

Adult formation

Baptism classes for parents: Sats.10.45am: 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.

Marriage preparation sessions: Saturdays, 11am-12.30pm: 16th Nov, 18th Jan, 1st Feb, 29th Feb, 21st March, 25th April, St John's Hall.

Sycamore: Thursday evenings, 6.45-8.15pm. Starts 7th Nov, Presbytery. If you have ever asked questions such as "How can we find happiness?", "What's the meaning of life?", "Is there a God?", "Does prayer make a difference?" you might be interested in Sycamore. Sycamore explores the Christian faith and its relevance for life today over the course of ten weeks. It gives you a space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves some refreshments, a short film and some time for discussion. There is no pressure or commitment, you can attend as many or as few of the sessions as you want and everyone is welcome. To find out more: <https://www.sycamore.fm/>.

Would you like to become a Catholic? The programme begins on Friday 18th October, 7pm.

If you are interested in any of the above courses please get in touch with the Parish Office, via email mary-motherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or phone 01274 677992.

Diocesan and other news

Wednesday 17th October, 7.30pm: St Robert's Parish Centre, Harrogate. Professor George Herring will give a talk entitled '**Newman, Saint for the 21st Century**'. Numbers are limited. Contact gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Sunday 20th October, 1.30-5pm: **Come and sing a dream of Gerontius**. Corpus Christi Church, Neville Rd. LS9 OHD. As part of the Leeds Newman Festival there will be a vocal workshop, led by Tom Leech. To take part, advance reservation is essential before 11th October. Call 0113 2645 260 or email office.blessedjohnnewman@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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Tuesday 22nd Oct, 7-9.30pm: An opportunity to hear from the organisations **which are supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers** and learn about the volunteer roles available. Short presentations and information stalls. Ss Peter & Paul Parish Centre, Wakefield, WF2 7NR. Contact Lucy Irven on 07739 975 020.

Tuesday 25th Oct: Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance. Met Hotel Leeds. A 3 course dinner including complimentary drink with DJ and dancing. All profits raise will go to the Leeds Diocesan Lourdes fund. Tickets are £40 each or £350 for a table of ten. Info: Phil Marshall 07766 148 375 or philmarshall49@hotmail.com

Tuesday 29th Oct—Sat 2nd November: **Bradford Catholic Players** present **Hairspray** at the Theatre at Beckfoot, Bingley BD16 1EE. Performances: Tues-Fri at 7.15pm, Sat at 1.15pm and 5.15pm. Tickets prices: Adult £17; 18s & under £14, Family £50: text/phone: 07505 948909 or email bcptickets@live.co.uk

Thurs 7th Nov, 4pm - Sat 9th Nov, 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, including Mass, the Rosary, processions, talks and a display telling the story of English Catholic history in images and words. See Posters in church porches for more details.

St Paul's Bookshop, Hinsley Hall is as usual, carrying a full range of Advent candles, inc. hand held with drip shields, a good selection of devotional books for Advent and Christmas and religiously themed Christmas cards. Call in whether new or returning customers, or to discuss your requirements 0113 275 4043 email: hinsleyhall@stpauls.org.uk

Vacancies

St John Fisher Catholic High School, Harrogate. (Salary L33 - L39): The governors are seeking to appoint an inspirational **Catholic leader to the role of Headteacher** for September 2020. More information see www.sifchs.org.uk or contact Dion Mills (Hays Recruitment) on 07899063321 Closing Date: Mon 14th Oct.

St Joseph's School, Bingley are seeking to appoint a **Deputy Head Teacher** for a fixed term to cover maternity leave. This is an ideal secondment for a middle leader or existing Deputy Head. Contact: Mrs Christine Lee 01274 564883 for an application pack. Closing Date 21st October 2019.

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

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

Head of School Mrs S Kenyon

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 13th October 2019

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

First Reading *2 Kgs 5: 14-17.* Naaman returned to Elisha and acknowledged the Lord.
 Resp Psalm *Ps 97: 2.* **The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.**
 Second Reading *Tim 2: 8-13.* If we hold firm we shall reign with Christ.
 Gospel *Lk 17: 11-19.* No one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.

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| Saturday 12th October VIGIL | 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i> | Malcolm Stirling RIP |
| Sunday 13th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 5.00pm <i>St John's</i> | People of the Parish David A Taylor RIP <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i> |
| Monday 14th October St Callistus 1, Pope and Martyr OM | 7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i> | Parish Dead List RIP |
| Tuesday 15th October St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church MEM | 11.15 <i>St Winefride's</i> 7.00pm <i>St John's</i> | Requiem Mass: Anne Fuller RIP Int of Tommy Butterfield (sick) |
| Wednesday 16th October St Margaret Mary, Alacoque, Virgin OM | 9.30 <i>St John's Church Year 4 Class Mass, St John's Sch.</i> 12.30pm <i>St Winefride's</i> | Barry O'Hara LD <i>(All welcome)</i> York Br: Fr John M Williams RIP |
| Thursday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr MEM | | No public Mass today |
| Friday 18th October ST LUKE, EVANGELIST FEAST | 9.15am <i>St Winefride's School</i> | Lawrence Chambers RIP |
| Saturday 19th October VIGIL | 10.00am <i>St John's</i> 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i> | Richard Jezewska LD Scott Stevenson LD |
| Sunday 20th October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i> | People of the Parish Sharon Deegan A <i>Praise and Worship Group</i> |

Confessions: Saturdays 12th and 19th October, 4.30-5.00pm (St Winefride's). Tuesdays 6.30-6.50pm (St John's) Wednesdays 12-12.20pm (St Winefride's).

Holy Rosary: Before all Masses during October, the Month of the Rosary.

Parish news

Offertory: Env £600.67; Loose £427.11; Donations £40; Catholic Education £194.23; CAFOD £89.46. Thank you for your generosity.

Congratulations to **D Farley** who won the **200 Club** October prize.

Congratulations to the members of the **Union of Catholic Mothers** who raised **£290.20** for **McMillan Cancer Support** through last weekend's coffee mornings after all Masses.

The fourth of our **annual Mass counts** will take place this weekend.

Please sign up on the rotas in our church porches to **lead the Rosary** before weekend Masses during October, the Month of the Holy Rosary.

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

Thank you to the members of the **Tuesday Luncheon Club** which closed last week after providing older parishioners and local people with good food, good company and enjoyable activities in St John's Hall for the last 35 years. Thank you in particular to **Mona Hughes** who has led the group for many years and to her daughter **Janet and son-in-law John** who have taken on the burden of leadership in recent years and to the innumerable parishioners who have assisted. Thank you also to the Club for a very generous donation of £500 to the Parish last week.

I should be grateful if Mass-goers at the **5.15pm Vigil Mass** would sign up as **Readers and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** on the sheet in the porch before Mass begins. As the number of people attending this Mass continues to decline it is proving increasingly difficult to find parishioners to exercise these ministries. Currently, out of necessity, we are having to ask people at the last-minute, which is obviously not very desirable. *Fr Paul*

Thank you to **L. Bowles, K. Dobson, T. Fletcher, S. Grunwell, V. Tisch, A. Holdsworth, H. Rider** and **Mr Sutcliffe** for taking **Red Mission** boxes following the recent appeal.

Cleaning Dates for St Winefride's Church: Mondays 14th and 28th October and 11th and 25th November at 8.30am. Please come along and lend a hand. Help always needed. Contact: 01274 672485.

2019 November Dead List envelopes are now available in the church porches. If you would like deceased members of your family to be included on this list please insert their names in an envelope and submit it, with a stipend if you are able, to the Parish Office. Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all those on this list, especially in November, but also during the course of the year.

Beck View and Beck Ridge Children's Homes, which are situated on Beck Hill, just five minutes' walk from the Presbytery, are holding a Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 10th November at 4pm followed by a social. I am leading the service. The management team in the home would be grateful if parishioners would drop by for this event. They are seeking to integrate the homes more in the local community. *Fr Paul*

We need some more volunteers to write the **General Intercessions** for our Sunday Masses. It's a once-every-two-months job and the Bishops' Conference website explains how to write them.

Thank you to **Len Sellers** for installing new shelving in St Winefride's Piety Stall.

The Organising Committee for this year's **Parish Christmas Fair** (Saturday 7th December) met last week. If you'd like to be involved, please just contact the Parish Office.

Fr Paul's activities this week: Tues 3pm: Playground Walk, St W's; 4.30pm: Buttershaw Partners Meeting; Wed, 1.30pm: Wibsey Ecumenical Fellowship; 3.00pm: Playground Walk, St J's; 3.00pm; Thurs, 2pm: Burial of Ashes of Andy Walker RIP, Hinton Park Burial Ground, Dorset; Friday, 7pm: RCIA Meeting, Presbytery.

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

Parish events

Saturday 12th October, 8pm: Parish Quiz, St John's Church Hall. Fantastic prize on offer for the winning team. Come along with others or come by yourself and join one of the teams.

Wednesday 16th October, 1.00pm: Catholic Care Wednesday Lunch & Friendship Group St Winefride's Church Hall. For those of you who haven't been before, here's what you're missing...a hearty two course lunch, quiz, raffle and bingo. The session starts at 1pm. If you would like to come please contact Moira on 07952 258572 or Sandra on 07951 056555 or Michelle on 07739 975000 for catering purposes.

Thurs 17th October, 2pm: Inaugural meeting of the Parish Halls' Management Committee, Presbytery.

Fri 18th Oct, 7pm: RCIA meeting. NB: new date, changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

Tuesday 22nd October, 1pm: Funeral Service for Patricia Schofield, RIP, St Winefride's Church.

Tuesday 22nd October, 7.30pm: Launch of the Parish Legion of Mary, St John's Church.

Friday 25th October, 12noon: Requiem Mass for Richard Jezewski RIP, St John's Church.

Friday 25th October, 6pm: Shared Leadership Team Meeting, Presbytery.

Friday 25th October, 1.30-4.30pm: Tweenies Autumn Fair. St Winefride's Church Hall. Stalls include tombola, children's tombola, cakes, refreshments and photos by Tempest photographers. Donations for stalls greatly accepted and can be dropped off Mondays & Fridays in the Church Hall.

Saturday 26th October, 11am: Mass for the Sick followed by SVP Lunch, St Winefride's Hall.

Friday 1st-Sunday 3rd Nov: Parish Walking Group Weekend Away. Staying in waterside cottages; walking in Dove Dale; cycling on the Manifold Trail; Sunday Mass in Leek. Susan Uttley 07984370380.

Sunday 3rd Nov, 3pm: Prayers for the Dead and Blessing of Graves, North Bierley Cemetery.

28th November, 7pm: Parish Finance Committee, Presbytery.

Wednesday 4th December, 7pm: Inaugural Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, St Winefride's Hall.

Saturday 7th December, 12-3pm: Parish Christmas Fair, St Winefride's Hall.

Saturday 14th December, 2pm: Mass for the Sick followed by SVP Christmas Party, St John's Church.

Wednesday 18th December, 7pm: Carol Service St Winefride's Church.

Thursday 19th December, 7pm: Carol Service St John's Church.

Tues 31st Dec: New Year's Eve Family Party. 9pm: Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (our Parish Patronal Feast Day), St Winefride's Church; 10.30pm: Party, St Winefride's Church Hall. Children's games, bar, DJ, food from 11pm (jacket potatoes, beef chilli, veg chilli, pilau rice; nachos and salsa; and multiple cakes). If any parishioners were able add to the food by bringing a prepared dish their contribution would be gratefully received. Complimentary glasses of Prosecco on entry and at Midnight. 11.50pm: Prayers for the New Year. Boogying til 2am. Tickets (£8 per adult; children free) from church piety stalls, the Parish Office & school offices from w/b 3rd October. Dress code: semi-formal. Deadline for tickets: 15th Dec.

Youth Group

Friday 29th November, 6-9pm: Christmas Party, St John's Church Hall.

Formation of children for First Sacraments

Wednesday 18th October, 6pm: Confirmation Class, St John's Church Hall

Wednesday 16th Oct, 7.15pm: Launch of the First Holy Communion Programme, St Winefride's Hall