

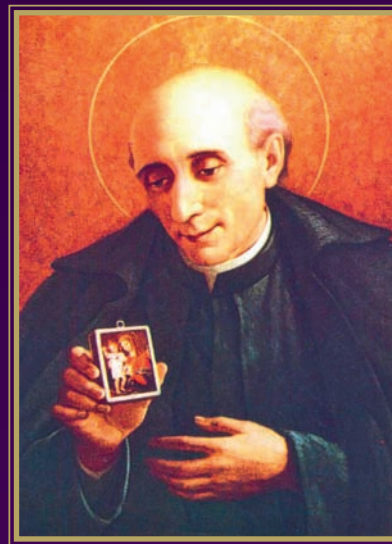
Pallottine Sisters: 30 Years of caring



1984



2014



St.Vincent Pallotti

Welcome

We hope you enjoy this publication issued to celebrate thirty years of delivering care at Park Mount Care Home from its conception to date.



Sister Mary McNulty Provincial SAC

The Beginning: 1984

Park Mount Care Home opened in December 1984 and the site was gifted by the late Mr. William Goldman.

The Pallottine Missionary Sisters visited Mr. Goldman with the children that were in their care at Pallotti Hall every Sunday for tea. Mr Goldman was a scientist specialising in psychology, his wish was that the site was used for some sort of charitable care.

After a long drawn out legal procedure the ownership of the building and land was transferred to the Pallottine Sisters.

View of the original house



Entrance hall to the old house



William Goldman

By the time ownership was transferred to the sisters the building had been vandalised and had fallen into extreme disrepair. It was decided the cost would be too great to renovate the original building and a decision was made to demolish and build a purpose specific Residential Care Home.



The original house and gardens

Park Mount Care Home is situated in beautiful grounds and was opened on the 7th December 1984.

Most of the original gardens were retained



1984

Construction underway in 1984

Open for care

The home was registered for twenty residents requiring long term care, and the first three, Florence Warrington, Christopher Pennington and Lancelot Bennett moved in on the 15th December 1984. By Christmas we had nine residents staying at Park Mount.

Sister Lidwina Dietz was the Home Manager, Sister Hedwig Assistant Home Manager and Sister Marie Keegan the Provincial Superior of the Pallottine Sisters.

The home was officially opened and blessed by Bishop Gray on the 5th May 1985. By this time the home was fully occupied with twenty residents and some were to be here long term.

Sister Marie Keegan

Sister Lidwina Dietz



The opening ceremony and blessing by Bishop Gray

1984

The staff team at that time consisted of two day care staff, one night-care staff, two domestic staff, a cook and a maintenance assistant.

Fr. James Fox (Diocese of Shrewsbury) lived in the home and provided daily mass.



Sr. Hedwig, Sr. Marie and Sr. Lidwina



Staff and visitors at the opening ceremony

Park Mount Home has been privileged to have a resident priest for the last thirty years.

Fr. James Fox

June – September 1985

Fr. George Barratt

November 1985–March 1994

Cannon Maurice Abbott

May 1994 – May 1998

Fr. John Guildera, SAC

October 1998 – May 2007

Fr. John Woods

June 2007 – present.

For non-Catholic residents the Vicar of St. John from the Church of England delivers a service every Wednesday, we can also provide services for all denominations.



Fr. John Woods

In March 1981 Sister Anne started providing Day Care in a room next to St Alban's Church in Macclesfield. In 1985 day care re-located from there to Park Mount occupying the main lounge.

To respond to a need for Respite Care in the area two rooms previously used by the Doctor & visitors to the home were Registered creating twenty two beds.



*Fr. C Dwyer and
Doris Smith*

1984

1985



Mrs. Greave, King and Smith



Sr. Theophane with Annie Whittaker (left) and Agnes Floy



Garden Party (above), and Auction to raise funds for the Day Care Centre



Day Care was co-ordinated by sisters Anne and Theophane and relied solely on the help of volunteers who gave their time freely and generously three times a week, they were involved in activities, driving and providing a caring environment for the day care visitors.

A fundraising committee “The Friends of Pallotti” raised funds to enable the day care to provide numerous activities including day trips.



The Friends of Pallotti, from left, back row: Mike Vickerstaff, Steven Smith, Pam Haye, Paul Hatchman, Pat Twigg, Tony Bianci, Rick Hayes, John Dixon. Front row: Louise Hatchman, Rachel Smith, Carolyn Dixon, Mary Smith, Sr. Anne McCoy, Elizabeth Burges.

1985

Sister Blanka came to Park Mount for rehabilitation after a leg amputation and stayed until her death in 2005. It was during this year the Sisters were preparing to close the Convent and School in Rochdale.



Left to right, Sr. Blanka, Sr. Renilda, Sr. Gemma and Sr. Petrona outside the chapel at Beechwood

The sisters closed their convent and school in Rochdale and Sisters Theophane, Gemma, Hildeburga, Renilda and Aquinata re-located to the convent at Park Mount Care Home. Sisters Rosemarie and Rose moved into Keele Crescent which was purchased as a communal house for the Pallottine Sisters and Visitors. They attended Park Mount for daily Prayers and meals.



Left to right, Sr. Fides, Sr. Marie, Sr. Irmunde, Sr. Christine



Beechwood Convent High School

1996

1997



Due to the growing need for high quality care the Sisters built an extension to the existing building to create a further eight bedrooms. The home was now registered for thirty residents to be cared for at Park Mount Care Home.

The additional income was used to fund the first lay manager.

Due to the age of the Sisters and the increasing demands to meet regulations, in 2004 the first lay manager was employed to assist Sister Lidwina.

The extension under construction

2003

2004

Sister Marie Keegan realised that due to the aging process and the increased needs of the residents as well as the need to meet all the regulations, the Pallottine Sisters would require some assistance in the near future to look after the Management needs of the Care Home.

Sister Marie Keegan began to work with St John of God Religious Management Services on a Consultancy basis gaining advice on Management, Human Resource Management and Financial Planning.

Mrs Jennifer Trotter worked closely with Sister Marie Keegan and is currently working on a full time basis taking overall responsibility of Park Mount Care Home reporting directly to the Trustees of the Charity.



The Feast of St. Nicholas 2008. Standing L to R: Fr. John Woods, Sr. Stella, Sr. Lidwina, Sr. Anne. Seated: Sr. Irmunde, Sr. Marie, Sr. Anne-Marie



Jennifer Trotter, CEO

The illness and death of Sister Marie Keegan our Provincial Superior touched everyone deeply (25th October 2009), it was then when the Sisters requested St John of God Religious Management Services to fully manage the care home.

Sr. Marie Keegan



2007

2009

The Pallottine Sisters decided that they would return to managing Park Mount Care Home in its entirety, put in a new structure and regaining full responsibility of the care home.

The Sisters decided that a full refurbishment of the home was needed to ensure that the home was maintained economically and met environmental sustainability standards enabling the home to continue into the future.

One Pallottine Sister (Sister Lidwina) remained in the home. Father John Martin, a Lay Trustee of the Charity became the Responsible Person for the Home and Care Quality Commission.

The six rooms in the Convent were converted to provide additional residential rooms and all the rooms became en-suite to meet the current standards, The home was now registered for thirty five residents.



Fr. John Martin



2011

2012

A new look all round

2012 saw the introduction of new logo and new co-ordinated staff uniforms. At the same time a new website was launched for the home - parkmountcarehome.org.uk



Due to demand for double rooms to accommodate married couples a lounge was converted to a double bedroom. The home was now registered for thirty seven residents. The room was soon occupied by Mr & Mrs Newton (above).



2012

2013

The Friends of Pallotti retired after 28 years of service raising funds for the Day Care, and the Day Care responsibility became part of the Management of Park Mount. The Day Care visitors continued to attend at Park Mount and we now have twelve attending throughout the week. We still have two dedicated volunteers helping with activities and three volunteer drivers; without their continued support it would be difficult for us to continue to run the service efficiently.



*Day Care visitors, above:
Giovana Mancini,*

*Left: Giovana Mancini,
Eileen Broomhall, Doris
Adamson, Mary Ferguson
(Volunteer) Vicky Freeman
(Volunteer)*



2013

Growing from strength to strength

In 2014 the home continues to grow and go from strength to strength, a room which was single occupancy was refurbished to accommodate another married couple.

A previous office was also converted to a room to accommodate a resident who had been waiting from outside the area.



Mr. & Mrs. Clarke

2014

The home is now registered for thirty nine residents and is fully occupied with a waiting list of people requiring our services.



Mr Newton

Sarah Rodger with Sr. Stella

Today

Park Mount Care continues to provide quality care to elderly residents and has a staff team of forty nine.

Mrs Newton with Cheryl Diggins



As part of our eco-friendly ethos, we now keep a number of chickens to the delight of all our Residents who enjoy the fresh eggs they produce, Sister Lidwina actively takes care of the chickens and also grows vegetables and we have a number of fruit trees scattered around our extensive grounds and gardens.



Sarah Rodger with Rob Moore

"Park Mount is Marvellous, they are all so good to you. I couldn't have chosen a better place."



"Generally its good, very nice building. It is maintained inside. The staff are very good."



"I like living at Park Mount, it's a friendly place. The care and food are good."



"Its functional, the staff help me and care for me."

"This is a very good place to live, Staff are all very nice. It is a nice and clean place."

"I would like to be in my own home but I understand that this isn't possible, therefore I am incredibly fortunate to be living at Park Mount."

"I think it is very good. I would say all the staff are helpful. Meals are excellent. If you are allergic or don't like something you can tell the staff and they will give you an alternative meal as best they can."

Future Plans

Currently there are three Pallottine Sisters living at Park Mount Care Home.

Sister Lidwina has lived and worked in the home since 1984.

Sister Stella came to Park Mount as a Resident on the 10th April 2010 after a number of years working in the mission in Tanzania.

Sister Irmunde came to live at Park Mount as a Resident on 22nd June 2010.

With growing numbers we will be soon extending our dining facilities.

Due to the ever-increasing demand for hairdressing services the extension will include a hair salon where residents will enjoy the views of the grounds whilst relaxing and having their hair styled.

An increase in residents, staff, visitors and traffic to Park Mount Care Home means we need to increase our current car park facilities.



Sr. Lidwina



Sr. Irmunde & Sr. Stella



The Statistics

- 508 admissions in 30 years
- The average age of our residents is 90
- The oldest resident is 103 and one hoping to reach 100 years later this year
- The home caters for male and female residents
- We have grown in numbers from 20 to 39 residents living at Park Mount Care Home
- Our Staff Team has increased from 10 to 50 Staff & Sisters working in the home, however despite the increase in numbers one thing which has not changed is that we will continue to strive to ensure we can provide a safe and welcoming home for our residents to feel comfortable and cared for.

The current Management Team includes:

Sister Lidwina

Valued Member of the Home Management with 30 years experience at Park Mount Home

Fr John Martin

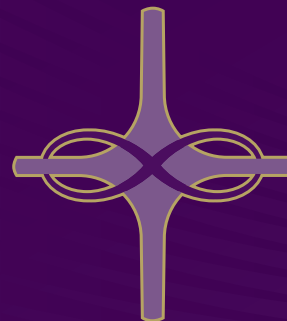
Trustee of the Pallottine Sisters, Charity & Registered Responsible Person with CQC

Mrs Jennifer Trotter

Chief Executive of Park Mount Care Home

Mrs Sarah Rodger

Registered Manager



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