

Parish Review of Accessibility



This is a first-page sample of guide questions to consider when you start to consider accessibility in your parish. Please contact us for additional information, the full template or to ask advice on a particulate accessibility issue.

Accessibility in our parishes is about ensuring that everyone has the same opportunity to partake in the sacraments and parish life in a way that *suits them best*. Caritas is working to support parishes in developing their understanding of accessibility, serving to welcome, integrate, and increase participation in church life. Caritas wants to support you in identifying unmet needs of clergy, parishioners, their family or friends. These may be **physical, mental & emotional, learning, sensory and/or communication needs**. The aim then would be to support you in creating a co-produced plan to overcome these barriers and prepare you for the future. Often, the smallest change can make a world of difference.

This is a **guide-template** of questions for you to consider. It is possible that not all questions will be applicable to your parish, and that you need to consider additional ideas, but they should provide a starting place when reviewing accessibility in your parish.

Feel free to share your responses with us if you would like some support and suggestions to improve the accessibility in your parish.

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Theme	Questions to consider	Response	How can we support you with this?
Policy & Procedures	<p>Does the parish have any defined policies or procedures regarding disability/accessibility?</p> <p>Does the parish safeguarding policy include specific reference to disability and vulnerability of both children and adults?</p> <p>Are all people consulted about accessibility needs and are solutions co-produced?</p>	Yes / No / Unsure	