# Our Lady of Canvey Parish

## Who We Are, Where We Are Going

### A Parish Survey & Registration

Dear Parishioners,

As I begin my ministry among you, I would like to take some time to listen and to learn. Every parish is made up of people with different stories, gifts, hopes and needs, and I want to get to know the particular people whom God has entrusted to our parish.

This short survey is an opportunity for you to tell me something about yourself and your household, but also to share what you value about our parish, where you think we could grow, and what you hope for its future.

There are no right or wrong answers. Please be honest! Your responses will help us to understand where we are and, together, to discern where God may be calling us.

Thank you for taking the time to complete it.

**Fr Paschal Uche**

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# 1. ABOUT YOU

**Full name:** _____

**Address:** _____

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**Postcode:** _____

**Telephone:** _____

**Email:** _____

**How would you prefer the parish to contact you?**

☐ Email ☐ Telephone ☐ Text ☐ Parish newsletter/printed notices

## Your household

**Names of other members of your household:**

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**Children / young people in your household (please give ages):**

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## Your connection with the parish

**How long have you been part of this parish?**

☐ Less than 1 year
☐ 1–5 years
☐ 6–10 years
☐ More than 10 years
☐ Most/all of my life

**How regularly do you attend Sunday Mass?**

☐ Every Sunday
☐ Most Sundays
☐ Occasionally
☐ Rarely at present
☐ I am currently unable to attend because of illness, age or other circumstances

**Are you currently registered with this parish?**

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know

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# 2. YOUR LIFE OF FAITH

Which of the following Sacraments have you received?

☐ Baptism
☐ First Reconciliation
☐ First Holy Communion
☐ Confirmation
☐ Marriage in the Catholic Church

**Is there anything concerning the Sacraments or your life of faith that you would like to speak to a priest about?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, you may briefly indicate what it concerns:

### What would help you grow in faith?

Please tick any that interest you:

☐ A deeper relationship with Jesus
☐ Prayer and learning how to pray
☐ Scripture / understanding the Bible
☐ Understanding Catholic teaching
☐ Adult faith formation / catechesis
☐ Marriage and family life
☐ Helping children grow in faith
☐ Young people's faith
☐ Returning to the Sacraments
☐ Finding faith in times of suffering or difficulty
☐ Sharing my faith with others
☐ Other: _____

## 3. OUR PARISH

### What do you value most about our parish?

### What do you think our parish does particularly well?

### What could we do better?

### What is one thing you would hate us to lose?

### If you could ask our parish to do ONE thing differently over the next three years, what would it be?

## 4. OUR FUTURE

Please tell us how important you think the following areas should be for the parish over the coming years.

| Area | Very important | Important | Less important |
|---|---|---|---|
| Welcoming newcomers | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Children and families | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Young people | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Prayer and Eucharistic devotion | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Scripture and catechesis | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Evangelisation / reaching those beyond the parish | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Care of the elderly and housebound | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Care for the poor and vulnerable | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Community and social life | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |
| Relationship with our school | ☐ | ☐ | ☐ |

### What do you think God is asking of our parish at this moment?

## 5. YOUR GIFTS

Every parishioner has something to give. Would you be interested in helping the parish in any of these ways?

☐ Welcoming / hospitality
☐ Children's ministry
☐ Youth ministry
☐ Catechesis / faith formation
☐ Sacramental preparation
☐ Liturgy / readers / altar serving
☐ Music / choir
☐ Prayer ministry
☐ Visiting the sick or housebound
☐ Evangelisation
☐ Social events
☐ Communications / website / social media
☐ Administration
☐ Fundraising / charitable work
☐ Practical help / maintenance
☐ School–parish activities
☐ Other: _____

**Do you have a particular skill, profession, experience or interest that you might be able to offer the parish?**

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## 6. KEEPING IN TOUCH

I would like to receive parish communications about Masses, parish events, opportunities for formation and other parish news.

☐ Email
☐ Telephone / text
☐ Printed newsletter
☐ Other: _____

**Would you be happy for me to contact you about something you may have mentioned in this survey?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

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## THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

My hope is that this will be more than simply an exercise in collecting information. A parish is not a building or an organisation; **it is a family gathered by Christ**. The more we come to know one another, the more readily we can recognise the gifts God has given us, care for those who are struggling, welcome those who are searching, and discover together the mission He has given to this particular parish.

Please return completed forms to the parish office / place provided in the church.

**Fr Paschal Uche**