

## St Anthony Of Padua Catholic Church, Oxford

### Car park proposal

#### Why changes are needed:

Our proximity to the John Radcliffe Hospital - where parking spaces are frequently inadequate for both staff and visitors - makes our car park very vulnerable to abuse. As you will have seen from the Finance Report, the parish generates approximately £12,000pa from issuing permits to staff at the hospital.

However, in order to maintain spaces for these permit holders and to allow genuine use of the car park by parishioners and visitors to the presbytery, the car park is currently “policed” to discourage other use. This is undertaken by Dominic Smith (and has been for many years), but this is not a sustainable solution in the long term. As a result, Fr. Emmanuel and the Finance Committee (FC) have been exploring alternatives and are planning to install a system, which hopefully will achieve a workable solution whilst hopefully also increasing our car park income.

#### Summary of proposal from Car Park Company (Smart Parking):

- Installation of an ANPR camera, which will be turned **OFF** during weekend Mass times.
- Installation of a payment machine for public use. **NB The parish will keep 100% of this generated income.**
- Installation of all necessary **signage**.
- A **tablet** will be installed in church for number plate entry for *bone fide* users, and any car owner who has entered their registration details will **NOT** be charged.
- A “**White list**” will be generated of approved users – who will always be exempt from charges (eg permit holders, priests, office staff).
- **Fines** will be generated for illegal use of the car park use (the company retains all fines), if:
  - ✓ The car is in the car park for longer **than 10 minutes**.
  - ✓ The car registration number is not on the “white list”.
  - ✓ The car registration number is **NOT** logged into church tablet.

#### Potential/expected problems:

Fr. Emmanuel and the FC appreciate that this new system will need time to run smoothly, but it is a simple system used by many pubs and GP surgeries and so hopefully it will be familiar to many already. Despite that, for the first few weeks it is likely that errors will be made, and the company is aware of this and will be sympathetic to the need to retract fines that have been issued to *bone fide* users, so, if you forget to use the log in tablet at any time then you can contact the parish office and the error can be rectified.