

Youth Group Activities 2019/20

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

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.

Diocesan and other news

Wednesday 21st 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 21st 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

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

Sat 5th Oct, 10am—3pm: Training for Catechists for new **1st H Communion** Programme. Hinsley Hall.

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 7th November, 4pm, until Saturday 9th 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, including Mass, the Rosary, processions, talks and a display telling the story of English Catholic history in images and words. A full programme will be available soon.

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

Vacancies

St John's Catholic School for the Deaf are recruiting for a **School Business Manager**. This is a senior appointment in a Catholic residential and day school for children with communication and special needs. Closing date: 13 September 2019. Further details: www.stjohns.org.uk/current-vacancies/

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 18th August 2019

TWENTIETHSUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

First Reading *Jer 38:4-6, 8-10* You have borne me to be a man of dissension for all the land.

Resp Psalm *Ps 39* **Lord, come to my aid.**

Second Reading *Heb 12:-4* We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started.

Gospel *Lk 12:49-53* *I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.*

Saturday 17th August VIGIL	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	York Breth: Fr Angelo Phillips RIP
Sunday 18th August TWENTIETH 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 Kathleen Hall RIP (Birthday Rem) <i>Praise and Worship Group</i>
Monday 19th August ST JOHN EUDES OM	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Sandra Schofield A
Tuesday 20th August ST BURNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Tracy Worly RIP
Wednesday 21st August ST PIUS X, POPE MEM	12.30pm <i>St John's</i>	Mary Halloran and Michaela Kenningham RIP
Thursday 22nd August THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MEM	9.00am <i>St John's</i> 11.00am <i>Woodside Court</i>	George and Agnes Mosley A <i>Service of the Word with HC</i>
Friday 23th August ST ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN OM	9.00am <i>St Winefride's</i> 2.00pm <i>The Beeches</i>	Peter McCarroll RIP <i>Service of the Word with HC</i>
Saturday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE FEAST VIGIL	10.00am <i>St John's</i> 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Christopher Fitzpatrick LD Yorkshire Brethren: Canon Edward McSweeney RIP
Sunday 25th August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 5.00pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	People of the Parish Alicia Sidebottom RIP <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>

Confessions: 18th and 25th August, 4.15-4.45pm (St Winefride's); Wednesday, 12-12.20pm (St John's).

Parish news

Offertory: Envelopes £617.08; Loose £310.52. Baptisms: £32.40: Piety Stall (St Winefride's) £40: Lourdes Fund £50. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Congratulations to **John and Lucy Anderson** who were married in St Winefride's this (Saturday) afternoon, John's uncle, Leeds diocesan priest Rev Christopher Willis, officiating. Thank you to John and Lucy for generously donating **£100** to our parish on this happy occasion.

Fr Paul will be taking Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in **Group Three (Clayton Heights, Horton Bank Top, Buttershaw)** this week.

I have begun in earnest to visit all the people in the parish who told the Legionaries of Mary during last month's door-to-door evangelisation campaign that they wished to see a priest and I have had some very blessed conversations. If you know of anybody who would like to see me, please just let me know. *Fr Paul*

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

Do you have some basic IT skills, are you discreet and could you spare a morning or an afternoon a week? We could use you in the Parish Office. A good number of pastoral initiatives are currently "on hold" because we do not have the administrative capacity to process them. Free up your parish to engage more wholeheartedly in evangelising our area! People with mobility problems would be able to contribute from the comfort of their own home, whilst all the time keeping data safe, thanks to recent IT developments.

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. Could you act as an occasional door unlocker and locker?

Thank you to **Carole Benson** and **Gill Emmott** for agreeing to do small repair jobs on liturgical garments.

There is **no coffee morning after the 9.15am Mass** this Sunday because all the tables and chairs have been removed from the hall in preparation for the hall floor being refurbished from Monday of next week.

It has become apparent through the meetings of the Parish Evangelisation Team that in our culture **personal testimony** is an especially effective way of proclaiming the good news. Hence in the coming year, on average about once a quarter, I will invite a parishioner to explain in simple terms after the post-Communion prayer at all weekend Masses why they believe in Jesus and why the Catholic Church is so important to them. We begin this weekend with a testimony from our in-house seminarian Marc Pitson.

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

We are developing the way in which we prepare children for the first sacraments and **we need some more catechists.** Following a request from Bishop Marcus, we now engage in "family catechesis": over a number of sessions, parents instruct their own children, using the resources provided, and the catechist facilitates the process. The new approach is still "bedding down" but it bore some good fruit last year. In the coming year we want to make sure that the groups are small so that we can promote good-quality round-the-table discussions. Also, we want to offer sessions at a variety of times ie after-school and mid-evening weekday sessions and perhaps also Sunday morning sessions. Can you help? We'll have about six sessions for First Holy Communion and four for First Confession. If you could only lead two small group sessions you could be a member of a team. *Fr Paul*

Adieu from Marc Pitson: As my time in the parish draws to a close I have been asked to write a few words. As many of you will be aware, I have spent the past three weeks in the parish on a pastoral placement before heading off to the seminary this coming weekend. I moved to Leeds in 2011 to study for a degree in Theology at Leeds Trinity, it was here that I first met Fr. Paul. When I began University I was an Anglican but over the course of my three years there I was drawn more and more to the Catholic faith, so upon completing my studies I made the decision to be received into the Catholic Church. I worked for a number of years in Leeds and during this time I began to feel that God was calling me to the Priesthood. I began my journey of discernment and after a few years I applied and was accepted to join the Dominican friars. I spent two wonderful years with the friars but the more time I spent with them the more I felt called back to West Yorkshire and to serve the Church as a Priest in the Diocese of Leeds. So after a long journey I find myself here on pastoral placement before heading off to Rome to begin my training to become a priest for our diocese. I have greatly enjoyed my time with you all over the past few weeks and I look forward to returning in the near future. Please keep me in your prayers and I will be sure to remember you all in mine. God Bless, *Marc*

Parish events

Wed 21st 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!

Wed 21st Aug, 5.30pm: Launch meeting of the **Parish Environmental Group**, Presbytery. All welcome.

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.

Wednesday 28th Aug, 11.45: **Funeral Service for James Johnson RIP**, St Winefride's.

Friday 30th August, 12.00: **Requiem Mass for Brian Metcalf RIP**, St Winefride's.

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

Our **Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, Suzanne Mitchell**, has informed me that we should be keeping a record of every time an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** takes the Sacrament to somebody at home. Accordingly I should be grateful if Ministers who support our infirm brothers and sisters in this way would complete the simple form which is now available in our church porches and post it through the door of the Parish Office whenever is convenient to them, ideally each week, but certainly each month. These forms will then be filed so that we have a true record of visits. In this way we will continue to foster a culture of accountability and transparency. There is a "Notes" column on the form in which Ministers may choose to record matters that they wish to bring to my attention, for example if the health of a person whom they are visiting is deteriorating. You may be interested to know that I record all my visits to parishioners' homes in a register so that I too may be similarly accountable and transparent. *Fr Paul*

Something else that has become clear in the meetings of the **Parish Evangelisation Team** is the need to underpin our evangelistic outreach with **constant prayer.** We already pray a lot in this parish but various suggestions have been made to develop our worship programme. They are as follows:

Reintroduce Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament several times a week

Introduce all-night Prayer Vigils, in parallel with St Augustine's, Harehills (this was Fr Doody's idea)

Introduce a Marian Procession in May from St John the Evangelist's to St Winefride's Churches with Benediction at the latter (this was Marc Pitson's suggestion)

Introduce a weekly Intercessory Prayer Group (these are becoming quite common in parishes that are seeking to experience renewal)

Inaugurate a Legion of Mary (we had an exploratory meeting about this last week and the Legion would give us bags of support if we proceeded)

Celebrate an occasional Extraordinary Form Latin Mass.

Please let me know what you think of these ideas. *Fr Paul*

Fr Paul's activities: Wednesday 21st August, 5.30pm: **Parish Laudato Sii Environmental Group;** Presbytery; Thursday 22nd, 2pm: Meeting with Matthew Hargreaves, Head of St Matthew's House, St Bede's and St Joseph's College, Bradford, to discuss role of House Chaplain, Presbytery.

INN CHURCHES 2020

This year's Homeless Shelter for the Inn Churches will be at St. Winefrides 20th-27th January 2020. For those interested in being a Team Leader there is **Leaders Training** on October 17th, 7pm-9pm: If you need a lift contact Mary-Jo.

For those who would like to volunteer, the **New Volunteer Training** is on October 24th, 7pm-9pm.

Both training sessions take place at The Storehouse, 116 Caledonia Street, Bradford, BD4 7BQ.

For further information please email: maryjo.daly@icloud.com or text/phone 07865172522

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