Summary of Proposals for Deanery of Saint John Southworth

The following parishes will remain as they are at present:

- Saint Peter, Stonyhurst
- Saint Mary, Bamber Bridge
- Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall

The following parishes, already sharing a priest, are proposed for amalgamation:

- Sacred Heart, Blackburn and Saint Anne, Blackburn
- Saint Alban, Blackburn and Holy Souls, Blackburn [three churches]
- Holy Family, Blackburn and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Blackburn
- Sacred Heart and Saint Edward, Darwen and Saint Joseph, Darwen
- Saint Wilfrid, Longridge and Saints Peter and Paul, Ribchester and Saint Mary, Chipping
- Our Lady of the Valley (Clitheroe and Sabden) and Saint Hubert, Dunsop Bridge
- Our Lady and Saint Patrick, Walton le Dale and Saint Mary and Saint John, Salmesbury

In addition, the following amalgamations of parishes are proposed:

- Saints Mary and John, Pleasington and Saint John Vianney, Blackburn and Saint Peter in Chains, Blackburn [initially with two priests whilst determining which of the church buildings to retain]
- English Martyrs, Whalley and Saint Mary, Langho and Saint Mary, Osbaldeston

The following churches are proposed for closure:

- One or two of the churches in the new parish of Saints Mary and John, Pleasington (which includes St Paul’s chapel of ease) and Saint John Vianney, Blackburn and Saint Peter in Chains, Blackburn [to be determined during the amalgamation process]

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**When all proposals are implemented**

- 88 or 89 parishes (depending on further considerations) as opposed to 150 at present
- 161 or 163 churches (depending on further considerations) as opposed to 185 at present