



# Chaplaincy

## Lay Chaplain (Hospitals)

### 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.

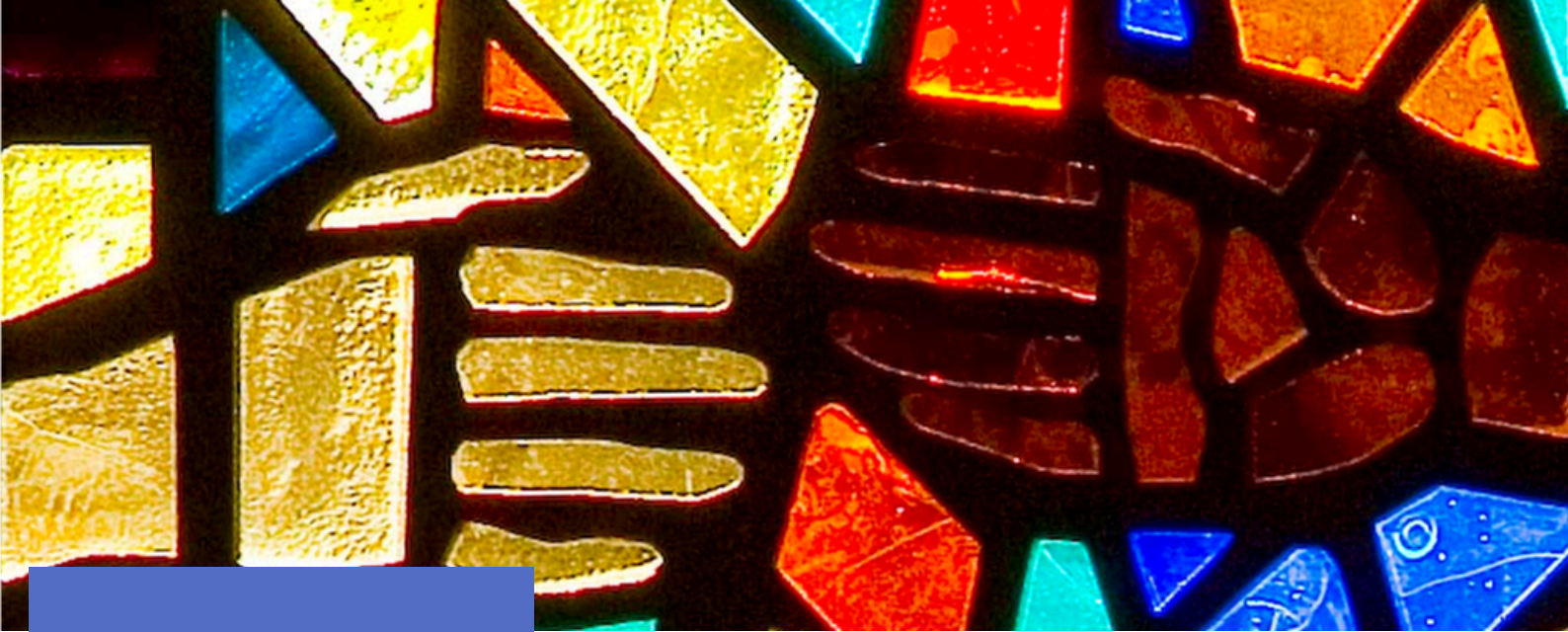
As an employer, we offer wide range of benefits and a place to develop your career in an environment where every member of staff is valued and encouraged to develop fully their gifts.

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.

Most Reverend John Sherrington  
Archbishop of Liverpool





## Hospital Chaplaincy

Chaplaincy is a specialised ministry that offers spiritual and pastoral care in specific settings outside of parish life.

Chaplains support people of all faiths and none, providing a listening ear, sacraments, guidance and a pastoral presence during times of need.

Hospital chaplains provide sacramental and pastoral care to patients, families and staff in several hospitals across the archdiocese.

Chaplaincy teams may include priests, deacons and lay chaplains. Some of these are employed directly by the archdiocese, others by local NHS Trusts.

Our chaplaincy roles are filled by both clergy and laypeople. Some chaplains serve full time, while others carry out chaplaincy as part of a wider role within the archdiocese.





## About the Role

### Lay Chaplain

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Lay Chaplain within Mersey and West Lancashire NHS Trust (MWL). The post is based at Whiston Hospital but there will be a regular requirement to visit St Helens Hospital and Newton Hospital, with the occasional need to visit Southport and Ormskirk Hospital which forms part of MWL.

#### To thrive in this role you should be able to demonstrate:

- That you have been nominated by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool.
- Registration or ability to be able to register as a chaplain with CPCPC.
- A commitment to professional and spiritual growth by maintaining up to date skills and knowledge with evidence of learning.
- A good standing within the catholic faith community.
- Experience of collaborative working in a catholic context.
- Experience of managing and motivating others individually and in a team.
- Sensitive and sympathetic listening skills, discretion regarding patient confidentiality.
- Emotional resilience.

#### Within this role you will be expected to:

- Provide religious and spiritual support on a personal basis to patients, ensuring a high level of service in relation to; prayer, pastoral counselling whilst supporting the dying and their relatives.
- Respond to phone calls from staff, family, patients, volunteers and priests.
- Ensure that referrals of patients received and any aftercare work is dealt with and followed up.
- Ensure wards are systematically visited on a regular basis to improve the effectiveness of the chaplaincy service.
- Be willing to act as an advocate for patients.
- Travel independently between sites within the NHS trust when required.



# Terms and Conditions

## Salary

£9,408.08 per annum. The full time equivalent salary is £32,073.00.

## Status

This role is permanent.

## Working Hours

This role is part time, 11 hours per week over 2 days.

## Location

Primary site Whiston Hospital, Warrington Road, Prescot L35 5DR, may be required to work across other sites in the Mersey & West Lancashire hospitals trust.

## Annual leave

38 days per holiday year inclusive of eight bank/public holidays, two fixed date gifted days. (pro-rated for part time employees)

## Pension

Employees will be enrolled into the People's Pension Scheme with a contribution rate of 4% and 4% contributed by the employer. On request, the archdiocese will match employee contributions up to 6% of their pensionable salary.

## Other benefits

We offer a range of other benefits including a pension salary sacrifice scheme, subsidised Lifestyles gym membership, cycle to work scheme, life assurance scheme, enhanced parental leave pay and 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme including online GP facility.

## How to Apply

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

**The closing date for applications is Midnight on 23 October 2026.**

Information you provide in your application will be used only for the purpose of recruitment and will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018.





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