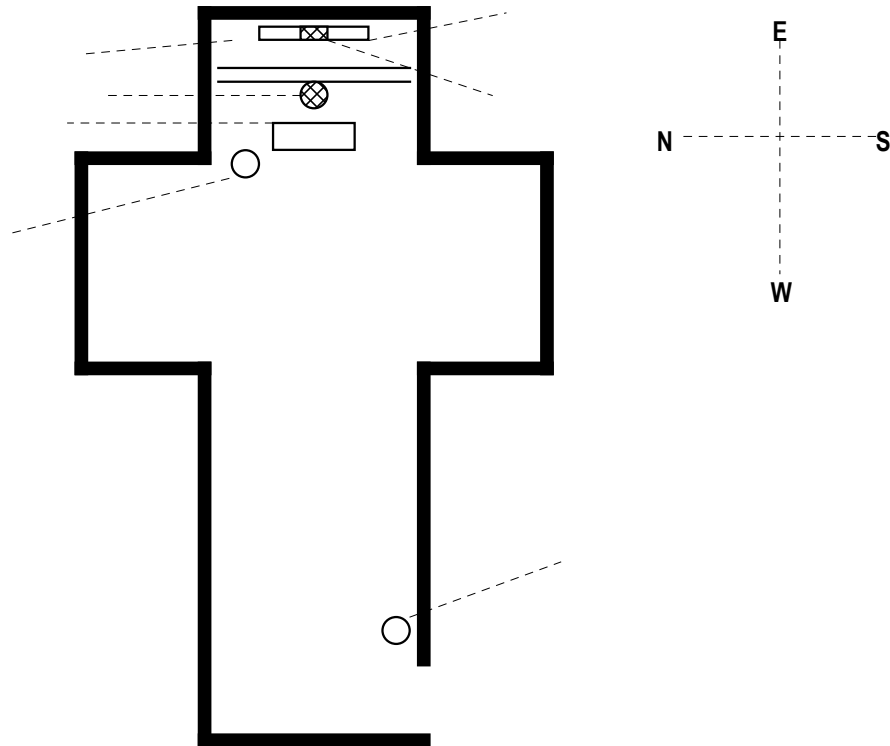


# Traditional Catholic Parish Church



See if you can copy the plan of the traditional parish church with labels and short descriptions. The notes below are to help you.

<b>Altar</b>	<b>Table of the Lord and place of sacrifice</b>
<b>Baptismal Font</b>	<b>used for baptisms in the parish</b>
<b>High Altar</b>	<b>raised up high in the Sanctuary, the focal point of the building</b>
<b>Tabernacle</b>	<b>holds the Blessed Sacrament, the Real Presence of Christ</b>
<b>President's chair</b>	<b>the chair from which the priest directs the prayer of the assembly</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	<b>area of the church which is raised slightly and contains the altar</b>
<b>Lectern</b>	<b>where the readings from the Bible are read</b>

## **Research**

1. Why is the altar at the eastern end of the church?
2. In all Catholic churches are hung the *Stations of the Cross*. What are these?
3. A sanctuary lamp is kept burning at all times. What does it signify?
4. The Eucharist is the chief sacrament and the one most celebrated in church. Another sacrament is always celebrated usually once weekly and has a special place within the church. What is this sacrament?
5. *The Church existed long before church buildings*. Explain this.