

## LPA 12 – Statement for weekend of 3/4<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Father Bill Harrison has decided, on account of his health, that the time has come for him to retire from parish ministry.

His request to retire has been accepted by Father Peter Preston sds, the Salvatorian Provincial Superior, and Father Bill will move from Our Lady's, Palace Fields, back to Scotland at the end of August.

Neither the Salvatorians nor the Diocese of Shrewsbury is in the position of being able to provide a replacement.

However, Father George from Saint Augustine's has agreed to care for the parish and will assume responsibility from Castlefields, balancing his time and commitment between Saint Augustine's and Our Lady's.

This now means that from September the five parishes of Runcorn will be in the care of three priests: Father Jonathan, Father Peter Wright and Father George.

As well as providing for the parishes for which each man is responsible, it will continue to be necessary for them to provide cover for one another as and when the needs arises.

While it is possible to call on the services of our two retired priests, Father Colin and Father Peter Robertson, who are both eager and willing to help and support, Runcorn needs to be able to move to a position where its weekend masses can be covered by two priests.

In order to achieve this, there will need to be adjustments to the number and the times of masses across Runcorn.

Long-term re-organisation will be necessary and this can only come about in conjunction with an in-depth process of consultation with all interested parties.

In the meantime, the immediate adjustments necessary to ensure all masses can be covered following Father Bill's departure from Runcorn will see the following schedule take effect from the beginning of September.

Saturday 5pm. – Saint Augustine's, Castlefields  
Saturday 6pm. – Our Lady's, Palace Fields (half an hour later)  
Saturday 6pm. – Saint Edward's, Ivy Street

Sunday 9am. – Saint Augustine's, Castlefields (half an hour earlier)  
Sunday 9:30am. – Saint Martin's, Murdishaw  
Sunday 10am. – Saint Edward's, Ivy Street (half an hour later)  
Sunday 10:30am. – Our Lady's, Palace Fields  
Sunday 11am. – Holy Spirit, Halton Brook  
Sunday 6pm. – Saint Edward's, Ivy Street

Copies of this statement are available for you to take away should you so wish.

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(ps. In addition to the above Runcorn Masses, Saint Luke's times in Frodsham are:

Saturday: 6pm. and Sunday 9 and 11am.)