



Glossop Catholic Parishes

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The Bishop has instructed Fr Martin to begin consultations with the parishioners of All Saints (AS) and St Mary Crowned (SMC) in relation to the merger of the two parishes to form a single parish. He asks that Fr Martin be in a position to present a comprehensive review about amalgamation of the two parishes into one by the end of 2025.

The Bishop further instructs that the consultation also realistically considers which of the two churches would best serve a single parish in Glossop as its single place of worship. "In considering an amalgamation of the two parishes into one, to become a reality in 2026, it would be necessary to have an understanding of the medium-term future of the two churches, one as a single parish church for a potential new single parish, and one to be no longer a place of worship."

The Parish Finance Committee (which already serves both parishes) felt it would be helpful for parishioners to be as fully informed as possible on the present financial position of the two parishes and the implications from a financial perspective of the Bishop's request.

The Committee strongly feels that an amalgamation of the two parishes to one would be beneficial. At present, bookkeeping functions and accounts have to be provided for both parishes, creating a duplication of volunteers' efforts and time. The Committee therefore from an administrative perspective supports an amalgamation.

Both parishes are presently independently financially viable. Neither parish has an annual deficit as the table overleaf shows. There is no present financial pressure on either parish. Both buildings are presently in good order.

In considering the cessation of one of the buildings as a place of worship, the committee has established that the maintenance of buildings continues to lie with the parish (or amalgamated parish). If a building is not used at all, insurance conditions would apply. Utilities may have to be turned off and the fabric of such building might deteriorate. In order to consider an alternative use, or disposal for an alternative use, (if either were in fact possible), specialist advice would need to be taken. Both buildings are grade two listed (imposing additional planning controls) and in the case of AS the listing includes Royle House and the wall, gates and well (horse trough) fronting Church Street. SMC is reputed to be the largest non-cathedral church in the north of England.

Consideration would need to be given to the priest's residence, as the accommodation currently provided to the priest is attached to one of the churches.

The Committee hopes that this brief summary will assist parishioners in formulating their views.

Basic church income and expenditure

All Saints Church	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Income			
Collections	£16,845	£18,888	£19,322
Gift Aid	£2,465	£5,440	£3,776
Expenditure			
Church expenditure (including fuel, insurance, maintenance)	£4,965	£19,387	£13,623
Diocesan Quota	£5,267	£4,162	£4,517
Surplus/deficit (Income-expenditure)	£9,078 (surplus)	£779 (surplus)	£4,958 (surplus)

St Mary Crowned Church	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Income			
Collections	£26,855	£27,428	£31,552
Gift Aid	£4,249	£5,012	£7,242
Expenditure			
Church expenditure (including fuel, insurance, maintenance)	£5,481	£26,098	£19,506
Diocesan Quota	£10,339	£9,262	£11,834
Surplus/deficit (Income-expenditure)	£15,284 (surplus)	-£2,920 (deficit)	£7,454 (surplus)

Other income, independent of the individual churches, includes rental and hire income (allotments, church hall, 31 St Mary's Road, Little Beaver Childcare), donations, fundraising income.

Other expenses shared between the parishes includes presbytery expenditure (fuel, water, maintenance, insurance, cleaning), office expenditure, printing costs (toner, paper for newsletter, publicity leaflet printing and distribution, etc), telecommunications (internet, website, phone), pastoral expenditure, grocery allowance for priest, travel expenses, and supply priests.