





Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

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Sunday 13th September 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

- First Reading Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7: Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
- Resp Psalm Ps 102: **Response:** The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
- Second Reading Romans 14: 7-9: Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.
- Acclamation Speak Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
- Gospel Matt 18: 21-35: I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Saturday 12th September VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	Intentions of the Priests of the Diocese of Leeds
Sunday 13th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 10.00am St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>) 11.15am St John's	People of the Parish Yorkshire Brethren Thomas Loughrey LD
Monday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS FEAST	Private Mass, St Winefride's	Thanksgiving for Holy Souls
Tuesday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows MEM	6.00pm-7.00pm St John's 6.40pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Open Church</i> <i>Holy Rosary</i> Mary Holt (Birth Rem)
Wednesday 16th September Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs MEM	9.15am Private Class Mass for St John the Evangelist School (Zoom) 6.00pm St Winefride's (<i>Mass in the Extraordinary Form</i>)	Intentions of the Moorhouse Family Dorothy Atkinson (Yorkshire Brethren)
Thursday 17th September St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church MEM	Private Mass, St Winefride's	Philomena Stirling LD
Friday 18th September	9.15am Private Class Mass for St Winefride's School (Zoom) 2.15pm-3.15pm St Winefride's 3.00pm	Intentions of the Collins Family <i>Open Church</i> <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 19th September Saturday Mass of Our Lady VIGIL	9.00am-10.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Open Church with Rosary</i> Sylvia Paisley LD Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday 20th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 10.00am St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>) 11.15am St John's	Special Intention (MK) Stephen Lumb A People of the Parish

Please pray for those who are **sick**, for those who have **died**, and for those with **anniversaries** at this time.

Would you like to join a new **Enquirers' Group** to discover more about the Christian faith? The format will be very simple: each week we will look at one of the excellent Sycamore videos in our own time and then discuss it during a Zoom conference. Watch the first video: <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-1-the-search-for-happiness/> and then enrol at the Parish Office.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday, 4.45-5.10pm, St Winefride's.

Donations: 7th September: **Env: £187.58; Loose: £215.69; Standing order (average): £350.** Thank you for your generosity. Thank you also to Margaret Iles and Jenny Dobson and their families for organising last Sunday's Cake Sale which raised **£108**.

By standing order (the preferred method), by phone, by text, by a special on-line "Donate" button or by our new contactless payment device in St Winefride's Church porch (which remembers your GAD details after you input them the first time): there are lots of ways in which you can support your parish. Please go to our website—www.marymotherofgod.org.uk—to find out more.

We have a 2nd collection today for the **Holy Places of Palestine** & next w/e for **Home Mission Sunday**.

This week we welcome **Fr Peter Morkah m. ss. cc** who will be the Assistant Priest in our parish. He is a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, a Religious Congregation of priests and brothers dedicated to "serving the needs of God's family while witnessing to the great love present in the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary." Founded in Italy by St Gaetano Errico in 1836 this missionary Congregation is now present in Italy, Slovakia, India, USA, Africa, Argentina and Indonesia. This will be their first outreach in the United Kingdom. Last year Fr Peter, who is the Vicar General of his Congregation, gained a doctorate in the Sociology of Religion from Iwo State University, Owerri, Nigeria.

Thank you to **David and Carole Benson** who have served for many years on our Parish Finance Committee, the latter as Secretary, and who have now stood down from this responsibility. Each September I invite parish volunteers to consider whether they would like to continue for another 12-month period or whether they would like to relinquish their roles. Please get in touch if you'd like a well-earned rest!

We are looking forward to the members of our **Parish Pastoral Council** advising us on the key question that they are to consider at their forthcoming meeting, namely "How can we take forward the mission of the parish at this challenging time?" It would be appreciated if PPC members would communicate their thoughts to **PPC Chair Joe Deegan** (deeganjoe@hotmail.com) this week so that he can share them with other members several days before the meeting enabling everyone to think through the opportunities and challenges properly so that the discussion can be fruitful and focused.

Cath and Tom Halliday would like to thank the many parishioners who have sent messages, cards and Mass offerings for the recent loss of **Dennis**. They write: "We are extremely grateful and lifted by the love and kindness shown to us. Mass will be offered for the intentions of the Parish."

We were hoping to have a parish retreat day this autumn but we had to cancel it. Instead, why don't you sign up for an **On-Line Week of Guided Prayer** from Sunday 11th October to Friday 16th October. This is a collaborative initiative of the Diocese of Leeds in association with The Briery Retreat Centre and Jesuit Spirituality. You meet up with your prayer guide once a day via video conferencing or on the phone and then agree to pray for half an hour each day. Further details: 01943 607287.

The **Catholic Enquiry Group**, which had to discontinue its meetings earlier in the year, will meet through 45-minute Zoom conversations at 7pm on Fridays 25th September, 2nd 16th and 23rd October and 6th and 11th November and members of the group who wish may be baptised, confirmed and received into the Church at the 10am Mass on Sunday 15th November at St Winefride's.

Our **Confirmation preparation course for Sixth Form students** will take place through 45-minute Zoom conversations on successive Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm, beginning 30th September. Candidates will be asked to watch in their own time a Sycamore video on a special "Confirmation pathway" before each conversation. The first is called The Search for Happiness and is available here: <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-1-the-search-for-happiness/>

Our **new Parish YouCat Group** (for 16-30 year olds) will begin immediately after the above course, namely on Wednesday 11th November.

The final sessions of our interrupted **Marriage Preparation Course** will take place on Saturdays 3rd and 10th Oct, starting at 11am. We will now meet via Zoom. Thank you to Simon and Bernadette Leonard.

First sacraments catechesis for children: Wednesdays, 3.30-4.45pm, our primary schools:

First Confessions: 16th & 23rd Sep; **First H Communion:** 7th, 14th, 21st Oct & 4th, 11th & 18th Nov.

In addition, to prepare for the big day, **parents of First Holy Communion candidates** will be invited to watch three videos in the **new Sycamore series** - "The Power of Prayer," "The Holy Spirit and the Church" and "The Holy Eucharist" - and to participate in Zoom conversations about these themes.

Parents who would like a copy of their child's **baptism certificate** for admission to St Bede's & St Joseph's are requested to email the Parish Office, with the child's details. Fr Paul will distribute the certificates, which cost £10, in our schools' playgrounds on designated days which will be advertised in the bulletin.

The **commercial waste bins**, which are becoming a health hazard, will be removed from both the St Winefride's and the St John's sites and they will be returned when parish and hall activities return to normal.

Baptism of children: We had a great Zoom half-hour meeting yesterday (Saturday) to discuss the first of three videos (this one on "The Power of Prayer") in our Sycamore formation series for parents who wish to have children baptised. Next Saturday, again at 11am, we will be discussing the second video, **"Who is Jesus?"** which is available here: <https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-4-who-is-jesus/>. Parents who wish to have a child baptised may obtain an application form from the Parish Office.