

Drivers & Escorts Needed for the New Parish Minibus

As you may know, we have purchased a replacement minibus, but still need a couple of additional drivers and escorts. Although it is occasionally used during the week on an ad-hoc basis, our main commitment is to bring the less able bodied to the 11.15 Masses on Sundays. However, we also take them to events, such as the annual Mass for the Sick & Housebound.

We currently operate a five week rota for the Sunday services so volunteers will only be required once every five weeks. We can also be flexible so that if a driver or escort cannot make their allotted slot, we can swop around with each other. Our normal routine on Sundays is as follows:

10.00am	Collect minibus from Nazareth House and pick up passengers
11.15am	Sunday Mass 'til 12.15pm
12.15pm	Return passengers to their homes
1.15 pm	Return minibus to Nazareth House

St Helen's Minibus Drivers must:

- Be over 25 (Insurance requirement)
- Be under 75 years of age.
- Have either passed their car driving test before 1st January 1997 and have a D1 (101) - minibus, not for hire or reward - entitlement on their licence. This will remain on the licence until it expires at age 70 or unless removed by DVLA, usually for medical reasons.
- Alternatively, a driver who passed their driving test on or after 1st January 1997 can drive a minibus if they:
 - Have held a full B (car) licence for at least two years.
 - Are aged 21 or over.
 - Are aged under 70 (unless the driver has passed a PCV Medical and shown by the code of either 120 or (NFHR). It can also be renewed by the DVLA

But the most important thing is that they feel confident driving a minibus.

St Helen's Minibus Escorts & Duties

- No age limit & no special skills required.
- Escort passengers from their front door, help them onto the minibus & fasten seatbelts, etc.
- Help them alight and to go into church, if required.
- At the end of Mass, get them back onto the minibus and into their seats, etc.
- Help them off the minibus and to their front doors.

As you can see, the commitment is for just over 3 hours on one Sunday, every 5 weeks. Other events are voluntary and subject to individual drivers' availability.

If you may be able to help please discuss with Ray Newman on 07775 769826