Padley Chapel.

HIS building is one of Derbyshire's most interesting relics, as being intimately connected with a dark crime in the religious life of our county, and lies in the parish of Hathersage within a mile of Grindleford station. Originally it was a private chapel attached to the Manor House of Padley, first under the Eyres and then the Fitzherberts who were the owners in 1588, when on the 12th July in that year, two priests, Nicholas Garlick and Robert Ludlam, were arrested while serving mass, to be executed at Derby twelve days later. Since that time the chapel has been turned to secular uses. as barn and shippon attached to a farm, but on January 1st 1932 the building was acquired by the Rev. Monsignor C. Payne, rector of St. Mary's, Derby, from Major Ashton Shuttleworth, and it has now been restored to religious uses.

Monsignor Payne came into actual possession on March 1933, and reconditioning was carried out so quickly that the first service was held in the chapel on July 13th 1933, when after a lapse of 345 years, High Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. McNulty, Bishop of Nottingham.

Since the re-opening of the chapel excavations have been going on in the surrounding grounds, and the 14th century stone altar-slab of the chapel has been discovered.

In November of this year, two stained glass windows were dedicated by the Roman Catholic Bishop, representing the martyrdom of Garlick and Ludlam, being the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carlin, of Chaddesden, Derby.