



Archdiocese of Liverpool

Choir Chaperones

Information for applicants

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Introduction from the Archbishop of Liverpool

Thank you for your interest in a career at the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

As an archdiocese, we serve thousands of people every week through our parishes, schools, partnerships and local communities.

It is a significant time in the life of our archdiocese, as we continue to walk together on the journey set out by our Pastoral Plan in becoming the Church God calls us to be. This plan outlines a clear mission for the future of our Church and every single member of staff plays a vital role in helping us achieve this.

As an employer, we offer wide range of benefits and a place to develop your career in an environment where every member of staff is valued and encouraged to develop fully their gifts.

We are looking for people whose values align with ours and are passionate about playing a key role in the next steps of our journey.

Thank you again for considering a role within our archdiocese. Each person contributes to our wider mission. I am grateful for your interest in joining us in this important work.



Music in the Archdiocese of Liverpool

The music department provides staffing and resources for the Schools Singing Programme and music in the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Schools Singing Programme

Launched in 2022, with the aim of bringing together schools, parishes and the archdiocese to spread the good news of the Gospel in song, the singing programme currently engages with nearly 5000 children each week in schools across the archdiocese.

Choral Directors visit partner schools on a weekly basis, leading singing sessions utilising both sacred and secular repertoire, to inspire, catechise and enthuse young people through music.

Children in partner schools in Knowsley, Lancashire, Liverpool, Sefton, Widnes & Wigan (from Sept 2026) have the opportunity to become members of local Catholic Children's Choirs, performing regularly in concerts and leading music in parish liturgies, with plans for more choirs in other areas to follow.

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Music is provided at 10 regular liturgies each week.

The Cathedral choir consists of around 60 boy and girl choristers (age 7-16) who sing at the daily choral liturgies alongside the adult Lay Clerks.

The Cathedral Youth Choir acts as a musical stepping-stone for ex-choristers.





About the Role

The Department of Music within the archdiocese of Liverpool are seeking Choir Chaperones to support the music department in their work by supervising choristers and other young people under 18 under our care, ensuring their safety and wellbeing.

Key Responsibilities

- To chaperone young singers at rehearsals/ performances as required, working alongside music department staff to provide pastoral care that creates a safe and secure environment.
- To chaperone the young singers transit (eg, cathedral chorister's travel from the choir school to the cathedral on weekdays; area choir concert performances further afield).
- To supervise and support the young singers at all times when they are in the care of the archdiocese, ensuring they are ready to follow timetables issued by music staff.
- To supervise the drop off, collection of young singers before and after rehearsals, services, concerts etc.
- To ensure maintenance and laundering of choir apparel (eg cassocks/surplices) as required.
- To ensure that the spaces used by young singers are kept neat and tidy and free from rubbish.
- To complete a register at rehearsals and events on and off site, providing a brief written report after every rehearsal.
- To liaise with music staff as required with regards to pastoral matters affecting the young singers, making a clear written record of any concerns for submission in a timely manner.
- To act as a first point of contact with parents/ guardians of young singers while on duty, particularly relating to absence, lateness or illness.
- To understand and comply with the Archdiocese of Liverpool obligations with regards to the relevant safeguarding policy and procedures.
- To report any matters of concern to the Archdiocese Safeguarding Coordinator as soon as they arise.
- To attend chaperones meetings on a termly basis, and as required.





About the Role

Locations and Hours of Work

Chaperones will work variable hours to provide cover at choirs led by the archdiocese primarily at the following locations and times:

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Mount Pleasant, Liverpool, L3 5TQ

- Cathedral Choristers [Tues, Wed, Thurs 14.30-18.00; Sun 09.15-16.00]
- Cathedral Youth Choir [Mon 14.30-18.00]
- Liverpool Catholic Children's Choir (Central) [Mon 16.15-17.45]

Space Centre, St Columba's Catholic Primary School, Hillside Road, Huyton, L36 BBL

- Knowsley Catholic Children's Choir [Wed 15.45-17.15]

St Mary's Church Parish Hall, Church Road, Liverpool, L25 SJF

- Liverpool Catholic Children's Choir (South) [Tues 16.45-18.15]

St John Fisher Parish Centre, 55 Moorfield Road, Widnes, WA8 3JA

- Widnes Catholic Children's Choir [Mon 15.45-17.15]

Newly appointed chaperones will be assigned a 'home base' but will be assigned to duties as required by operational need across all current, and future, locations.

The regular schedule is frequently amended due to additional performances, liturgical requirements etc.



Training

Training will be provided in Safeguarding, First Aid, Children's Mental Health and related areas.

Salary

The salary is £13.45 Per hour.

Location

Contractual base of work will be assigned as one of the current, or future, locations that the Archdiocese of Liverpool operates choirs for young people. Travel across the sites of the Archdiocese will be required in order to fulfil this role.

Working Hours

This is a permanent position, working flexibly on a rota basis during the academic year for 40 weeks according to a rota to meet the needs the Archdiocese (availability to be agreed at interview.)

Start Date

1st June 2026, or as soon thereafter.

DBS

The post holder will require an enhanced disclosure and barring service check and will be required to apply for a Council Chaperone License.

Pension

Employees will be enrolled into the People's Pension Scheme with a contribution rate of 3% and 5% contributed by the employer. The archdiocese will match employee contributions up to 6% of their pensionable salary.

Other benefits

There are a range of other benefits including a pension salary sacrifice scheme, subsidised Lifestyles gym membership, life assurance scheme, enhanced parental leave pay and 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme.

How to Apply

Visit the careers page on our website <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/careers> to apply online.

Application should include details of two referees who can be contacted if you are shortlisted for an interview.

The closing date for applications is 23rd April 2026 , interviews provisionally scheduled for 1st May 2026.

Please note that the information you provide in your application will be used only for the purpose of recruitment and selection and will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.



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