

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL (ST MARY'S) HORSFORTH

1893 - 1990

Survey List : Records are held by Revd B E Collins, St Mary's
Church, Presbytery, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds

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INTRODUCTION

The parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Horsforth, usually known as St Mary's, originated in the 1880s. In 1886 John Moor and Father Croskell, a curate at the Cathedral and later parish priest at Sacred Heart, Burley, established a mission church at Pear Tree House, Bachelor Lane. At this time there was no resident priest and prior to the establishment of the mission local Catholics had to walk either to Leeds or to Cragwood, Rawdon to celebrate Mass.

Due to the growth of the Catholic community in Horsforth in the 1890s it was decided to move out of Pear Tree House and build a new School-Chapel. John Moor negotiated the purchase of a site on Broadgate Lane from the Spencer-Stanhope family. The new School-Chapel was opened in 1896, Father Walsh being appointed the first resident parish priest.

In 1908 Father John Curran was appointed parish priest. He remained at Horsforth for 24 years and was responsible for building the present church which opened in 1928. The new church cost £12000; the money was raised through a variety of events including a famous Donkey Derby held at Headingley Football Ground, which raised £1200, and Father Curran's fundraising trip to the United States which raised £2000.

With the opening of the new church, the old building was entirely given over to St Mary's School. The old building was replaced by a new school which opened in 1978 when the parish was under Canon Justice, predecessor of the present parish priest.

Registration

1/1	1893-1916	Register of baptisms
1/2	1916-1929	Ditto
1/3	1929-1945	"
1/4	1945-1956	"
1/5	1956-1965	"
1/6	1965-1972	"
1/7	1972-date	"
2/1	1898-1963	Register of marriages
2/2	1963-date	Ditto
3/1	1959-1964	Register of deaths (incomplete)
3/2	1989-date	Ditto
4/1	1895-1964	Register of confirmations
4/2	1968-date	Ditto
5	1978-date	Register of receptions

The Church - Land & Buildings

6	1894 Sept 21	1) W T W Spencer-Stanhope Esq CB & others 2) The Very Revd Edward Goldie & others Draft conveyance of a plot of land (1200 sq yds) on Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, with plan
7	1896 May 1	1) W T W Spencer-Stanhope Esq 2) John Moor of Horsforth Agreement for purchase of 1200 sq yds of land in Horsforth for £120
8	1896 May 30	1) W T W Spencer-Stanhope Esq CB & others 2) The Very Revd Edward Goldie & others Draft conveyance of a plot of land (1200 sq yds) on Broadgate Lane, Horsforth
9	1922 April 11	1) J M Spencer-Stanhope Esq 2) Messrs Wigin & Sons, solicitors, Leeds Agreement for sale of 2.459 a of land at Broadgate Lane, Horsforth for £600
10	c1926	List of tenders submitted for building the new church

- 11 1926 April 23 Articles of agreement between Messrs Lazenby Bros and Revd John Curran for building a new church at Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, according to plans drawn up by Edward Simpson & Sons, Architects. (Total construction costs £9480)
- 12 1925 Correspondence with Horsforth UDC concerning proposed widening and improvement of Broadgate Lane
- 13 1925 Agreement with Horsforth UDC re sewers/drainage
- 14 1926-1927 Correspondence between Father Curran and Horsforth UDC concerning construction of the boundary wall
- 15 1928 Letter: Horsforth UDC to Father Curran concerning connection to the water main
- 16 1949 Site plan showing proposed additional accomodation for school
- 17 n.d. Site plan
- 18 1974 Letters from Grays of York, solicitors concerning application for an improvement grant for the presbytery

Financial Records

- 19 1912 Letters re tithe redemption
- 20 c1920-1940 Various financial papers & correspondence with Father Curran & Father Cotter re Church finances. Includes account of Messrs Wigin & Son for purchase of land from the Spencer-Stanhopes (see 9 above)
- 21 1924 & 1928 Receipts from Yorkshire Electric Power Co
- 22 1929 St Mary's RC School, employees accident insurance policy with Law Accident Insurance Society Ltd
- 23 1932 Alliance Assurance Co, receipts for policy renewal
- 24 1938 Letter re transfer of mission loan to Diocesan Trustees
- 25 1938-1939 Letters re Diocesan Loan & Income Tax
- 26 1955 Letter re Parish Assessment to the Central Fund in view of the founding of a new parish on the Hawkesworth estate

- 27 1957 Copy will of Isobel Mary Archer of
Horsforth, leaving legacies to St Mary's
Church etc
- The Mission & Parish
- 28 n.d. Typescript copy of part of ?St Mary's Trust
Deed
- 29 1936 Dec Letter to Father Cotter from John Moor [one
of the lay founders of the parish and
former Chairman of Horsforth UDC Education
Committee] contains details of the early
history of the parish
- 30 1930s Faculty papers
- 31 c1926-1928 Various certificates of registration of the
new church
- 32 1947-1948 Correspondence re Horsforth Catholic Club,
includes solicitors letters re action taken
to evict the club from church premises in
order to extend St Mary's RC School also
formal Notice To Quit dated 1947 Dec 18
- Printed Items
- 33 1953 Souvenir booklet of Centenary of Bradford
St Patrick's
- 34 1988 Souvenir booklet of Diamond Jubilee of
Horsforth St Mary's
- 35 1951 The Order of Episcopal Visitation of
Parishes for the Diocese of Leeds
- 36 n.d. The Rite of the Ordinary Canonical
Visitation of a diocese
- 37 c1945 14th (1932) & 15th (1945) Leeds Diocesan
Synod