

The Catholic Church in Glossop

All Saints, Old Glossop St. Mary Crowned, Glossop

Parish Pastoral Plans 2005-2007

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

The Pastoral Plans for All Saints and St. Mary Crowned, Glossop have been drawn up in response to the Diocesan Pastoral Plan of Advent 2004.

We have held open parish meetings at regular intervals over the past twelve months. Minutes from each open meeting were printed in large format and posted at the back of our two churches

We also held a shared open meeting of the two Glossop parishes (All Saints and St. Mary's) to which Mrs Margaret Smidowicz, the Diocesan Pastoral Plan Implementation Officer was invited. This meeting took place on 29th September 2005.

The plans were displayed in the two churches in draft format, and parishioners were invited to comment. Where necessary, changes were made in the light of feedback received.

The Plans in their present form were then prepared.

The areas discussed were the six Key Areas identified in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan:

- Communication
- Planning and Structures
- Education and Formation
- Evangelisation and Mission
- Liturgy and Worship
- Spirituality.

1. All Saints, Old Glossop

A brief history of the church.

The presence of the recusant Catholic Howard family at Royle Manor in Old Glossop meant that the village was a reference point for Catholics in the penal times, and recusant priests were resident at the Manor for long periods in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

The earliest Baptismal records which survive date from 1803, and are kept in the Diocesan Archives at Willson House in Nottingham.

On July 10th 1810, Father Joseph Barbé, an emigré French priest, accompanied by Matthew and Michael Ellison, Joseph Hadfield and Mr H. Wake, presented to the Quarter Sessions at Chesterfield a petition for a licence for public Catholic worship in Old Glossop. The licence was issued the same day, and is still kept at All Saints.

Lord Howard built a small chapel close to the brook in what is now the Rose Garden of Manor Park Glossop.

In 1830, immediately following on Catholic Emancipation, planning began for a larger chapel close to Royle House, one of the estate properties.

Messrs Hadfield & Weightman, local Catholic architects, first of all visited All Saints Hassop, which had been built some twenty years earlier. They are reported to have found Hassop church too narrow for practicality, and cast their net wider, eventually deciding to use the Inigo Jones church of St. Paul Covent Garden as a model.

All Saints Chapel was completed in 1836. A new priest arrived, Father Theodore Fauvel, of French birth, but Oscott-trained. Fr. Fauvel continued to live at the Manor for some five years, but then moved up the hill to Royle House, which has been the Presbytery ever since.

In its early years, the parish covered by All Saints Mission was huge. Father Fauvel had to journey as far afield as New Mills and Marple Bridge.

From 1853 onwards St. Mary's School on St. Mary's Road Howardtown (now Glossop) was used as a Mass Centre so as to make it easier for the millworkers to attend Mass.

In 1887, the second Glossop church of St. Mary Crowned was built on Sumner Street.

All Saints Chapel remained the property of the Howard family until 1930, when they conveyed the property to the Nottingham Diocese. As a consequence, the church was not actually consecrated until 1936,

All Saints chapel has a history and tradition which pre-date the Nottingham Diocese, established in 1850.

The parish is conscious of its venerable tradition, but also wishes to be a Christian community for the twenty-first century, and to live the Faith in as lively and loyal a manner as did their forebears in the previous two centuries.

2. The Parish Properties

Essential Repairs to, and Maintenance of, our beautiful, historic and listed parish buildings is a Key Priority for the next three years

The Church

1. Advent 2004 An architect's inspection in the autumn of 2004 revealed significant problems with the structure of All Saints church

- Structural weakness of bell tower
- Leaking roof
- Rotting roof timbers
- Inadequate rainwater goods
- Significant damp in the church itself
- Lack of ventilation
- Inadequate heating
- Confessional damp, cold and not compliant with current requirements
- Lack of any toilet facilities
- No loop system

2. Work undertaken 2004-5 Over the last twelve months, the above problems have been addressed as follows:-

- ✓ Repairs to bell tower
- ✓ Repairs to roof and timbers
- ✓ Replacement of all rainwater goods
- ✓ Opening up of blocked ventilators

We have also obtained an HCC faculty for the installation of a new central heating system, which should be completed by Christmas 2005.

It is also hoped to have a disabled toilet and a kitchenette for the church completed by the end of the year.

3. Work to be completed over the next three years

- The church needs to be rewired
- A loop system must be installed (installed June 2007)
- A new Confessional, built according to current liturgical and child-protection guidelines, needs to be provided (Installed 2006)
- After a suitable period of drying out, the interior of the church needs to be restored. If possible, it is the wish of the parish to restore the **Vallet wall paintings on the sanctuary.** (In hand)
- It is also hoped to obtain a large religious painting to hang on the rear sanctuary wall, as was the case until 1970.

The Presbytery

1. Advent 2004 An architect's inspection in the autumn of 2004 revealed the following problems

- Leaking roof
- Mains wiring condemned
- Inadequate rainwater goods
- Failed sewer
- Lead water main
- Poor ventilation
- Gas fires condemned
- Dilapidated central heating system
- 21 sash windows in an advanced stage of decay
- Inadequate plumbing leading to damp in the walls and floors of the house
- Lack of proper drainage from kitchen
- Lack of cooking facilities in kitchen
- Severe damp in kitchen
- The whole house in bad need of redecoration
- Cracking of walls due to uneven settlement of foundations
- Back yard in dangerous condition, due to failed well covering, poor wooden hatch covers and uneven paving.
- Corroded back yard gate with dangerous sharp edges

2. Work undertaken 2004-5

Although priority has been given to the church, the following works to the presbytery have been completed in the year

- ✓ Roof repairs
- ✓ Complete re-wiring of house
- ✓ Replacement of all rainwater goods
- ✓ New sewer
- ✓ New water main
- ✓ Repairs to all sash windows, improving ventilation
- ✓ New gas fires
- ✓ Re-opening of blocked chimneys, improving ventilation
- ✓ Repairs to central heating, including some new radiators and thermostatic valves throughout
- ✓ New plumbing and modern bathroom facilities provided
- ✓ Steel covers on old well and hatches
- ✓ Old flagstones re-laid and new flagstones over larger area.
- ✓ New yard gate

It is also hoped to fit a new kitchen before Christmas 2005.

3. Work to be completed over the next three years

- Redecoration of house, to be completed in stages as and when funds are available. (completed 2007)
- Repointing of exterior walls, including use of expandable mastic in cracked areas. (completed 2007)
- New boiler for house (installed July 2007)

The Stables.

The old stable block comprises a two-storey stone building with attached garage.

1. Advent 2004 In autumn 2004, the stables was unusable for the following reasons

- No heating
- Electricity supply condemned and cut off
- Leaking rainwater goods
- Decayed windows
- Extremely damp conditions
- Poor decoration
- Garage lintel failed due to corrosion

2. Work undertaken 2004-5

- ✓ New gas supply laid and heaters connected
- ✓ New mains wiring
- ✓ New rainwater goods
- ✓ De-humidifier installed
- ✓ Building redecorated by Junior SVP
- ✓ Carpet donated

These works now mean that the stables can be used for parish meetings, young peoples' groups and sacramental preparation courses.

3. Work to be completed over the next 3 years

- Garage lintel to be replaced and new door fitted
- Drainage channels to be cut beside exterior walls
- Windows to be made secure and weatherproof

4. Our long-term pastoral plan for the stables

We hope to link the stables with the new kitchen and toilet facilities for the church, to extend the lower floor, and turn the building into a Parish Centre. We acknowledge, however, that this work will depend upon the availability of funding, but plan to have all completed by 2010.

Other property matters

- 1) It is hoped to provide a suitable plinth for the statue of Our Lady brought here from the Presentation Convent in Old Glossop when it closed, and to provide a permanent memorial in the grounds to the 100 years of ministry undertaken by the Sisters in our parish. (done July 2006)
- 2) The Well on Church Street was dressed for the first time ever by our Brownies in June 2005. The Well has its own separate listing (Grade II)
- 3) A new church notice board has been provided.
- 4) The flag pole has been repaired.
- 5) Maintenance work and re-pointing will need to be carried out on all boundary walls.
- 6) When work to the church is completed, the drive will need a new tarmac surface.

3. KEY AREAS OF THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL PLAN

3.1 Communication

The media of communication in our parish are:

- Our Bishop's Pastoral Letters
- The Homily
- The church notices (locally known as "The Commercials") read by lay volunteers before our weekend Masses. This eases the pressure on our priest who has to travel between here and our sister parish, St. Mary's Crowned.
- The Parish Newsletter, which is shared with St. Mary's Crowned
- The Diocesan Newspaper
- Catholic Papers and periodicals
- Parish meetings
- The Parish Notice Board
- Posting of Parish Meeting minutes
- A board giving times of services on the gates.

3.1.1 Developments during 2004-5

- ✓ A new notice board in the church porch (provided mid-2005)
- ✓ A new external board giving times of services (provided mid-2005)
- ✓ A Parish Contacts list at the back of church

3.1.2 Areas to be developed 2005-7

- A "welcome pack" for new parishioners
- A (quarterly?) Parish Magazine (due summer 2007)
- An improved sound system, incorporating a loop system for hearing aid users. (completed July 2007)

3.2 Planning & Structures

3.2.1. Autumn 2004

- No Parish Pastoral Council
- No Parish Finance Committee
- Specific events planned by convening meetings of interested parties
- Cash counted and banked on a rota basis.

3.2.2. Developments 2004-5

- ✓ Regular Open Parish Meetings, attended by 15 – 20 parishioners. At these meetings, the Diocesan Pastoral Plan was discussed, also parish finance, work to property and hopes for the future.
- ✓ Parish Books of Account maintained by a Chartered Accountant, “Management Accounts” made available to priest on a quarterly basis.
- ✓ New Gift Aid Organiser appointed, with consequent increase in Gift Aided donations and tax reclaimed

3.2.3. Developments 2005-6

- A properly constituted and representative Parish Council to be functional by the First Sunday of Advent 2006. **This is a Key Priority. The PPC has been constituted and meeting regularly since November 2006**
- A Parish Finance Committee to be fully functional within the year. **This is a Key Priority.**

3.3 Education and Formation

3.3.1. The Schools

We are blessed in having All Saints Primary School close to the church.

A report from Mrs Hyde, the Head Teacher, is included as an appendix of this Pastoral Plan.

Relations between parish and school are excellent.

The priest visits the school, and school Masses are celebrated occasionally in term-time.

Special School Masses are also celebrated on a Sunday once each term, and the school prepare the liturgy.

School Masses are celebrated on Holy Days of Obligation in term-time.

All Saints Parish is also a feeder parish for St. Philip Howard Comprehensive School, some of whose teachers and pupils live in the parish.

The Head teacher is Miss Wendy Steciuk. A report from Mrs Steciuk is included as an appendix of this Pastoral Plan.

3.3.2. Catechesis

CAFÉ courses are shared with St. Mary's Crowned and with the Catholic Parish of Longdendale.

There is a Childrens' Liturgy Group during Sunday Mass.

3.3.3. Sacramental Preparation

- a) Baptism. A Baptismal Course has been established and is a compulsory part of parents' preparation. The CASE course is used, and much appreciated. In the course of the past twelve months Children have been baptised in All Saints Church. Courses are held approximately every ten weeks. It is hoped to maintain this course, and to make it available on a regular basis.
- b) First Forgiveness/Communion A parish-based course was introduced in January 2005. Candidates attended an "after-school club" in All Saints School (St. Mary's was available as an alternative on another evening.) and additional catechesis was carried out on Sunday mornings. Parish celebrations also formed a part of the course, as did meetings for parents. We plan to run the same course in 2006, but with more meetings specifically tailored to parents. We hope to develop our resources and also follow-up. This year's First Communicants were taken to the **Eucharistic Congress** "Behold the Lamb" in Birmingham and took part in the Mass and Blessed Sacrament Procession.
- c) Confirmation A Deanery Confirmation Mass was held in St. Mary's Crowned in May 2005. Our Candidates were prepared on a joint course with St. Mary's, which took place in St. Philip Howard School. We plan to invite the Bishop to carry out another Deanery Confirmation in 2006. This should mean fewer candidates for

preparation, and may facilitate both the course and follow-up. It is hoped that this will become an annual occurrence.

- d) Marriage A Marriage Preparation Course was initiated in the spring of 2005, and was attended by the couples planning to marry during the year. We welcomed the assistance of **Engaged Encounter**. The course was run on two Saturdays (morning and afternoon). This course will be provided again in 2006. The engaged couples also met individually with the priest to complete the necessary paperwork, plan the ceremony, and discuss any particular matters of concern.

Future developments in Sacramental Preparation

Effective follow-up and support remain the most important need. We understand that the time spent by the priest and catechists in planning and providing the preparation courses will very much reduce time available for visiting and aftercare. We are challenged as a parish community to identify and develop new ways of keeping in touch with and caring for those who receive the sacraments in our church.

The development of this “aftercare” is a Key Priority for the next three years.

3.4 Evangelisation & Mission

- Care of the Sick & Housebound
- Ecumenical contact
- Evangelisation
- Non Mass-going Catholics
- Young people
- Looking beyond our own parish boundaries

3.4.1. Care of the Sick & Housebound

We identify people in need of pastoral care in

- Hospital
- Nursing Homes
- Private houses

- a) Hospitals. Most local people in need of hospital care are taken to **Tameside Hospital** in Ashton-under-Lyme. There are also two small Cottage Hospitals in the parish, which are part of the Tameside Trust: **Shire Hill Hospital** and **Woods Hospital**. Our priest visits any Glossop parishioners who are in Tameside Hospital. They are also visited by parishioners, though at present on an informal basis. Our priest also provides chaplaincy cover for Shire Hill and Woods Hospital.
- b) Nursing Homes. The following Nursing and Residential Homes are situated in the parish: **Partington Home** and **Cornmill House**. Parishioners are also to be found in Homes elsewhere in the town. They are cared for by the priest and Extraordinary Ministers who visit them with Holy Communion. They are also visited by other parishioners, though at present on an informal basis.
- c) Private Houses. Sick and housebound parishioners are visited in their own homes by the priest and Extraordinary Ministers, and by other parishioners.

Developments in the care of the sick & housebound. A parishioner has agreed to be the link person for the sick. His telephone number is published at the back of church and in the newsletter. He informs the priest of sick people and of their whereabouts. A group of volunteers is now meeting to put the visitation of the sick on to a more formal basis, so as to ensure that no one is overlooked.

We recognise the importance of caring for the increasing number of elderly, sick and housebound parishioners, and accept the development of this ministry as a Key Priority for the next three years.

3.4.2 Ecumenical Contact. Contact has been made between the clergy of the local churches. Some acts of united worship have taken place:

- United Service of Prayer for the Faithful Departed
- Licensing of new incumbent at Glossop Parish Church
- Womens' World Day of Prayer
- Glossop Carnival Service

The clergy have also had some social contact during the year.

Parishioners make contact with other churches and share worship with them through Taizé Prayer (All Saints and the Methodist Church), and through a variety of other occasions.

Developments in Ecumenical Contact A volunteer parishioner has been designated as Ecumenical Contact Person and will strengthen links with local churches and with the Diocesan Ecumenical Commission.

The development of a deeper relationship with other local Christians will be a Key Priority for the next three years.

3.4.3. Evangelisation

We acknowledge that much of the work of evangelisation goes on through the work of All Saints School, which brings the Catholic Church into contact with the wider community.

Evangelisation has also been achieved through the CAFÉ courses and Sacramental preparation courses held during the year.

We identify the need for an RCIA Enquirers' Group locally, and will work in coming years with local parishes to make one available.

We acknowledge the need to grow in our understanding of the meaning and methods of evangelisation needed within our community.

A parishioner attended the autumn 2005 **Day for Evangelisation** in Leicester.

We plan to work with our sister parish of St. Mary's Crowned in developing an Evangelisation Group for Glossop Catholics.

3.4.4 Non Mass-going Catholics

We have worked to identify the non Mass-goers through updating the parish census.

Limitation of the priest's available time means that his frequent and widespread visitation of their homes is no longer a realistic expectation.

We plan, over the next three years, to try to find other ways of keeping in touch with them.

3.4.5 Looking beyond our own parish boundaries

We cannot simply be an inward-looking group

As Catholics we are part of the Universal Church

We express this principally through

Our loyal and prayerful support of our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI
Living our lives in accordance with the teachings of the Church
Peter's Pence Collection

As a Parish we are part of the High Peak Deanery and the Nottingham Diocese.

We express this principally through

- Loyal support for our Bishop
- Participation in Diocesan Events, Training Days and other initiatives.
- Contributing to Diocesan Funds
- Observing Diocesan statutes
- Taking part in Deanery activities (eg. Station Masses)
- Sharing our resources (and our priest!) with other parishes in the Deanery

As Children of God we have responsibilities far beyond our own immediate community.

We express this wider concern principally through

- Support for CAFOD
- Support for the Missions

- Support for Fairtrade
- Commitment to Justice & Peace

All of our future planning must include a growing commitment in faith and charity to our brothers and sisters throughout the world

3.4.5 Young People

Again, we acknowledge with gratitude the great work which is done by our schools in the care of our young people.

Within the parish, the groups which at present cater for the young are

- ✓ Altar Servers
- ✓ Junior SVP
- ✓ Rainbows
- ✓ Brownies
- ✓ Guides
- ✓ Rangers

We recognise their importance and wish to see their work facilitated and resourced by the parish over the next three years.

We also minister to young people through Sacramental Preparation, as described elsewhere.

All Saints Parish welcomes and values the participation of young people in all parish activities, and thanks our young people for their ministry to our community.

We recognise that the ministry to, and of, young people is a vital part of the future of this parish. This will be a Key Priority for the next three years.

34.5 Liturgy and Worship

34.5.1. Liturgy and Worship in our parish are facilitated by the following

- Our priest (who is shared with our sister parish of St. Mary's Crowned)
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Child Protection Representative
- Sacristans
- Altar Servers
- Readers
- Bidding Prayer writers
- Organists (we are blessed in having 3) providing music at all weekend and holy day Masses as well as weddings, funerals etc.
- A Choir which sings the Common and parts of the Proper of the Mass on Sundays
- Childrens' Liturgy
- Flower Arrangers
- Collectors
- Church Cleaners
- The Laundry Team
- Those who provide transport, enabling older and less-able parishioners to come to Mass.

34.5.2 Description of Roles

Extraordinary Ministers Holy Communion under both species is made available at every Mass celebrated in the church. The ministers maintain their own rota and are reverent and reliable. In spite of the distances involved, they are faithful to their own on-going formation and study days.

Sacristans A group of sacristans work according to a rota and prepare the church for both weekend and weekday Masses. They have written guidelines and provide a much-appreciated ministry in the parish.

Altar Servers All Saints has for some time had a strong and well-trained group of Altar Servers. The Senior Servers have during the year been working their way through the General Instruction on the Roman Missal with the priest. Training sessions are also provided for the younger servers. The Servers have attended the Mass in St. Barnabas Cathedral, and also served in 2005 at the Walsingham Pilgrimage and the Eucharistic Congress in Birmingham.

Readers Readers work on a rota basis. The quality of reading is good, and it is particularly heartening to see some of our your people reading at Mass. There is at present no formal training programme for Readers

Bidding Prayers form a part of every Mass in All Saints. The weekend prayers are written on a rota basis. The writers have guidelines based on the General Instruction and “Celebrating Mass”.

Church Music is an important part of worship here, with a wide variety of music, modern and traditional. Our organists and choir provide an excellent and greatly-valued ministry in the parish. We plan to build upon this firm foundation.

Childrens’ Liturgy – please see above “Education & Formation”

Flower Arrangers, Church Cleaners and Laundry This essential work is carried out on a rota basis with goodwill, skill and dependability. It is greatly valued by the parish community.

Collectors Cash collected at Mass is counted and banked on a rota basis. (see above “Structures)

34.5.3. Roles to be Developed

A need for a **Ministry of Welcome** has been identified, and work to develop this role was undertaken in October 2005, beginning with an assessment of our strengths and our needs carried out by four teams of volunteers over two weekends.

Altar Servers recruitment and formation needs to be maintained and developed.

Written Guidelines for those exercising Ministry need to be kept up to date.

New Readers need to be encouraged, especially among the young, and training given as and when necessary.

34.6 Spirituality

- Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Eucharistic Devotion
 - Rosary
 - Taizé
 - October and May Devotions
 - Pilgrimages
 - Devotion to Blessed Nicholas Garlick
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- a) Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament is made available each weekend and at request. The present confessional is cold, damp, and unsuited to modern requirements. In no way do our present facilities reflect the dignity or importance of the Sacrament. The provision of a better confessional elsewhere in the church is a **Key Priority** and will be addressed within the next year.
 - b) Eucharistic Devotion. We have marked the year of the Eucharist through weekly Eucharistic Devotions and Benediction, and Benediction on Sunday evenings at intervals throughout the year. These devotions will continue.
 - c) The Rosary We say the Rosary before Mass each Saturday and also on a Tuesday evening.
 - d) Taizé The Taizé Prayer Group meets in All Saints Church on the first Thursday of each month. This is an ecumenical occasion, and is appreciated locally as a means of deepening our own prayer life and also reaching out to people who have no other contact with the Church.
 - e) October and May Devotions These devotions are a long tradition in our parish community and will be continued as an expression of our devotion to Our Lord and to Our Blessed Lady and Saint Joseph.
 - f) Pilgrimages All Saints parish has a long tradition of walking to Padley for the annual pilgrimage. This tradition will continue. In the last twelve months, we also took part in pilgrimages to Walsingham and Lourdes. We hope to make Pilgrimages to Rome and Holywell in 2006.
 - g) Blessed Nicholas Garlick. We are blessed in having a local martyr from Dinting. There is a memorial to Blessed Nicholas Garlick in the grounds of a house belonging to parishioners in Dinting. The Blessed Nicholas is included in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass, and his prayers invoked in the prayer of our

Altar Servers, before and after Mass. We plan to have a Young Peoples' Pilgrimage to the Dinting memorial in July 2006.

Areas for Development

- Parish Mission
- Parish Retreat
- Church open for private prayer

The areas for development in spirituality which have been identified at our meetings are planning for a Parish Mission and/or a Parish Retreat.

We also intend to address the question of the locked church and identify ways in which the church might safely be kept open for longer periods so that people could make private visits to the Blessed Sacrament and spend time in private prayer.

SUMMARY OF KEY PRIORITIES IN OUR PASTORAL PLAN

Our Pastoral Priorities over the next three years are:-

- **Ministry to the Sick and Housebound**
- **Ministry to Young people**
- **Sacramental "aftercare"**
- **Ecumenical contact**
- **Essential Repairs to Church and other properties**
- **Provision of new confessional**
- **Establishment of Parish Pastoral Council**
- **Establishment of Parish Finance Committee**