

St Mary & St Joseph RC Church, Boxmoor, HP1 1NR

Health & Safety Statement: facilities for disabled persons

Parish centre

The centre has a range of disabled persons' facilities including level access **for wheelchairs** (by ramp) from the public footpath to its front double doors and from its car park (at rear) to a single outward opening fire exit door accessed from the car park service road. The centre also has a hearing induction loop.

St Joseph's hall

Our hall does not currently offer a full range of disabled persons' facilities and is not designated as suitable for disabled persons.

The hall is at the rear of, and underneath, the church and has a double front door facing Horsecroft Road. Access is a short concrete path with two steps and handrails.

It's important to note that there is no ramp for wheelchairs.

Main church building

Our church does have a range of disabled persons' facilities including level access or exit **including wheelchairs** via the church front porch and a suitably equipped emergency fire exit with evacuation chair, steps and handrails (which is on the Wharf Road side of church).

There is also a purpose built disabled toilet adjacent to the Sacristy accessed through the church and the Sacristy corridor (on the Wharf Road side).

There is a hearing induction loop in the main church.

All buildings

All our buildings have either automatic or hand activated fire alarm systems and/or smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Religious service organisers (including for baptisms, weddings and funerals) and social event organisers and disabled persons' carers should familiarise themselves with these facilities and access arrangements **prior** to the attendance of a disabled person to ensure they will be adequate for that person.

Non specialist assistance may be available subject to early notification of specific requirements to the hall bookings administrator on hallbookings@smj.hemelcatholic.org or via the parish office on newsletters@hemelcatholic.org.

Geoff Doyle, Premises Manager

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