

### Youth Group Activities 2019/20

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September Back-to-school Disco, St Winefride's Hall  
 Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Party, St John's Church Hall  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2pm; Ice-skating, Bradford Ice-rink  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30-8pm: Funzy Inflatable Theme Park, Bradford  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 6.30-8.00pm: Football and Playgym, Five Alive Adventure Play Centre, Bradford  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30-8.00pm Trampolining, Adrenaline, Liversedge  
 Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July Picnic, 6.30-8.00pm Manor Heath Park, Halifax

#### Altar servers

**Training for new servers:** St John's; Sun 11th Aug, 6pm; St Winefride's: Friday 16th, 9.30am.

#### Adult formation

**Baptism classes for parents:** Sats, 10.45am; 17th August; 16th & 23rd Nov, St John's Hall. Parents are requested to complete a Baptism Application Form and give it to Fr Paul after a Vigil or Sunday Mass & attend *two classes*. Catholic parents are expected to attend Sunday Mass.

#### Diocesan and other news

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 12noon – 3.00pm: Buttershaw by the Beach. Join Fr Paul at the Sandale Community Hub on Reevy Road West for a pleasant afternoon of fun which will include a barbecue, face-painting, horse rides, a raffle and a tombola.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019, 12noon: Mass for Altar Servers, Leeds Cathedral. All altar servers are welcome to attend. Those attending will need to bring their albs/cassocks and cottas and gather in Wheeler Hall by 11.40am. Also, please bring a picnic lunch which will be eaten in Wheeler Hall following the Mass.

Tuesday 1st October, 7.30pm: Catholicism in Post-Modernity: Challenges and Opportunities, a talk by **Michael Dopp**, Mission of the Redeemer Ministries, The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, BB7 9PT. T: 01254 827329; E: [bookings@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:bookings@christianheritagecentre.com)

Wednesday 2nd October, 10am-5pm: Witness and Challenge: Evangelisation Today, a Day led by **Michael Dopp**, The Christian Heritage Centre (please see above).

Sat 12th– Sun 13th Oct: Kerygma Bible Retreat: An opportunity for Catholics to renew the gifts and graces received in Baptism and Confirmation, The Christian Heritage Centre, (please see above).

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm, until Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm: Dowry Tour: The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be at Leeds Cathedral. There will be a range of liturgical celebrations and devotions throughout the visit, and a display telling the story of English Catholic history in images and words.

6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Living with Loss: Part 2: Led by Abi May, this retreat is intended for those who would like a follow up from Part 1. The offering for this is £173. More info: Admin on 01943 607287 or email: [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com). Deadline for booking is Thursday, 15th August 2019.

**Irenaeus Project for Spirituality**, under the umbrella of LACE (Liverpool Archdiocese centre for Education) are presenting their 'COME AND SEE' conference 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**Newman Festival:** In anticipation of their patron's canonisation on 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Parish of Blessed John Henry Newman in East Leeds will host a "Newman Festival" 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September. Aimed at the whole diocese, the Festival includes a pilgrimage to Newman's Shrine at the Birmingham Oratory (afternoon/evening of Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>), a series of three talks held at St Theresa's, 7pm on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> (Fr Dennis Cassidy, Leeds Diocese) Tue 24<sup>th</sup> (Fr Richard Duffield, York Oratory) and Wed 25<sup>th</sup> (Mgr Prof. Rod Strange). On Thu 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Bishop Marcus will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass and dedicate a relic of Newman at Corpus Christi Church. On 20<sup>th</sup> October, the diocesan Music Department will hold a "Come and Sing" workshop with choruses from *The Dream of Gerontius* which will be open to singers of all abilities from across the Diocese.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Concerned about the welfare of a child or a vulnerable adult? Please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative, **Sam Poulton**: t: 07810770488; e: [samjpoulton@gmail.com](mailto:samjpoulton@gmail.com)

## Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford



**Parish Priest: Mgr. Paul Grogan**

St Winefride's Presbytery, 54 St Pauls Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford BD6 1ST

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The Parish Office is ordinarily open Monday - Thursday, 9am - 12 noon.

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St John the Evangelist's School

St Winefride's School

Church hall bookings (£15 per hour):

Executive Head Teacher Mr B Lavin

Contact the Parish Office

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Head of School: Mrs L Walsh

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The parish, which has two churches, St Winefride's and St John the Evangelist's (BD6 3NS), incorporates Wyke, Low Moor, Oakenshaw, Wibsey, Horton Bank Top, Clayton Heights, Buttershaw, Shelf and Woodside.

**Sunday 11th August 2019**

### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

First Reading *Wis 18: 6-9:* By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

Resp Psalm **Ps 32 Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.**

Second Reading *Heb 11: 1-2,8-19:* Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

Gospel *Luke 12: 32-48:* *You too must stand ready.*

Saturday 10th August <b>VIGIL</b>	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 11th August <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 1.00pm <i>St Winefride's</i> 5.00pm <i>St John's</i>	Christine Beaumont RIP Int Pat & Sheila Taylor (Wed An) Baptism: Fern Elizabeth Cowling Rosary, Adoration and Vespers
Monday 12th August <b>ST JANE DE CHANTAL, REL OM</b>	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Holy Souls
Tuesday 13th August <b>Ss PONTIAN, POPE, and HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS OM</b>	2.00pm <i>Cooper House</i> 7.00pm <i>St John's</i>	<i>Service of Word with Holy Comm</i> Int of Tommy Butterfield (sick)
Wednesday 14th August <b>ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST and MARTYR MEM</b>	12.00pm <i>St John's</i> 7.00pm <b>VIGIL</b> <i>St John's</i>	Requiem Mass for Ann Lamb RIP Bernard Gleeson LD
Thursday 15th August <b>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOL</b> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of Gill Doherty (sick) People of the Parish
Friday 16th August <b>ST STEPHEN OF HUNGARY OM</b>	9.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of O'Dea Family
Saturday 17th August <b>VIGIL</b>	10.00am <i>St John's</i> 12.30pm <i>St Winefride's</i> 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of Gill Grant <i>Wed: John Anderson &amp; Lucy Hirst</i> York Breth: Fr Angelo Phillips RIP
Sunday 18th August <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 5.15pm <i>St John's</i>	People of the Parish Katleen Hall RIP (Birthday Rem) <i>Praise and Worship Group</i>

## Parish news

**Offertory:** Envelopes £514.05; Loose £443.14. Baptism: £33.21. Lourdes Fund: £287 (from the St John's bric-a-brac stall and donations through the Sleeping Joseph statue). **Thank you for your generosity.**

Thank you to the St John's Tea Bar for contributing £100 to the parish.

Fr Paul will be taking Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in **Group Two (Moor Top, Low Moor, Wyke)** this week.

Are you, or is somebody you know, unable to attend Mass regularly due to infirmity and would you/this person like to **receive Holy Communion at home?** Please contact the Parish Office.

A reminder: **St Winefride's Church is now ordinarily open from approximately 7am to 7pm for private prayer.** It will be occasionally locked during these times simply because neither the parish priest nor a secretary is available to open it. We need some volunteers to act as occasional door unlockers and lockers. If you feel you could do this, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you to **Mary-Jo Daly** who has kindly agreed to facilitate youth initiatives in the parish. Mary Jo, a high school teacher and former Assistant Head, formerly ran a successful youth group at St Winefride's.

Thank you to **Simon and Bernadette Leonard** who have kindly agreed to run the **Parish Marriage Preparation Course** with Fr Paul again this year. There will be six, monthly, one-and-a-half hour sessions on Saturday mornings, beginning at 11am, starting in November, in St John's Church Hall.

Thank you to **Meresa Morton** and **Lorraine Towler** for kindly joining the team at St John's Tea Bar.

Refreshments are available after the 9.15am Mass in St Winefride's Hall as usual this week. Refreshments will not be served next Sunday because of needful preparation for the refurbishment of the hall floor, which begins the day afterwards.

The **Mary Mother of God Union of Catholic Mothers** welcomes **Celia Ponter**, who is a returning member. Our Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of the month at St. John's Church Hall. All welcome.

**St Winefride's Cleaning** This takes place on Monday mornings after Mass or 8.30am if there is no Mass. We do need more helpers. Usually cleaning takes about ¾ hour once a fortnight. Any help is appreciated. Phone 01274 672485 for further information. Next date Monday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

**DVDs of the film "Priest"** by Michael Whyte which features this parish and Fr Paul are available from both piety stalls, price £10. Proceeds will go to parish funds.

Thank you and congratulations to **Lorraine Towler** and **Graham Bolland** who have overseen the installation of the splendid new kitchen at St Winefride's Church Hall.

Thank you to everybody who supported the **Union of Catholic Mother's Table Top Sale** earlier today (Saturday) in St Winefride's Hall. It was a very enjoyable event which raised money for UCM funds.

A number of people have expressed an interest in going on the **2020 Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes (3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> July)** which constitutes part of the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage. If you would like to find out more about this event please register your interest with the Parish Office.

A number of people have expressed an interest in forming a **Praesidium of the Legion of Mary** in this parish following the excellent work of the Legionaries who engaged in a door-to-door evangelisation campaign a couple of weeks ago. Membership of the Legion simply requires attendance at a weekly meeting and the performance of an apostolic work each week. Ann Anderson, Curia President of the Legion in the Diocese of Leeds, will be present at a meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13th August at St John's Church Hall to advise us how we might proceed. Everybody is most welcome.

Please pray for the **sick, those who have died recently** & those with **anniversaries** at this time.

**Confessions:** 11th and 18th August, 4.15-4.45pm (St Winefride's). Tuesday 6.30-6.50pm (St John's) Wednesday, 11.30am—11.50am (St John's).

## Parish events

Mon 12th Aug, 7.15pm: **Meeting of the Union of Catholic Mothers.** All welcome. St John's Church Hall.  
Tuesday 13th August, 6.30pm: St Winefride's **SVP Conference** meeting. Parish Room.

Wed 14th Aug, 1.00pm: **Catholic Care Lunch Group.** Join us in St John's Church Hall for a two-course meal and as much tea or coffee as you can drink, all for the bargain price of £3. Take part in the bingo and quiz! If you haven't been before please contact Moira (07952 258572). We look forward to seeing you!

Thurs 15th Aug, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: **Feast Day to mark the Tenth Anniversary of the Erection of our Parish.** 11am: Solemn Mass. 12.30pm onwards: Drinks, barbecue bouncy castle, children's games & blackberrying! During the course of the afternoon, we'll also say the rosary in front of the statue of Our Lady by the church entrance. We'll modify the programme if the weather is inclement.

Sat 24th Aug: **Parish Summer Day Trip to Scarborough.** The coach sets off from St Winefride's Church at 9am and leave Scarborough at 5pm. Book tickets via the Parish Office! £10 adults; £8 children.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 12.15pm: **Parish Auction**, St John's Church Hall.

Thank you to **Maria Karas** and **Julia Mason** who have kindly agreed to act as lead catechists for this year's **First Confession and First Holy Communion preparation programmes.** Thank you also to the parents who took the time to use the feedback process devised by Miss Karas and Mrs Mason following last year's programmes, the first we have run according to the principles of "family catechesis." It was moving, at a team meeting yesterday (Friday) evening, to read through some of the forms and to learn how many parents have grown in their own faith and in their relationships with their children through the process. It was also very helpful, in the light of parents' comments, to reflect on how our delivery of the programme might be developed. In particular the following issues were identified: child care facilities for smaller children; the need for smaller groups; the need for a wider variety of times (including at least one session straight after school); venues for the meetings: are church halls or school classrooms better environments?; the logistics of setting up and putting away; the undoubted value of having a session within a church.

If we are to respond to parents' requests for more and smaller groups we need to have some **more catechists.** Would you consider animating a group of approximately eight parents for seven sessions between January and June? You would not need to have a background in teaching as the purpose of family catechesis is that parents catechise their own children. Somebody with good people and good organisational skills would be a great addition to our team.

As we continue to develop the parish, a number of new opportunities are emerging. The four-person **Parish Evangelisation Team** meets regularly in order to keep our focus outward-looking. Two tasks that it will be tackling soon will be the preparation of a **2019/20 events calendar** and a structured **parish review.**

It strikes me that now would be a good time to develop our capacity for wider decision-making within the parish. Our existing **Parish Forum** provides an excellent means for us all to exchange views on matters within the parish. Its strength is that everybody in the parish can contribute to these discussions. Its weakness is that it does not empower parishioners to be pro-active. This can lead to the parish priest having to take responsibility for too many initiatives with the result that these can be very imperfect.

I have discussed our situation with Bishop Marcus and I suggested that we might model a **Parish Pastoral Council** on the new Diocesan Pastoral Council. He thought this a good idea. Its members are drawn from particular groups within the diocese and some others whom he nominates.

Accordingly I shall be approaching the following parish societies/groups and asking them to nominate representatives: the UCM, the SVP, Faith and Light, Praise & Worship; the Fatima Group and the Wednesday Friendship Group and the Youth Group. I shall also nominate parishioners to represent other areas of our parish life eg liturgy, social events, catechists, pre-school groups and young people. This Parish Pastoral Council will meet three times during the coming academic year and it will have two tasks initially. Firstly, it will write a brief **Parish Mission Statement** which will, in the words of a useful manual, help "keep priorities in order, build morale, and provide direction for the future." Secondly it will set **goals & objectives** which will show how the mission may be realised. I should be grateful for feedback from parishioners. *Fr Paul*