

## 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]

<b>Summary of proposals across the Diocese</b>
37 parishes remaining as at present
14 amalgamations of parishes already sharing a priest (involving 31 parishes)
32 additional amalgamations (involving 69 parishes)
22 churches closing (or 24 depending on further considerations); 3 of these not currently used
6 situations requiring further consideration (involving 13 parishes)
<b>When all proposals are implemented</b>
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