



Bringing people closer to Jesus Christ through His Church
Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth

CHORAL DIRECTOR

Full Time: 35 hours per week (part time would be considered)

Fixed Term Contract (2 years)

Salary: £26,000 to £28,000 per annum

Based: At St. Edmund House, Portsmouth, with travel to schools

Starting: September 2023

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and appropriately qualified Choral Director who, working with the diocesan Education Service, will be responsible for partnering with local diocesan schools to implement and develop the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP).

The Choral Director will work with up to 12 schools in the diocese and will be responsible for the development of choral singing in those schools, nurturing potential in our diverse communities. The core work of the Choral Director takes place during the school day in diocesan primary schools. Children in the NSSP with a particular interest in singing will be encouraged to take part in afterschool choirs and to sing in church. A key aim of the role is to create opportunities for children to participate in the music provision for their own parishes, so the role incorporates some Sunday working to facilitate and lead this.

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth covers the areas of Berkshire, South Oxfordshire, Hampshire, IOW, Bournemouth and the Channel Islands. Initially participating schools will come from Maidenhead, Reading, Bournemouth and Southampton. The post-holder must have a full driving licence and access to a car. Mileage expenses are paid.

While it is not essential to be a Catholic, it is expected that the post-holder will engage positively with Catholic environments and be willing to develop a deep knowledge of Catholic liturgy and the relevant musical repertoire.

Closing date for applications: 12 noon on 28 June 2023.

Interviews will take place in Portsmouth on 10 July 2023.

For more details about the role, please email the Director for Education, Catherine Hobbs chobbs@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk