

Three Priests of the Diocese of Lancaster have recently retired

Three priests of the Diocese have recently retired (effective 1 September 2015). All had previously reached the normal priest retirement age of 75 or will do so shortly.

Canon Seamus Flannery was Parish Priest of St Mary of Furness, Ulverston from 1984; he accepted the additional responsibility for Our Lady of the Rosary, Dalton in 2013. He was named as Vicar General, a position he held concurrently, with that of Diocesan Trustee in 2013. He was local Dean and became a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter in 2008. Prior to being in Ulverston he was Assistant Priest in St Maria Goretti, Preston from 1969 - 1984, St John Vianney, Blackpool 1965 – 1969, St Thomas, Bletchley 1963 – 1965 and served in Great Yarmouth for 3 months in 1963. He was ordained priest in All Hallows College Chapel, Dublin, Ireland in 1963.

Father Peter Foulkes was Parish Priest of St Bernadette's, Lancaster from 2000; he accepted the additional responsibility for Ss Thomas and Elizabeth, Thurnham in 2001. Prior to being in Lancaster he was Parish Priest in St Joseph, Seascale from 1997 – 2000, and St Augustine, Preston from 1985 – 1997. He was Assistant Priest in St Bede, Carlisle from 1973 – 1984 and St Augustine, Preston from 1966 – 1973. He was ordained priest in Ansdell in 1966.

Father (William) Alf Parker was Parish Priest of St Charles Borromeo, Grange-over-Sands from 2000, St Andrew, Cottam from 1996 – 2000 and Holy Trinity and St George, Kendal from 1983 – 1996. Prior to this he was Assistant Priest in English Martyrs, Preston from 1982 – 1983, St Edward, Windsor in 1965, Holy Ghost, Crowthorne, Berkshire from 1964 – 1965 and the Cathedral in Portsmouth in 1964. Father Parker held additional appointments for Sick and Retired Priests, the Council of Priests from 2009 and on the teaching staff at Underley Hall from 1965 – 1975 and St Joseph's College and St Mary's RC High School, Blackpool from 1975 – 1982. He was ordained priest in Workington in 1964.

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