



Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

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Sunday 22nd November 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17: As for you, my sheep, I will judge between sheep and sheep Ps 22: Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Second Reading	1Cor:15:20-26,28: He will hand over the Kingdom to God the Father.
Acclamation	Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord.
Gospel	Matt 25:31-46: He will take His seat on the throne and he will separate men one from another.

Saturday 21st November		
Sunday 22nd November OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE SOL	9.45am St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>) 5.00pm St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>)	People of the Parish; Kitty Otto LD <i>Open Church</i>
Monday 23th November	8.00am St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>)	Monica and Eddie O'Hara A; Matthew RIP
Tuesday 24th November Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs. MEM	9.00am St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>) 6.00-7.00pm St John's	Kazimiera Wisniewska A; Int of Tommy Butterfield (sick) <i>Open Church</i>
Wednesday 25th November	8.30am NB St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>)	Veronica Birkbeck LD; Christine Connell LD
Thursday 26th November	9.00am St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>)	Zachariah RIP; Eddie Finn RIP
Friday 27th November	9.15am <i>L-stream Mass for St John the Evangelist and St Wine- fride's Schools, St Winefride's</i> 2.15pm-3.15pm St Winefride's (<i>L- stream</i>)	Patrick Treacy RIP; Mary Britten (Birth Rem) <i>Open Church</i>
Saturday 28th November	9.00-10.00am St John's 10.30am St. Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>)	<i>Open Church</i> Paul Goulding A; Matthew RIP
Sunday 29th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B	9.45am St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>) 5.00pm St Winefride's (<i>L-stream</i>)	People of the Parish; Mary Cunningham RIP <i>Open Church</i>

Please pray for those who are **sick**, and for those who have **died**.

Parish governance

Thursday 19th November, 7pm: Shared Leadership Team: Zoom conversation: What should we doing now and how should we be planning for the future?

Thursday 17th December, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council

A concern about **Safeguarding**? Please phone the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: 0113 261 8046.

Donations: 8th Nov: **Env: £46.24; Donation: £50; Standing order (average): £450.** Thank you. By standing order, by phone, by text or by a special on-line “donate” button: there are lots of ways in which you can support your parish. Go to our website—www.marymotherofgod.org.uk—to find out more.

Liturgy

A number of people have been asking how they may go to **Confession**: please just tap one of the priests on the shoulder during any of our four weekly Holy Hours. Couldn't be simpler!

Christmas Masses: St Winefride's: Vigils 4pm; 6pm; Midnight Mass; and 8am and 10am on Christmas Day; St John's: Vigil 6pm; and 9am and 10.30am on Christmas Day. Also, Bishop Marcus has asked us to remind parishioners that the Christmas Octave (ie the eight days of Christmas) is in effect an extended Christmas Day so it would be perfectly appropriate to refrain from attending Mass on Christmas Day itself and attend on one of these days instead. In this parish the Octave Masses will be celebrated at 10am. Do you play a **musical instrument**? Play a religious piece at home, record it on your phone, send me a sound-file and I'll use it to animate our Sunday Masses. Please share your talent to lend variety to our liturgies and encourage your brothers and sisters in their faith!

Children and young people

Today is **Youth Sunday** and it is a good time for us to consider how we may build on our pre-Covid youth group activities. What about a **post-Confirmation Group for children in Years 6 to 8?** What about an initiative aimed especially at **Sixth Formers?** In the meantime, for young people aged 13 to 17: the diocesan Youth Service's Zoom Sycamore Course, Wednesdays 4.30-6pm: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Outreach to vulnerable local people

Thank you to **Mary-Jo Daly** (maryjo.daly@icloud.com) for again taking leadership on distributing food parcels following a second generous donation to the parish from the **Albert Gubay Foundation**, this time for £2,500. If you have time to shop on two or three occasions for a local family please contact her. Could you **telephone** somebody who is shielding once a week for a chat? Please contact **Moira Page** (t: 07952 258572; e: mtp1958@hotmail.co.uk) who is coordinating this parish effort.

Adult and young people's faith formation

During these Zoom sessions, which will always last no more than an hour, we will view the appropriate Sycamore video and have two opportunities for some gentle discussion.

Catholic Enquiry Group: 8.00pm, Tues 24th Nov: “Mary and the Hope of Heaven” (20).

Sixth Form Confirmation Class: 8.00pm, Wed 25th Nov: “The Meaning of Love” (10).

Parents of Confirmation Candidates: 7.00pm, Thurs 26th Nov: “The Community of the Church” (13).

Baptism: Faith formation sessions for parents: 11am, Saturdays 16th, 23rd and 30th January.

Starting next Sunday at 4pm we will begin the four-session **Sycamore Advent Course** via Zoom. The focus of these one-hour sessions, during which we will both watch videos and discuss the issues they explore, is on our search for God in life (Film 1) and in prayer (Film 2), and how God reaches out to us in history (Film 3) and through the Bible (Film 4). The course is for Christians who want to go deeper. The Meeting ID is 853 8375 6685 and the Passcode is 927975. Join us!

In the New Year we will be beginning a new **Sycamore Enquirers' Course**. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to enrol.

First sacraments

A reminder to parents: Penette Cronly, who died earlier this year, kindly donated lots of **First Holy Communion** dresses and shoes and tiaras to our parish. Borrow items for your daughter's big day and spend what you save on the party afterwards! Contact Julia Mason julia.mason@win.bcwcac.co.uk).

We have had to suspend our **Confirmation catechesis** at St Winefride's School on Tuesday afternoons because most of the candidates are self-isolating but our Wednesday afternoon sessions at St John's School are continuing. As a response to this situation Fr Paul and Fr Peter will give 30- to 40-minute sessions via Facebook at 10am on Tuesday 24th November (The Gift of the Eucharist), Thursday 26th November (The Gift of Faith Handed On), Tuesday 1st December (The Gift of Prayer), Thursday 3rd December (The Gift of Service) and at 6.30pm on Sunday 6th December (The Gift of Confirmation). The course is not disintegrating; it's just getting better. Parents, please support this initiative!

Social life

Parish Zoom Quiz: Saturday 28th November, 5pm

Parish Men's Group: Thursday 3rd December, 8pm. If you would like to give this new group a try please contact President **Christoph Höllerer**: christoph_hoellerer@yahoo.co.uk .

The **Annual St Joseph's College Past Pupils' Day** is being marked virtually – you can access the website where there are pictures (<https://sbsj.co.uk/st-josephs-history/>) and an opportunity to comment and converse (<https://sbsj.co.uk/st-josephs-past-pupil-day-2020>).

Fr Paul's Diary: Tues 24th, 1.30pm: Standards Committee, Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust; 6.30pm: St John's Local Academy Council; Wed 25th, 9.15am: St Winefride's Local Academy Council; Thurs 26th, 8pm: Shared Leadership Team.