

DIOCESE OF SALFORD



Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND

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My dear Sisters and Brothers,

I write with the simple but long-awaited news that Rome has decreed the transfer of Uppermill Parish to the Diocese of Salford, from the Diocese of Leeds, with immediate effect.

I hope that this news is welcome. I am grateful to Fr Jim Clarke for his months of supply ministry from Mossley and I am pleased to appoint him as Parish Priest of Uppermill. He remains Parish Priest of Mossley.

In terms of geography, and the distance of Uppermill from its closest neighbour parishes in the Diocese of Leeds, this transfer makes obvious sense. However, I recognise that there are other considerations about the history of the parish and its associations which may cause a degree of regret or sadness at this move. I hope that the parish community will soon feel warmly welcomed and happily part of the Diocese of Salford.

My sincere thanks to those members of the parish community who will be engaged in any transfer of administration from the Diocese of Leeds.

I will hope to visit the parish soon, but I would want the parish community to know that all the benefits provided by the central services of the Diocese of Salford are available to you. It is my prayer and hope that, together in the Diocese, we can meet the challenges of our times, growing in faith and in social action, as we seek to live the Gospel values in our lives.

“Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey”

With my prayers and best wishes,

+John

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