The Emmaus Hub

Dear Parishioners of Bakewell, Hassop & Matlock,

As we move forward as two churches, one parish, the road ahead may feel like it's going to be: quite daunting; of concern; stressful or even a wrestle. As we move forward, yes there will have to be changes and compromises along the way, but the supported vision of both myself and Bishop Patrick will be of two communities working collaboratively together on many levels of: leadership; liturgy and celebration. It may seem that Hassop is losing a resident priest as we move forward, but Fr Robbie's time will be spread as much as possible in a 50/50 share on effort and time. As Hassop and Matlock are equally on par in most ways, neither parish will act as the mother parish with the other as a quasi-chapel of ease. You are both healthy successful parishes in your own right, with great community; history; traditions; geography; culture and welcome. I welcome embracing and strengthening each parish to thrive into the future.

We will have to diversify in regards to the practical and financial running of the parishes. The first and important start to this will be **'The Emmaus Hub'** – **positioned in Matlock's Presbytery**. It will consist of two equal sized large offices next to each other. Each office will house the running of either Hassop or Matlock. It will hold all relevant paperwork and filing for said parish and will be run by Sarah for Hassop and Lucinda for Matlock. Overheads will be reduced, but hours will be levelled out to create an equal support footing for both parishes.

Sarah and Lucinda will then be able to support the Faithful in all their administrative needs, covering for each other on shift, for holidays, sickness etc. We shall be looking at the office hours roughly covering Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays. The benefit to having Sarah and Lucinda working side-by-side as a team will be that: we can redesign and have a joint newsletter; launch new websites for both parishes that interlink; shared roles admin support.

Fr Robbie O'Callaghan

Vigil Mass - Matlock - 5:00pm, Sunday Mass - Hassop - 9:00am, Sunday Mass - Matlock - 11:00am Monday - Fr Robbie's Day Off Tuesday - Bakewell Community Day - House Masses/Luncheons/Masses/Visits TBA Wednesday Masses - Matlock - 10am & Hassop - Noon Thursday Mass - Matlock - 10am Friday Mass - Matlock - 10am Friday Mass - Matlock - 6:00pm Confession - weeks 1-5 Saturdays 1,3 & 5 - Matlock 10:30am - 11:30am Saturdays 2 & 4 - Hassop 10:30am - 11:30am Baptisms - weeks 1-5 Saturdays 1,3 & 5 - Matlock - 12:30pm Saturdays 2 & 4 - Hassop - 12:30pm Meddings - As required - Funerals - as required

Fr Robbie - Parish Priest

