**DIOCESE OF LANCASTER**

**PASTORAL STATISTICS RETURN 2019**

**For the year commencing 1st January 2019 and ending 31st December 2019**

Parish of (Dedication)………………………………………………………………… ***Parish Serial No. (Office use only)***

Place/Town……………………………………………………………………………………………… County…………………………………………………………………………………………………….

Please return this form to **Fr James Burns, Our Lady of the Assumption, 125 Common Edge Rd, Blackpool, FY4 5DF** (or email: [**lanc.past@yahoo.co.uk**](mailto:lanc.past@yahoo.co.uk) ) as soon as possible after 31st Dec 2019.

If desired, make a copy for the Parish Archives. Please read the explanatory notes before completing this return. The form provides boxes for you to write your figures into: one digit to each box and according to the usual rules for writing numbers, i.e. with the units in the far right hand box, the tens in the box next to that, and the hundreds in the box next to that, and so on.

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| **1 CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATES ON 31st December 2019**  ***(Note 1 overleaf)*** | Males   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | Females   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |
| **2 BAPTISMS during 2019**  Children up to 1 year old  Children aged 1 to 7 years’ old People aged over 7 years’ old  ***(Note 2)*** |  | Totals   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| **3 RECEPTIONS during 2019**  ***(Note 3)*** | Males   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | Females   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |
| **4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS during 2019**  Under 18  Adults  **(Note 4)** | Males   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | | Females   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | |
| **5 CONFIRMATIONS during 2019**  ***(Note 5)*** | Males   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | Females   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |
| **6 MARRIAGES during 2019**  Two Catholics  A Catholic and a baptised non-Catholic  ***(Note 6)*** A Catholic and a non-baptised person  Prepared in parish but conducted overseas |  | Totals   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |
| **7 DEATHS**  ***(Note 7)*** | Males   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | Females   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |
| **8 MASS ATTENDANCE on the Last two Sundays of September and the**  **First two Sundays of October**    Second to last weekend in September  Last weekend in September  First weekend in October  Second weekend in October  Average  **(Note 8)** |  | Totals   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  | |
| **9 NUMBER OF PEOPLE RECEIVING COMMUNION AT HOME**  ***(Note 9)*** |  | Total   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | |
| **10 CATECHISTS on 31st December 2019**    **1 Baptism**  **2 First Confession & First Holy Communion**  **3 Confirmation**  **4 Marriage preparation & support**  **5 RCIA**  **6 Catechesis for children in non-Catholic schools**  **7 Other catechetical activities (e.g. children’s liturgy)**  ***(Note 10)*** |  | Totals   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| **11 MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC ASSOCIATIONS on 31st December 2019**  ***(Note 11)*** | Males   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | Females   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |
| **12 PASTORAL ASSISTANTS on 31st December 2019**    Part-time  Full-time  ***(Note 12)*** |  | Totals   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | |  |  | |

**PASTORAL STATISTICS RETURN – EXPLANATORY NOTES**

Please note that only one return is to be submitted per parish. If you are parish priest of two or more parishes, please complete one return for each parish; **if you have more than one place of worship in your parish, all information should be included in the same return.**

**In order that the statistics may be as accurate as possible, the return should include all pastoral activity within the territorial boundaries of your parish, even if it is undertaken by a separate Catholic entity, e.g., a university or prison chaplaincy.** All Baptisms, Receptions, Confirmations, Marriages and Funerals which take place in your parish should be recorded in the parochial registers, even if the Baptism, Reception, Confirmation, Wedding or Funeral was celebrated by a Catholic priest, deacon or layperson in a non-parochial church, chapel, Mass centre, convent or chaplaincy (with the exception of those celebrated in churches belonging to the Polish Catholic Mission in England & Wales); these should be reported to you by the minister in question.

If you have any queries about this pastoral statistics return, please contact **Fr James Burns** (address on the form). The return should be submitted as soon as possible after 31st December. Please make a copy for the parish archive if desired.

# CATECHUMENS & CANDIDATES

Please include all those in your parish who are seven years old and above and are currently receiving catechesis, whether through the RCIA or in other ways, with a view to their being baptised or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

# BAPTISMS

Please include all those who were baptised in your parish during the year and whose details have been recorded in the Register of Baptisms. The Baptisms of adults (but not receptions into the full communion of the Catholic Church) are to be included in ‘People aged over 7 years old’.

# RECEPTIONS

Please include all those who, having been baptised in other Churches and ecclesial communities, were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church in your parish during the year and whose details have been recorded in the Register of Receptions. Please note that their details must also be recorded in the Register of Confirmations if they were confirmed at the same time.

# FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

Please include all those who received their First Holy Communion in your parish during the year, including those who received their First Holy Communion on the occasion of their Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

# CONFIRMATIONS

Please include all those who were confirmed in your parish during the year and whose details have been recorded in the Register of Confirmations, including those who were confirmed on the occasion of their Baptism or Reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

# MARRIAGES

Please include all those who were married in your parish during the year and whose details have been recorded in the Register of Marriages. Please include convalidations and marriages celebrated with dispensation from the canonical form. In ‘Prepared in parish but conducted overseas’, please include all marriages which were prepared in your parish but where the marriage itself took place outside England

& Wales.

# DEATHS

Please include all those whose funerals were celebrated in your parish during the year and whose details have been recorded in the Register of Deaths.

1. **MASS ATTENDANCE on the last two weekends in September and the first two weekends in October** Please include all those present at all Sunday Masses (i.e., Saturday evening & Sunday) celebrated in your parish on the named weekends. Please include all churches, chapels and Mass centres in your parish which have at least one monthly Sunday Mass (e.g., convents & university chaplaincies) even if they do not come under your jurisdiction as parish priest.

# NUMBER OF PEOPLE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Please give an estimate of those parishioners who normally receive Holy Communion in their own home, whether from a priest, deacon or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, in an average week.

# 10. C. ATECHISTS on 31st December

Please include catechists who work with more than one catechetical activity for each activity with which they help. ‘Other catechetical activities’ refers to children’s liturgy, youth ministry, general adult catechesis and any other organised activity that is catechetical in nature.

# MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC ASSOCIATIONS on 31st December

Please include all your parishioners who are members of any recognised Catholic or ecumenical association that is organised on a parochial, deanery, diocesan, inter-diocesan or national basis. Please include those who are members of more than one society for every society they are in; e.g., a member of the CWL, Guild of St Stephen, SVP & UCM should be counted four times.

# PASTORAL ASSISTANTS on 31st December

Please include all paid staff and volunteers, other than catechists, who work on a regular basis for the parish with some form of pastoral responsibility, including permanent deacons and active members of institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life.