



Pastoral Care for Catholic Patients at Southport & Ormskirk Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice

*Your spiritual and religious care is just as important
as your physical, psychological and social needs.*

Catholic patients at hospital are entitled to the ministry of their Church. The Catholic Chaplaincy Team at Southport and Ormskirk District General Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice will visit all Catholic patients who request a visit.

How the Catholic Chaplaincy Team Works

The Chaplains provide a day to day listening ear, support, prayer & sacraments at a difficult time, to help recovery and healing.

Daily visits are made to each ward in the hospital by Eucharistic Ministers so that patients can receive Holy Communion. Priests visit for the Sacrament of the Sick and Confession when called for.

Priests are on call at all times for emergencies.

Clinical staff will try to assess spiritual and religious needs of each patient as a part of a holistic assessment so that care can be planned accordingly.

Please ask the staff on the ward to contact the Catholic Chaplaincy Team. Alternatively, the patient's family or Parish can alert the Catholic Chaplaincy Team, with their consent, calling: Maria Parker: 07467 374830.



What Happens When a Patient Is Admitted?

On admission to hospital, hospice or care home you will be asked the following questions (and need to make the subsequent replies if you wish Catholic Chaplaincy support):

- What religion are you?
You need to say: Catholic.
- Would you like to be seen by the Catholic Chaplaincy?
You need to say: Yes please.

Your consent makes it possible for the Chaplain to make contact with you in hospital/hospice. This means you can receive the sacraments (Holy Communion, Anointing, Confession), you may ask for a priest to visit, or another member of the team.

Nurses and doctors recognise that your spiritual and religious care is important to you, especially when you are unwell. However, sometimes the urgency of clinical care can mean that other issues take priority.

Please do not assume that staff will automatically know, or assume, your spiritual and religious needs. The Catholic Chaplaincy Team needs to know that you want them to support you.

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The Catholic Chaplaincy Team is here for you!

Maria Parker, Lay Chaplain

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