

THE BISHOP OF LEEDS
The Right Reverend Marcus Stock

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES TO CLERGY APPOINTMENTS
SUMMER 2017

To the Religious, Seminarians and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Leeds

I wish to inform you of a number of changes I shall be making to clergy appointments and to various roles and responsibilities within the Diocese during the summer of 2017.

Retirements from Holding Parochial Office

This summer, Canon Sean Durcan will be retiring from holding the responsibilities of parochial office. I thank Canon Durcan most sincerely for the 51 years of dedicated priestly ministry he has given as an Assistant Priest and Parish Priest, and for all that he has contributed to the life of our diocese. Canon Durcan will live in retirement in a property within Castleford parish and continue his priestly life and witness within the parish.

At the end of April, Fr Michael Ingwell retired from holding parochial office as Parish Priest of St Edward's, Clifford. I would like to thank Fr Ingwell for his dedicated priestly ministry and for all that he has contributed to the life of the Church in our diocese, in particular while holding parochial office over the past 58 years. Fr Ingwell will move to a house in Clifford and continue his priestly life and witness within the parish.

Our best wishes go with Canon Durcan and Fr Ingwell for the coming years, together with an assurance of our prayers for their continuing priestly life in retirement from holding office.

Due to ill health, Fr John Abberton will retire from holding the responsibilities of parochial office this summer. I thank most sincerely too, Fr Abberton for the 41 years of dedicated priestly ministry which he has given as both an Assistant Priest and Parish Priest in our diocese. Fr Abberton will though continue to exercise his priestly life and witness within the diocese in ways that his health will permit. Fr Abberton will reside at, and work from, the presbytery attached to the church of the Immaculate Conception, Idle, in the parish of St Francis of Assisi and Immaculate Conception, Bradford. I thank Fr Anthony Jackson, the Parish Priest, for agreeing so readily with this provision. Please keep Fr Abberton in your prayers.

New Appointments

Parish Priest

Fr Phillip Hall	Parish Priest of the Parish of St Benedict, Garforth
Fr Gerard Kearney	Parish Priest of the Parish of St Jeanne Jugan, Leeds
Fr Michael Mahady	Parish Priest of the Parish of St John Fisher and St Thomas More, Burley-in-Wharfedale
Mgr Michael McQuinn	Parish Priest of the Parishes of St Columba and of St Malachy, Halifax
Fr Simon Winn	Parish Priest of the Parish of St Anthony, Clayton

Parochial Administrator

Fr Michael Doody	Parochial Administrator 'Ad interim' of the Parish of St Joseph, Castleford in addition to his role as Vocations Director
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Assistant Priests

Fr Emmanuel Adindu	Assistant Priest of the Parish of Our Lady of Kirkstall, Leeds
Fr Sean Crawley	Assistant Priest of the Parish of St Martin De Porres, Wakefield; Priest Chaplain to St Thomas à Becket High School and Chaplain to Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield
Rev Joshua Hilton	Assistant Priest of the Parish of St John Mary Vianney, Leeds; Priest Chaplain to Cardinal Heenan High School
Fr Tomasz Zubrycki	Assistant Priest of the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Huddersfield

Other Ministries

Fr Richard Aladics	Priest Chaplain to HMP New Hall, Flockton, in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of St Ignatius, Ossett
Fr Peter Kravos	Priest Chaplain to Leeds Trinity University in addition to his current responsibilities as Chaplain to Leeds University and Leeds Beckett University
Fr Anthony Rosso	Priest Chaplain to All Saints High School, Huddersfield, in addition to his current responsibilities as Assistant Priest of Holy Redeemer Parish, Huddersfield
Canon Timothy Wiley	Priest Chaplain to St Gemma's Hospice Chapel, in addition to his current responsibilities as Parish Priest of St John Mary Vianney, Leeds

Slovakian Catholic Mission

Following a recent meeting with The Right Reverend Jozef Hal'ko, Auxiliary Bishop of Bratislava, I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to secure the ministry of a priest from the Diocese of Bratislava to establish a Slovakian Catholic Mission based in the Diocese of Leeds. The Mission will also serve the north of England and complement the current Slovakian Catholic Mission based in London serving the south.

I am most grateful to The Most Reverend Stanislav Zvolenský, the Archbishop of Bratislava-Trnava, for releasing from his diocese Fr Marek Sitar to carry out this pioneering mission. Fr Marek has a very good command of the English language and will reside at Cathedral House in Leeds. He will be available to help with the celebration of Mass and Confessions at the Cathedral during weekdays and at weekends will carry out his wider mission and pastoral care for Slovak migrants living in our diocese and in the north of England. I thank the Cathedral Dean, The Very Rev Mgr Canon Philip Moger, for collaborating so willingly with these arrangements.

There are considerable numbers of families and individuals of Slovakian origin who are living and working in parts of our diocese; it is important that we do all we can to be sensitive to their spiritual needs and particular traditions. Like other Catholic migrant communities amongst us, their presence enhances the richness of life and faith within our diocese.

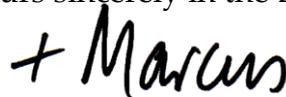
Fr Marek was born in Bratislava on the 14th of April 1978. He has four brothers and a sister. Two of his brothers are also priests. He was ordained a deacon in the year 2002 and a priest on the 14th of June 2003 in the Cathedral in Trnava. After working as an Assistant Priest in his diocese, he has worked for several years ministering to the pastoral needs of the Slovakian population in the United States of America before accepting the request of his Archbishop to come to England and work in this new mission.

Please do all that you can to make Fr Marek welcome in our diocese and to assist him in his ministry, particularly if your parish has within it a significant number of people of Slovakian origin. I ask you to keep Fr Marek in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers all the clergy and the parish communities who will be affected by the moves this summer.

Assuring you of my prayers and best wishes, I remain

Yours sincerely in the Lord



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