

Saint Peter and Paul Church, Barrowford.

For some years now the future of Ss Peter and Paul Church has been in question. Over the last couple of years, for different reasons, some out of our control, the congregation numbers have declined significantly. Recently we have had a visit from one of the Vicars General who has invited Fr. Gerard Kelly in St. John Southworth's parish and myself to review our number of Masses and our use of church buildings in this part of Pendle.

As a result, we have had a consultation with most of the people who come to this church regularly and it was acknowledged that keeping the church and hall open was unrealistic from both a practical and financial consideration. A report of this consultation was sent to the bishop via the Vicars General, who discussed it, and agreed a timetable for the closure of the church.

Ss Peter and Paul's church will continue to be used for Sunday evening Mass for the season of Lent. The last Sunday of Lent, Palm Sunday, on the 5th April 2020, will be the last regular Mass. After Easter, from the 19th April, the 6.00pm Sunday Mass will be celebrated each week at Sacred Heart, Colne.

It is intended to organise a Mass of Thanksgiving for the part this church has played, as a parish church, school and parochial hall, and as a Mass centre in the Good Shepherd Parish on the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, which this year will be Sunday 28th June 2020. More information about this Mass of Thanksgiving and official closure of the church will be available later.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Wilkinson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Fr. Peter Wilkinson