

Diocesan and other news

25th September to 3rd November: 40 Days for Life has resulted in over sixteen thousand babies being saved from abortion worldwide since 2007. Join us for a while outside Marie Stopes Abortion Facility LS7 4AB for peaceful prayer vigil. daily 7am to 7pm. If you want to go along with someone else contact Chris Redding. 07815681343 or 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com

28th September —4th October: Our Common Home - a week of events celebrating & giving thanks for God's creation St Walburga's, Shipley and St Aidan's Baildon. Details of events: Parish of St Teresa of the Cross Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Parish-of-St-Teresa-Benedicta-of-the-Cross-1710529799206704/>

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 (see above).

The following liturgies take place to celebrate the **Re-opening of St Patrick's Mission Church:**

Friday 4th October, 7pm: Solemn Vespers, followed by all-night Eucharistic Adoration with music (led by Youth 2000 Music Ministry and Friends) and meditations until midnight.

Saturday 5th October, 10am: Benediction, Holy Rosary at 11am and Holy Mass at noon celebrated by Bishop Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds. Followed by refreshments.

Sat 5th Oct, 10am—3pm: Training for Catechists for new **1st H Communion** Programme. Hinsley Hall. Contact Gregory Stacey: gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 0113 261 8043.

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 70th (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.

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).

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, can be ordered by text/phone: 07505 948909, email bcptickets@live.co.uk or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/bradfordcatholicplayers.

Vacancies

Growing Old Gracefully is looking for an energetic self-starter to work on a freelance basis supporting the development of our project, started 10 years ago, working with older people across the Diocese of Leeds. The project has funding for a part-time role, working 14 hours per week (or monthly equivalent) at £18 per hour plus travel expense. Funding initially for a one year contract. Closing date 30th Sep. Interviews: Friday 25th Oct. Application packs via email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk Informal enquiries Carol Burns 07739 975019.

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.sjfchs.org.uk or contact Dion Mills (Hays Recruitment) on 07899063321 or dion.mills@hays.com. Closing Date: Mon 14 Oct 2019.

Catholic Care has an exciting opportunity to join its **Strategic Leadership Team** through the role of **Head of Operations**. If you are a values led person, have experience within a similar senior role and would relish the opportunity of the challenge of this new and exciting role, we would like to hear from you. Please visit www.catholic-care.org.uk or telephone Ann Gosney on 0113 3885400 for Information Pack.

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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www.marymotherofgod.org.uk

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Church hall bookings (£15 per hour):

St John the Evangelist's School

St Winefride's School

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 22nd September 2019

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

First Reading *Amos 8: 4-7.* Against those who 'buy up the poor for money'.

Resp Psalm *Ps112: 1-2, 4-8 r.1.7.* **Praise the Lord, who raises the poor. Or Alleluia.**

Second Reading *Tim 2:1-8.* There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

Gospel *Lk 16: 1-13.* *You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.*

Saturday 21st September	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Mrs Asson RIP
VIGIL		
Sunday 22nd September	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 1.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i> 5.00pm <i>St John's</i>	Helen Bailey LD People of the Parish <i>Baptism: Ethan Russell</i> <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Monday 23rd September	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Helen Bailey LD
St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest MEM		
Tuesday 24th September	9.30am <i>St John's</i> 7.00pm <i>St John's</i>	Yorkshire Brethren Brian Metcalfe RIP
Our Lady of Walsingham MEM		
Wednesday 25th September	12.30pm <i>St Winefride's</i> 2.00pm <i>Springfield</i>	Marjorie Oldcorn A Service of the Word with H. Com
Thursday 26th September	10.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Requiem Mass: James McCorris-ton RIP
Ss Cosmos and Damian, Martyrs OM		
Friday 27th September	9.15am <i>St Winefride's Schl</i> 2.30pm <i>Scholemoor Crem</i>	Eric Schofield RIP Funeral Service: Jeffrey Skelly RIP
Friday 27th September	St Vincent de Paul, Priest MEM	
Saturday 28th September	10.00am <i>St John's</i>	In thanksgiving to St Jude
VIGIL	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday 29th September	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 Alesha MacPhail RIP <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		

Confessions: Saturdays 29th September, 5.30-6.00pm, St Winefride's; Tuesday, 6.30-6.50pm, St John's; Wednesday, 12-12.20pm, St Winefride's.

Parish news

Offertory: 1/9/19 Env £560.54; Loose £457.21. Donation from St John's Luncheon Club £250; donation from K & J Ingham following the death of Mrs Margaret Ingham: £200.

Offertory: 8/9/19 Env £625.70; Loose £404.84. African Mission £288.39 .

Offertory: 15/9/19 Env £475.02; Loose £391.51. Thank you for your generosity.

We will have the first of our four annual Mass counts this weekend. Sadly the number of parishioners attending Mass has declined over the last 12 months.

Thank you to **Fr Peter Nealon**, a recently retired priest of our Diocese, who will be supplying for Fr Paul at this evening's Vigil Mass. Fr Paul will be celebrating a Mass to mark the Silver Wedding anniversary of his cousin, Patricia Bradley and her husband Stephen, in Letchworth.

Thank you to the following parishioners who have kindly agreed to be members of the new **Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)**: Bernadette Benyon (with Denise Sutcliffe as a reserve), Union of Catholic Mothers; Gill Emmott (with Judith King as a reserve), Saint Vincent de Paul Society; Jill Grant, housebound parishioners; Sean Kilduff, parishioners with liturgical ministries; Ellie-Rose Henry, young adults; Helen Lawlor (Secretary) Julia Mason, catechists for the first sacraments; Monica Spyрка, Youth Group Team; Michelle Vink, groups for older people; Eve Wright, Eco Action Group. Next week we will announce the names of a few more members and the dates of the quarterly meetings.

As I noted in an earlier bulletin, concern has rightly been expressed that under this new system parishioners who are not members of the PPC will not have **a channel to express their views**. I should like to address this anxiety as follows. Firstly, I invite all parishioners to raise issues, whenever they consider it appropriate, by contacting the Parish Office (the contact details are on the front of this bulletin and on the parish website and Facebook Page). You may remember that when I want to discover people's views I regularly canvass them through the bulletin. Secondly, people can express their views and give feedback via their PPC rep (if they are a member of a parish group or belong to a particular category (eg young adults). Reps will be expected to act as conduits for feedback as part of their role anyway, certainly they should be aware of the views of their group. Thirdly we will set up feedback boxes in each church porch with short forms by each. Fourthly, I would expect the PPC to exercise good judgement in determining if a particular issue warrants wider consultation and the appropriate mechanisms for doing so e.g. open meeting, survey etc. *Fr Paul*

Thank God a number of people have enquired about **becoming a Catholic**. If you would like to explore this possibility please contact the Parish Office. A special group for those who think they may wish to take this step will meet at 7pm on a number of Thursdays during the course of the year, in the presbytery, beginning on 17th October.

Might you be interested in **finding out more about the Catholic faith** in an open-ended, no-commitment kind of way? I'll be announcing a few initiatives in next week's bulletin to meet this need. You may be an unbaptised parent whose child has returned from school saying: "Who made God, Mummy?" or a Catholic who last went to church when Bradford City were in the Premiership, or when Busby's was at its best. Increasingly people are looking for light-touch but content-rich ways of exploring the Catholic faith and we'll try and respond to that need. *Fr Paul*

Tuesday 24th, 11am-1pm: Visit St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College, Bradford to meet with Matthew Hargreaves, Head of Matthew House; Wednesday 25th, 4pm: Meet with Kevin Anderson, Diocesan Director of Property and Ben Lavin, Exec Head re necessary repairs to Portakabin which houses St John's Playgroup, St John's School; 5pm: Induction of Peter Sowden as member of Secretarial Team, Presbytery; 6pm: Planning Meeting for Parish New Year's Eve Party, Presbytery; Friday 27th, 6pm: Shared Leadership Team Meeting, Presbytery.

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

In recent weeks we have had experienced considerable **theft and vandalism at the St Winefride's site**. Last week thieves smashed through the sacristy wall and stole the empty side tabernacle (which serves as an altar of repose on Holy Thursday and tried unsuccessfully to open the safe (which contains only inexpensive items). This week, they stole a lot of copper from the façade of the church. There have also been attempts to gain entry to the sacristy through the windows giving on to the land behind and several window in the hall have been smashed, again in a failed attempt to force entry. One of the confessionals has been vandalised and fire extinguishers have been stolen. We will have an urgent security review this week. In the meantime, St Winefride's Church will remain locked apart from for services.

October is the Month of the Rosary and as usual we will say the Rosary before the Vigil and Sunday Masses and often before weekday Mass. I should be grateful if parishioners would sign up on the rota in the porches to take on the responsibility of leading this beautiful devotion which begins at 4.55pm on the Saturday and at 8.55am and 10.55am on the Sundays.

Congratulations to the winners of the **September 200 Club prizes**: £50 each to L Towler (161), P Taylor (65), J Foster (76), D Bairstow (173), J Brundle (124).

St Winefride's Cleaning Date: 30th September, 8.30am. Help greatly appreciated: 01274 672485.

APF (Mill Hill) - Redbox Holders: (St Winefride's only) please bring to church for emptying, leave them at the repository (this does not apply to new box holders). Info: Brian Roberts 07948685737.

Thank you to **Graham Bolland, Peter Curran, Julia Mason, Gill Emmott and Carole Benson** who kindly opened and locked the church while I was on holiday.

Monthly Collection for the Friars' Soup Kitchen: next week-end. 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 also be left in St Winefride's Church porch up to midday on Sunday.

Parish events

Wed 25th September, 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. Contact Moira: 07952 258572 for catering purposes. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday 25th September, 5.30-8pm: **St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College Open Evening**. Headteacher's Address at 5.45 and 6.45pm. Ignis Site, Cunliffe Road, Bradford BD8 7AP.

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

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

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

Tuesday 8th October, 1.15pm: **Fatima Group Meeting**, St Winefride's School. Come along to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea with your friends and be entertained by the Mini Vinnies. The children love to chat to you all. Contact the School Office if you require a parking place. Tel: 01274 677705. All are welcome.

Satu 12th October, 8pm: Come along to the excellent **Quiz Night** at St John's Church Hall. It's a great night!

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

Saturday 26th October, 11am: **Mass for the Sick and Social (SVP)** St Winefride's.

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 Church 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

Amusing quotation from church bulletin: The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.