

ST MARYS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, BRIDGE GATE, DERBY  
SECURITY POLICY STATEMENT

The Parish has a duty to ensure the security of the estate including the church, rectory and hall and to protect all persons and property from foreseeable threats including acts of terrorism. The risk of any of these threats is very low but as recent events have shown none of these threats, even an act of terrorism, can be completely discounted. It is possible that a place of worship could be a target of a terrorism incident, although the risk is extremely low. In this context terrorism includes hoaxes intended to frighten or intimidate

It is therefore prudent to give careful consideration to all foreseeable events that could jeopardise security and to put in place robust measures to counter the risks. It is accepted that absolute security cannot be guaranteed but the Parish will introduce and maintain all reasonably practicable measures to prevent events and, if necessary, to mitigate their consequences. The overall aim of this policy is to deter, detect, and delay a breach of security but in the event to respond effectively. The Parish response will be proportionate without restricting access to or detracting from the friendly and welcoming atmosphere of the church. The Parish will work closely with other faith centres, local authorities, and the police including their Counter Terrorism Security Adviser (CTSA) to maintain awareness of current threat levels and to ensure that this policy maintains relevant and up to date. In any case this policy will be reviewed every two years.

This policy covers neither fire safety nor health and safety associated with work activities. These are covered by separate policies.