birth certificate and/or any other appropriate document required to confirm your right to work in the UK as required by the Asylum and Immigration Act 1996 | **Yes** | **No** |

**Education & Qualifications**

Please detail below all academic qualifications. Include any professional qualifications and from where they were obtained.

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| **Names & Address of all Schools/Colleges**  **/University Attended** | **Qualifications Gained (including Grades)** |
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Please give details of any other training/relevant qualifications you have attained which may be relevant to the position applied for:

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| **Names of Training Course/Qualification/Relevant Training** | **Result and Date Successfully Completed** |
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# Employment History

Please detail your full employment history below, **starting with your current/most recent employer;** including voluntary work, relevant experience and work placement which have a bearing on this application. Use a separate additional sheet if necessary.

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| **Dates To/From** | **Employers Name and Address**  **and nature of business** | **Job Title**  **Job Function & Main Duties** | **Final Salary and Reason for Leaving** |
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**Qualifications and Experience** … relevant qualifications and experience for the role.

When completing this section please refer to the **Essential criteria** as presented in the Role Profile and which are set out below, and provide us **with your examples** of where you believe your experience meets the criteria:

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| **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**: |
| **1. A baptised Catholic and member of the Church with a basic knowledge and experience of the liturgical rites performed in a Catholic Church;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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| **2. A minimun of one years’ experience in a caretaking/groundsperson position with maintenance duties;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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| **3. Ability to work alone and as part of a team including Priests, altar servers and all other liturgical Ministers;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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| **4. Good organisational and communication skills;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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| **5. Ability to walk, bend, push and pull and lift repetitively during working hours to facilitate the carrying out of the responsibilities within the role;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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| **6. A full driving licence and car /OR access to a form of transport which would enable you to fulfil the requirements of the post;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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| **7. An understanding of the Diocese’s Policy concerning the Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk**  **of Harm;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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| **8. A general understanding of the social and moral teachings of the Catholic Church;**  Please demonstrate how you meet this criterion – word limit 100 words. |
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# Additional Information

Are there any restrictions on the hours that you are available to work?

Yes / No

If yes, please give details:

**DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT 1995**

Section 1 of this Act describes a disabled person as a person with a ‘physical or mental impairment, which

has a substantial or long-term effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities’.

Using this definition, would you consider yourself to be disabled?

*(please circle as appropriate)*

Yes / No

If yes, do you require any special arrangements to be made to assist you if called for interview?

**Please provide details:**

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offence that is not regarded

as spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1978?

Yes / No

If yes, please give details:

## Present/Most Recent Employment:

Employer’s Name

Address

Job Title Date of Appointment

Current or final gross salary /or gross rate of pay

Notice period required Earliest available start date

Reason for leaving

Can we contact you at work? YES  NO 

**REFEREES:**

Please give the details of two referees, ***one should be in relation to your current or most recent employment position and the other referee should be a personal acquaintance.***

***Please do not use a family member or personal friend as your referee.***

**Referees will not be contacted without your prior approval.**

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| Name: | Name: |
| Position: |  |
| Company: | Organisation |
| Postal Address:  Email address: Telephone No: | Postal address:  Email Address: Telephone No: |
| Nature of Relationship: | Nature of Relationship: |

**Statement to be Signed by the Applicant**

I hereby certify that:

* to the best of my knowledge the information I have provided on this form is correct.
* all questions relating to me have been accurately and fully answered.
* I possess all the qualifications which I claim to hold.
* I have read and, if appointed, I am prepared to accept the conditions set out in the Terms and conditions of employment and the job description.
* I accept that providing deliberately false information could result in my dismissal.

**Signed: Date:**

**Down and Connor Diocesan Trust undertakes that it will treat any personal information (that is data from which you can be identified, such as your name, address, e-mail address etc.) that you provide to us, or that we obtain from you, in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulations.**

**RETURNING THIS FORM: by e-mail to** [**recruitment@downandconnor.org**](mailto:recruitment@downandconnor.org)

By Hand or Post to: **Human Resources**

**Recruitment**

**Down and Connor Diocesan Office 75 Somerton Road, Belfast BT15 4DE**

**COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED by no later than**

**12.00 noon on Tuesday 8 July 2025**

Application forms should be returned via email, as a word document/PDF or as a paper copy by hand or post to the address above. Photographs of applications will not be accepted.

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## MONITORING FORMS:

Completed Monitoring Forms should be submitted separately by post and marked –

**Strictly Private & Confidential - for the attention of The Monitoring Officer at the above address**

**/or by e-mail to** [**Monitoring@downandconnor.org**](mailto:Monitoring@downandconnor.org)

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