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BISHOP OF NOTTINGHAM

Prot. No. 2026/19

To provide more suitably for the good of souls, I have determined and decided that the Parish of All Saints, Glossop (cf. Prot No 2011/43-057), and the Parish of Saint Mary Crowned, Glossop (cf. Prot No 2011/43-058) in the county of Derbyshire are to be merged; and from this extinctive union a new parish, to be called and named the Parish of Blessed Nicholas Garlick, Glossop is to be created and erected.

The just reasons for this extinctive union, *inter alia*, include:

- that the coming together of the spiritual resources of the two parishes into one will safeguard, enhance, and underpin the universal call to holiness of the parishioners and all those connected with the current parishes in a stronger way and more secure way;
- that the two parishes have been clustering together for about fifteen years, served by a single priest;
- that the unity of these two communities, in close proximity, and forged into one parish in this portion of the Diocese of Nottingham, would be a powerful witness to the unity of faith and purpose rooted in Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, especially to the local communities, ecumenical activities, inter-faith initiatives, and civic engagements;
- that the amalgamation through extinctive union will provide co-ordinated pastoral care across the area, including the provision of sacramental preparation, stronger and more coherent relations with the primary schools and secondary school, and co-ordinated engagement with the local communities;
- that the formal union of these two communities, already working together very significantly in a single town, will make *de iure* what is currently *de facto*, and has been for some years;
- that the present clergy will be given more opportunity to work with all the people of the two parishes, drawing them together, and allowing for the skills, talents and gifts of all God's faithful in this portion of the Diocese of Nottingham to be utilised to the full;
- that practical, administrative, and financial considerations (such as the websites, newsletters, trades and suppliers, pastoral councils, and finance committees) can be brought together and combined, as indeed is already happening with some very positive results, allowing for clearer lines of accountability for Christ's faithful, better use of the gifts, skills, and ministries from across the two communities, together with a clearer voice in the wider community;

- that the spiritual lives of the faithful in these parishes, especially the housebound and the marginalised, will be more effectively ministered to by the combined resources of the larger, single parish;
- that the support offered to the various schools within the boundaries of the new, enlarged parish, would draw upon the skills and talents of the entire body of Catholics across Glossop.

Therefore:

- having considered the law, and the facts, especially those as presented in the Petition of the Parish Priest, the Reverend Father Martin Sylvester, in his various submissions, including the supporting documentation attached thereto, and especially in his formal petition to me of 23rd May 2026; and
- having met with some of the parishioners at the Deanery Roadshow held on 4th April 2022, and heard their comments and information provided by them *inter alia* in the supporting documentation referred to above; and
- having been told that the Peak Deanery has discussed this matter, especially at its meetings of 15th October 2025, and 12th February 2026, and 21st May 2026, and find that they are unanimously in favour of the proposal; and
- having been assured by the aforementioned Parish Priest that all those who might have an interest in this matter have had the opportunity to be consulted about this matter, and have raised no objections to it; and
- and having made my own enquiries through my Diocesan Curia, that there are no major donors nor their heirs who should be heard and who have not already been heard; and
- having heard the Presbyteral Council (cf canon 515 §2) on Monday 1st June 2026, whose warm and unanimous acceptance of the proposal, and confirmation of its canonical consultation is duly noted in the minutes of that body; and
- having determined that the good of souls requires it:

I, the undersigned Bishop of Nottingham, exercising my ordinary power and in virtue of canon 515 §2, do hereby **D E C R E E** :

That the Parish of All Saints, Glossop, and the Parish of Saint Mary Crowned, Glossop, in the county of Derbyshire, be and are hereto **UNITED, JOINED, AND MERGED TOGETHER.**

Further I herewith **D E C R E E** :

That from this extinctive union and merge of the two aforementioned parishes the **PARISH OF BLESSED NICHOLAS GARLICK, GLOSSOP**, is hereto erected, established, and created with all the rights, obligations, and privileges accorded it by law.

The Parish of Blessed Nicholas Garlick, Glossop:

- shall comprise all the territories of the former Parish of All Saints, Glossop, and the former Parish of Saint Mary Crowned, Glossop, as indicated on the attached map plan;
- shall be assigned to the Peak Deanery;
- that intentions of the founders and donors regarding the temporal goods and patrimonial rights proper to the former Parish of All Saints, Glossop, and the former Parish of Saint Mary Crowned, Glossop, must be respected. In addition, the temporal goods, patrimonial rights, and obligations of

each of the former (now extinct) parishes must be also defined and allocated in accordance with the norm of law (canons 121 and 122);

- that all the parish and sacramental records of the former Parish of All Saints, Glossop, and the former Parish of Saint Mary Crowned, Glossop, are to be properly preserved and safeguarded in the Parish of Blessed Nicholas Garlick, Glossop in accordance with the norm of law;
- that the church of All Saints, situated in Church Street, Glossop, and the church of Saint Mary Crowned, situated in Sumner Street, Glossop, shall each retain its long-standing title as given here (cf canon 1218);
- that the church of All Saints, situated in Church Street, Glossop, and the church of Saint Mary Crowned, situated in Sumner Street, Glossop, shall each be considered to be a parish church of the new parish of Blessed Nicholas Garlick, Glossop, with all the rights pertaining to such churches (cf, *inter alia*, canon 858 §1).

This Decree comes into effect from the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, being the eighth day of September, in the year of Our Lord 2026.

This Decree is to be communicated to the Parish Priest and any associated parish clergy of the two aforementioned parishes affected by this extinctive union and merger, as well as any canonical representatives they may have, and further to the parishioners and all interested parties, according to the norm of law (canon 532). It may be challenged within the peremptory time limit of ten days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (canon 1734 §2).

Given at Nottingham, on the liturgical memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, being the thirty-first day of July in the year of Our Lord 2026.

+ Patrick McKinney

Right Reverend Patrick Joseph McKinney
Bishop of Nottingham

Simon Gillespie

Reverend Father Simon Gillespie
Notary



Parish of Blessed Nicholas Garlick, Glossop

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