

DIOCESE OF NOTTINGHAM



Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts

The Members

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Rt Rev Patrick McKinney, STL

Bishop of Nottingham

Bishop Patrick McKinney was brought up in Birmingham and was ordained to the priesthood on 29 July 1978.

Between 1982 and 1984, he studied for a Licence in Sacred Theology in the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Returning to the Archdiocese of Birmingham, he taught fundamental theology in St Mary's College, Oscott until 1989, when he was appointed Rector, a post he held for nine years, during which period he was also a lecturer in ecclesiology, the theology of the Church.

He went on to serve as Parish Priest of a number of parishes in the Archdiocese of Birmingham and as an Episcopal Vicar for Staffordshire for a number of years. During this time he served as a Foundation Governor and Chair of Governors in a number of Catholic primary schools and as chaplain to a large secondary school in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He was made a Prelate of Honour in 1990 and a member of the Metropolitan Chapter of St Chad in 1992. He also served for a time as Chair of the Birmingham Archdiocesan Commission for Inter-Religious Dialogue.

On 14 May 2015, he was appointed tenth Bishop of Nottingham by Pope Francis and was ordained to the episcopate by Cardinal Vincent Nichols (Archbishop of Westminster) in St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on 3 July 2015.

Rev Simon Gillespie

Episcopal Vicar for Catholic Education

Father Simon Gillespie is parish priest of Our Lady of Victories, Southwell and Saint Anthony, Calverton, a position to which Bishop Patrick appointed him in September 2019. Father Simon has previously worked in the parishes of Saint Mary and Saint Augustine, Stamford, Saint Thomas More, Leicester, Saint Philip Neri, Mansfield, and Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Lincoln.

Prior to his ordination in 2012, Simon lived within the Cathedral parish, Nottingham and worked in the legal profession, specialising in property law. He is currently studying for a further degree in Canon Law through the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, having graduated with a Civil Law degree from the University of Manchester (1997) and a Canon Law degree from the University of London (2008). Father Simon studied for the priesthood in Saint Alban's seminary, Valladolid and Allen Hall seminary, London, together with a year at the Institute of Saint Anselm, Kent.

As well as parish duties, Father Simon helps to organise the annual Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, is one of the Defenders of the Bond in the Nottingham Tribunal. He edits the Diocesan Yearbook, the Diocesan Ordo, the Nottingham section of the National Catholic Yearbook and compiles the diocesan pastoral statistics. He has served as a foundation governor and chair of governors on various school Local Governing Bodies, and was Chair of the Saint Gilbert of Sempringham MAT Board prior to its dissolution. In his spare time, he is Group Scout Leader for a Catholic Scout Group in Nottingham and maintains links with his *alma mater*, Heythrop College, University of London.

David Lawes, MBA

Chief Operating Officer, Diocese of Nottingham

Before joining the Diocese of Nottingham as Chief Operating Officer in July 2019, David was Head of Support and Administration Services for Portsmouth Diocese, where he had worked since 2014, with oversight of finance, personnel, IT and property (including schools' property).

Originally, David grew up in Surrey, but he then travelled to Australia where he developed a career in financial and property planning and control with BP Marketing. Returning to the UK, he joined Repsol, the Spanish oil company, as Marketing Services Manager. He then moved into management consulting, first to oil companies and later to online service, academic research and not-for-profit organisations.

David's principal experience of Catholic education comes through the seven children he and his wife, Jennifer, have raised. All attended Catholic schools (4 primary and 3 secondary). One still does.

Committed Catholics, David, Jennifer and all their children have strived to follow Christ with an active love of His Church through a range of pastoral, catechetical and evangelisation parish ministries. Two of their sons are currently in priestly formation. David and Jennifer are members of Salisbury's Alabaré Christian Community. For 12 years, he has been a trustee of Alabaré Christian Care and Support, a major regional charity serving homeless, vulnerable and marginalised people.

Ken Daly, MEd

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Ken has been involved in Catholic education in the Diocese of Nottingham for over forty years, first of all as a teacher then subsequently head of sixth form, deputy headteacher and headteacher of All Saints' School, Mansfield. He also spent a year at Champagnat College (a Marist Brothers School) in Wangaratta, Australia.

Following his retirement from teaching in April 2008, he worked as a consultant to the NRCDES, primarily involved with funding for building works but also supporting governors with senior appointments and other issues. He retired from this post at the end of August 2019.

He was a Foundation Governor of St Patrick's primary school, Mansfield for over twenty years (including ten years as Chair) and after stepping down from that role, was a Director and Chair at St Augustine's Academy, Nottingham. In September 2014, he became Chair of the South Nottingham Catholic Academy Trust.

In his various roles, he has gathered considerable experience of HR, finance and legal issues as well as deepening his understanding of the importance of Catholic education in every phase. The thesis for his MEd course was 'The Challenge of Leadership in a Catholic School' and the research for this work added to his knowledge and appreciation of all who work in our schools whatever their role.

His message to staff as headteacher was that everyone in the school community is just as important as everyone else even if their role is perceived as being more important; therefore we should see Christ in others and be Christ to others in all that we do.

Ken is an active member of St Patrick's Parish in Mansfield.

George Krawiec, LLB (Hons)

St Thérèse of Lisieux Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

George is a retired solicitor and local authority Chief Executive for three local authorities (two of which were unitary authorities and included education). During that time, he served on a number of national and regional bodies.

Since retirement, he has been the Deputy Chair of the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and is currently a co-opted independent member of the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Panel. He was also Chair of the Lincolnshire County Council Standards Committee until its abolition in 2012 and is non-executive Chair of Seafood Grimsby and Humber (the grouping of the seafood interests for the area).

George was the Chair of the Board at the Holy Family Catholic Academy Trust in Cleethorpes and played a significant role in the academy's re-brokering to the Wellspring Academy Trust as the Beacon Academy; he continues to serve as the Chair of the local governing body for the Beacon Academy. He was also the Vice-Chair of the Northern Lincolnshire Catholic Academy Trust and the Vice-Chair of Governors at St Mary's Catholic Voluntary Academy in Grimsby.

George is an active member of the Parish of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity in North East Lincolnshire.



Sarah Noon

St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Before the formation of the St Thomas Aquinas CMAT, Sarah served as a Foundation Governor for 15 years at St Clare's primary school in Coalville, where she was Chair of the Governing Body for 6 years. She also served as a Director of the Blessed Cyprian Tansi Catholic Academy Trust from 2012 to 2018 and was Vice-Chair.

Sarah has completed the National Chair of Governors' Leadership Development Programme and has also trained as a Coach specialising in educational context. Over the last 12 months, Sarah has completed the Governance Leadership Programme facilitated by the Ambition Leadership Institute. Sarah has interests in developing strategic governance, SEND and Pupil Premium and is keen to develop strategies to empower directors, staff and local governors so that they work together and consistently strive for the best for the pupils in their schools.

Sarah currently sits on the Finance and Estates, HR, Standards, and Audit Committees of the St Thomas Aquinas CMAT and is the link Director for SEND.

Sarah has worked over recent years as a Governance Reviewer, supporting schools and their governing bodies across the Diocese of Nottingham.

Sarah is self-employed as a Farm Secretary, a role which looks after the administrative side of a farm or estate and involves elements of finance, HR, payroll, health and safety, record keeping and compliance with government legislation.

Sarah is an active member of the Parish of St Wilfrid of York in Coalville.

Jacqueline Rodden

St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

In December 2012, Jacqueline was appointed as a Foundation Governor at St Charles' primary school in Measham, becoming Chair in January 2014. After completing a degree in Economics in the 1980s, Jacqueline's professional career since has been in organisational change, learning and development in large public and private sector organisations. In this capacity, she works with adults to reach their full potential whatever their age or previous experiences in life, focussing on each individual as a human being and through this, being a witness to Christ in the wider world.

Jacqueline was an active member of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Ashby De La Zouch for 11 years. From September 2014, she went on to be an active member of the parish of St Hugh of Lincoln in Newbold, Chesterfield, which, owing to a shortage of priests in the Hallam Diocese, closed in December 2017. In both those and previous parishes in other parts of the country, one of the activities she enjoyed was delivering the children's liturgy sessions on many Sundays throughout the year. She is now a parishioner at Our Lady Queen of Peace in Chesterfield.