



**Pastoral Message from the  
Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Nottingham  
appointed to be read at all Masses  
celebrated on the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord  
Saturday 16 / Sunday 17 May 2015**

Dear friends in Christ,

For the last twelve months, since Bishop Malcolm became Archbishop of Liverpool, we have been praying ardently that the Lord would grant us a Bishop who would please him 'by his holiness and to us show watchful care' (*Roman Missal*, p 1308).

I am very pleased to inform you that our Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed such a Bishop to teach, sanctify and guide us. Mgr Patrick McKinney, a priest of the Archdiocese of Birmingham, will be ordained Tenth Bishop of Nottingham in St Barnabas' Cathedral on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. That will be a day of great rejoicing and thanksgiving for all of us.

I have thanked the Holy Father for giving us Mgr McKinney as our Bishop, and I have congratulated Mgr McKinney on behalf of all the priests, deacons, religious and people of our great Diocese. I know that we will all make him welcome, so that he will soon feel at home as he begins his ministry among us.

With my prayers and every good wish for you and your families,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. M. McGovern".

Rev Mgr Canon Thomas McGovern Prot Ap  
Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Nottingham  
**Biography of the Right Reverend Monsignor Patrick McKinney**

## **Bishop-Elect of Nottingham**

Mgr Patrick McKinney was born on 30<sup>th</sup> April 1954, the eldest son of Patrick and Bridget McKinney, originally from Ireland, and brought up in Birmingham. He began his studies for the priesthood at St Mary's College, Oscott, the Archdiocese of Birmingham's seminary for the training of priests, in 1972, and was ordained to the priesthood on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1978 in St Mary's Church, Bunrana, Co Donegal, Ireland, where his family lives.

After his Ordination he was appointed assistant priest in the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood, Birmingham, and chaplain to St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, Kings Norton, Birmingham. Between 1982 and 1984, he was a student at the Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome, where he gained a Licence in Sacred Theology. Returning to the Archdiocese of Birmingham, he taught fundamental theology in St Mary's College until 1989, when he was appointed Rector of St Mary's College, a post he held for nine years, during which period he was a lecturer in ecclesiology, the theology of the Church.

He left the College in 1998, and until 2001 he was parish priest of St John's, Great Haywood, and Episcopal Vicar for the north of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He left the parish in 2001, remaining as Episcopal Vicar until 2006 when he was appointed parish priest of Our Lady and All Saints, Stourbridge, and Dean of the Dudley Deanery.

He was made a Prelate of Honour in 1990, and a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of St Chad in 1992, and has served for a time as Chair of the Birmingham Archdiocesan Ecumenical Commission.

Mgr McKinney was appointed tenth Bishop of Nottingham in succession to Most Rev Malcolm McMahon OP, Archbishop of Liverpool, on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015, and will be ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015.



**Bishop's House  
Nottingham**

**May 2015**