



Glossop Catholic Parishes

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Right Reverend Patrick McKinney
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Most Reverend Father,

I, the undersigned, Reverend Martin Sylvester, Parish Priest of the Parishes of St Mary Crowned and All Saints in Glossop, in response to your instruction communicated in your letter of July 2025, have undertaken a comprehensive consultation about amalgamation of the said two parishes into one, and therefore now I petition asking that the aforementioned parishes be merged to form one single new parish by their extinctive union (canon 515 §2).

The parishes have been functioning *de facto* as one parish for some years, with a joint pastoral council, joint finance committee, joint fundraising efforts, and joint maintenance committee; among others. The granting of this petition, if so you choose, will turn the *de facto* experience of parish life in Glossop into a *de jure* arrangement.

In your letter you further instructed me to consult about “which of the current two churches would best serve a single parish in Glossop as its single place of worship,” Extensive consultation has failed to identify a clear overall advantage in favour of one church or the other, while yet identifying particular aspects in which each church has its advantages and disadvantages.

I submit with the electronic version of this petition a report of the consultation, with other relevant documents, wherein I hope you will discover that this petition is well founded, and you will also find comprehensive analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of each of the churches remaining the sole place of worship in Glossop.

I ask that the petition be referred to the relevant competent Diocesan bodies for consideration, and in light of such deliberations, granted by you for the just reasons contained herein.

Wherefore to this petition I append my signature and the seals of the two parishes.

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Rev Martin Sylvester
Parish Priest

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