

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: 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> April, St John's Hall.

Formation of children for First Sacraments

Wednesday, 9th October, 7.15pm: Launch of First Confessions Programme, St Winefride's Hall

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

Diocesan and other news

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

Saturday 5th October, 12noon: Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Stock to mark the **Reopening of St Patrick's Mission Church**, Bradford. All welcome.

Saturday 5th October, 6pm: Celebration Mass for Married Life, Leeds Cathedral. For couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70<sup>th</sup> (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year, 2019. The Mass will fulfil the Sunday Obligation and there will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. Please send application forms which are available in church porches to Miss Anne Cooke, Bishop's House, 13 North Grange Road, Leeds, LS6 2BR or email it to [bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:bishop@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) by Tuesday, 10th September 2019.

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).

**Would you like to learn more about the Catholic faith? Foundations in Faith** is a two-year programme which gives a thorough introduction to Catholic theology and education, incorporating the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies. The next course will be running at Hinsley Hall from late September, and CCRS is also offered at Leeds Trinity University. Information Evening: 10<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm, Hinsley Hall. Please contact Gregory Stacey: [gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). For more information on CCRS at Leeds Trinity University, please contact Jenny Stuart Collins: [J.Stuart-Collins@leedstrinity.ac.uk](mailto:J.Stuart-Collins@leedstrinity.ac.uk).

Vacancies

**Cover Supervisor:** Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School, Leeds (Temporary to 31 August 2020); Grade C1 (Pts 12 – 17); Salary £21589 – £23836 (Salary is pro rata to hours and weeks worked); 37 hours per week Term Time only + additional days for training as required. Required to start as soon as possible. Further details and Catholic Education Service application forms are available from the school website ([www.cardinalheenan.com](http://www.cardinalheenan.com)) Closing date: Thursday 11 September 2019.

A draft list of 2019/20 parish events is available in church porches.

**Amusing quotation from church bulletin:** Miss Charlene Murray sang 'I will not pass this way again' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

**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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[www.marymotherofgod.org.uk](http://www.marymotherofgod.org.uk)  
St John the Evangelist's School  
St Winefride's School

@MMOG2008  
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 1st September 2019**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

First Reading *Eccle 3: 19-21, 30-31.* Behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord.

Resp Psalm *Ps67. In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.*

Second Reading *Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a.* You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel *Lk 14: 1, 7-14. The man who humbles himself will be exalted.*

Saturday 31st August <b>VIGIL</b>	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Kwabina Atta A
Sunday 1st September <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 5.00pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of Julie Simpson and Family People of the Parish <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 2nd September	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Helen Larner Birth RIP
Saturday 7th September <b>VIGIL</b>	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of Gill Doherty (sick)
Sunday 8th September <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i>	Int of Adrian Lockwood (sick) Int of Philomena Stirling
Saturday 14th September <b>VIGIL</b>	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Michael Harnett LD
Sunday 15th September <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i>	Susan Ramsden LD Int of Mick Hannah (sick)
Thursday 19th September <b>St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr OM</b>	9.00am <i>St John's</i> 11.00am <i>Woodside Court</i>	Tracy Worley RIP <i>Service of the Word with H Comm</i>
Friday 20th September <b>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang &amp; comps, Martyrs OM</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's Sch</i>	Int of Julie Simpson (sick) and family
Saturday 21st September <b>ST MATTHEW, APOS &amp; EVANG FEAST VIGIL</b>	10.00am <i>St John's</i> 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	No Mass Mrs Asson RIP
Sunday 22nd September <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 1.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Helen Bailey LD People of the Parish <i>Baptism: Ethan Russell</i>

## Parish news

**Offertory: Env £686.38; Loose £397.00.** St Winefride's Piety: £40. **Thank you for your generosity.**

There will be a second collection next Sunday for the **Society of African Missions** and on 15th for **Home Mission Sunday**. The second collection for the **Catholic Education Service** will be on 6th October. Would you like to **become a Catholic?** Of course you would. Please see Fr Paul. Classes will begin soon.

**The parish is now officially out of debt!** This is the first time that we have been in this position since the parish was created ten years ago. I am very grateful to all the parishioners who regularly make financial sacrifices, unseen by anybody else, so that through their generosity our parish might thrive. I am also grateful to the seven members of the **Parish Finance Committee**, under the chairmanship of **Shaun Lawlor**, who have, through their close questioning, ensured that we have reached this happy outcome. The Committee approved the paying off of the debt at its meeting last week. It also approved a constitution for itself. Parishioners will not be surprised to learn that I continue to encourage everybody whom I can in the course of multiple pastoral encounters to make realistic regular, Gift-aided donations to the parish so that the burden of developing our parish might be shared among all. *Fr Paul*

Thank you to **Peter Curran, Graham Bolland, Julia Mason, Gill Emmott and Carole Benson** for joining a rota for opening and closing St Winefride's Church during my forthcoming holiday.

Thank you to **Sarah Longstreath** for joining the servers' rota at St John's.

I will be on **holiday** between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> September with my good friend Fr Franco Mastromauro, who is a Comboni missionary and who celebrated his Golden Jubilee a couple of years ago. We will be going on a road-trip across Europe staying at Comboni houses in Europe and ending at the Dolomites. As a result this bulletin is a "three-weeker." I can be contacted for emergencies through the Parish Office. *Fr Paul*

On the weekend of 7th/8th September, **Fr Henry Somah** of the Society of African Missions, will be preaching the annual Mission Appeal and on the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> September **Fr Emmanuel Mbeh** from APF-Mill Hill will be speaking about the Red Boxes which many parishioners use to support the Missions. Both these priests need feeding! I should be grateful if some parishioners would invite them to eat with them on the two Saturday evenings and on the two Sunday lunchtimes. Please simply contact the Parish Office.

**Friars' Soup Kitchen:** This weekend. We need tins of soup, tins of tomatoes, tins of tuna. Also coffee and sugar for the drinks. Collections will be made after Sunday Masses in both Churches. Donations can be left in St Winefride's Church porch up to midday on Sunday.

September is **SVP Awareness Month** and the Presidents of our two conferences **Paul Mangeolles** and **Moirra Park** will be delivering lectern addresses after each Mass this weekend. There will also be a second collection whose proceeds will be shared between the two conferences.

I am grateful to the following people who have kindly agreed to become members of the newly instituted **Parish Halls Maintenance Committee: Tricia Barstow**, (whose former job included her being the Building Custodian for Bingley Town Hall, has acceded to my request that she be Chair), **Graham Bolland, and Lorraine Towler**. The draft constitution of the committee is available on noticeboards.

**St Winefride's Cleaning Dates:** Mondays 2nd, 16th and 30th September at 8.30am. Any help is appreciated. Phone 01274 672485 for further information.

We are very fortunate that a number of **physically disabled adults with learning difficulties** regularly attend our Masses. In particular, Jason, Margaret, Jennifer and Sarah are frequently at the 11.15am Sunday Mass at St John's. Given their shyness and everybody's British reserve, they have not had the opportunity to get to know many other parishioners even though they have been attending Mass for several years. They would love to get to know more people. Also they struggle to open hymn books and pamphlets by themselves. I should be grateful therefore if some St John's worshippers would help their fellow parishioners by sitting on the front row with them. There is a rota for this responsibility in the porch. Thank you. *Fr Paul*

Thank you to **Krystyna Edmondson** agreeing to help with flower arranging at St Winefride's. May we have some more volunteers please? Free training given! Contact Tricia Barstow: 07596680403/01274 850866.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 31st August, 7th & 14th September, 5.30-6.00pm (St Winefride's).

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

## Parish events

Sunday 1st September, 2.30pm: Faith and Light Group Ten-Pin Bowling Trip. Hollywood Bowl, The Leisure Exchange, Bradford (BD1 5LD ). All welcome.

Wed 4th Sep, 1.00pm: Catholic Care Wednesday Lunch & Friendship Group is on the move! The group is moving back to St Winefride's Church Hall for this Wednesday's session (3<sup>rd</sup> September) 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. Hope to see you there!

Monday 9th Sep, 7.15pm: Union of Catholic Mothers meeting. St John's Church Hall. All welcome.

Wednesday 16th September, 6pm: Planning meeting for our Parish Summer Gala/Fair(s) in association with our schools, St Winefride's School. Our new Executive Head, Ben Lavin, has kindly agreed to host a meeting for parishioners and his colleagues to work out how we can relaunch the Summer Gala/Fair to raise money for the parish and build up our parish-schools community. Please come along with ideas!

Thursday 19th September, 4.30pm: Eco Action Group, Presbytery.

Wednesday 25th September, 6pm: Planning meeting for the Parish New Years' Eve Party, Presbytery.

26th September: **Shared Leadership Team Meeting (formerly Evangelisation Team Meeting)**

Saturday 28th September: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

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

Mon 7th October, 6.15pm: Minibus leaves St John's for **Batley Torchlight Procession** (pick-up at St Winefride's). Tickets: £6. Book your seat at the Parish Office.

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

**Engaging in mission together:** I am grateful to the UCM for questioning the purpose of the change from a Parish Forum to a **Parish Pastoral Council**. Members have expressed concern that parishioners who will not be on the Council will not have an opportunity to make their voices heard. It's a good point.

My purpose in instituting a Parish Pastoral Council is to galvanise parishioners into playing their God-given role in the mission of the Church. In dialogue with Bishop Marcus and having participated in a couple of conferences on parish renewal, it has become clear to me that we need to begin a process through which parishioners can become co-responsible. This is in line with Pope Emeritus Benedict's thinking as expressed here:

"It is necessary to improve pastoral structures in such a way that the co-responsibility of all the members of the People of God in their entirety is gradually promoted.. This demands a change in mindset, particularly concerning lay people. They must no longer be viewed as 'collaborators' of the clergy but truly recognized as 'co-responsible,' for the Church's being and action, thereby fostering the consolidation of a mature and committed laity."

The 12 members of the new Council will hopefully, because they represent particular parish groups or categories of parishioners, be assiduous in participating in quarterly meetings. My hope is that they will, during the course of the year, create a simple Parish Mission Statement and then a simple Parish Mission Plan to implement it according to a limited number of aims and objectives.

The Council will be assisted in its work by the already existing Evangelisation Team. This will now be re-named the Shared Leadership Team. The purpose of the Team is to assist the Parish Priest in making decisions about pastoral, spiritual, formational and evangelical matters in line with the Parish Mission Statement agreed (when it is agreed) by the Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish Forum has for many years provided a valuable opportunity for parishioners to share views. The model has two distinct disadvantages. Firstly, it has often not been clear who is to act upon the insights gained. In practice this has meant that the Parish Priest undertakes initiatives, appealing in the process for helpers. In this way the model perpetuates an outdated clericalism in the Church (and puts unnecessary pressure on the priest). Secondly, the Forum belongs to the history of a single part of our parish, namely the former Parish of St John the Evangelist. It has been noticeable that fewer parishioners who worship more at St Winefride's have attended Forum meetings. Instituting a new form of collective decision-making will hopefully foster the ongoing process of unification within the parish. However, I am not sure how parishioners who will not be in either the Team or the Council will be able to express their views and would welcome advice. Copies of the draft constitutions of the Council and the Team are on the noticeboards. *Fr Paul*

## **Youth Group**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30-8.30pm: Back-to-school Disco, St Winefride's Hall.