

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.

**Sycamore:** Thursday evenings, 6.45-8.15pm. Starts 7th Nov, Presbytery. If you have ever asked questions such as "How can we find happiness?", "What's the meaning of life?", "Is there a God?", "Does prayer make a difference?" you might be interested in Sycamore. Sycamore explores the Christian faith and its relevance for life today over the course of ten weeks. It gives you a space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter. Each session involves some refreshments, a short film and some time for discussion. There is no pressure or commitment, you can attend as many or as few of the sessions as you want and everyone is welcome. To find out more: <https://www.sycamore.fm/>.

**Would you like to become a Catholic?** The programme begins on Thursday 17th October, 7pm. If you are interested in any of the above courses please get in touch with the Parish Office, via email [mary-motherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:mary-motherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or phone 01274 677992.

Diocesan and other news

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 (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](mailto: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 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.

Fri 11th– Sat 12th Oct: St Wilfrid's Way 2019 annual diocesan walking 'Camino' between Leeds and Ripon. See information on diocesan website, but could all planning to join any part of the walk or any of the Pilgrim's Masses at historic sites along the way, please email [communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

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: text/phone: 07505 948909 or email [bcptickets@live.co.uk](mailto:bcptickets@live.co.uk)

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct, 5:30pm – 10:30pm: Nightfever, Leeds Cathedral. There will be Mass, Adoration, music and prayer. Volunteers will invite people into the Cathedral to pray. Priests will be available for conversations and/or confession. Find Nightfever Leeds on Facebook/Twitter or contact [nightfeverleeds@outlook.com](mailto:nightfeverleeds@outlook.com)

Sunday 13th Oct, 4pm: Bradford Catholic Youth Choir fundraising concert: St Walburga's Church, Shipley. Join the Senior Choirs of BCYC for a wonderful hour of music as they prepare for their choir pilgrimage to Rome. The programme includes music by Mozart and Durante, and will feature the Boys' and Girls' Choirs. Admission is free with a suggested donation of £5 on the door.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 7-9.30pm: at Ss Peter & Paul Parish Centre, Wakefield, WF2 7NR. An opportunity to hear from the organisations which are supporting Refugees and Asylum Seekers and learn about the volunteer roles available. Short presentations and information stalls. Contact Lucy Irven on 07739 975 020.

**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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Church hall bookings (£15 per hour):

St John the Evangelist's School

St Winefride's School

Contact the Parish Office

Executive Head Teacher Mr B Lavin

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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 29th September 2019**

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

First Reading *Am 6: 1a, 4-7.* Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled.

Resp Psalm *Ps145: 1.* **My soul, give praise to the Lord .**

Second Reading *Tim 6: 11-16.* Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord.

Gospel *Lk 16: 19-31.* *Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.*

Saturday 28th September	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday 29th September <b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	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 Alesha MacPhail RIP <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 30th September	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of Rev Paul Grogan
Tuesday 1st October <b>St Therese of Lisieux, Virgin and Doctor of the Church MEM</b>	7.00pm <i>St John's</i>	Philip Butlem A
Wednesday 2nd October <b>The Holy Guardian Angels MEM</b>	12.30pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int Anne Moorhouse (sick)
Thursday 3rd October	<i>No public Mass today</i>	
Friday 4th October <b>St Francis of Assisi MEM</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's School</i> 2.00pm <i>The Beeches</i> 6.00pm <i>St John's</i>	Int of Julie Simpson (sick) & family <i>Service of the Word with H. Com First Friday Mass</i>
Saturday 5th October <b>VIGIL</b>	10.00am <i>St John's</i> 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Maura Phillipson RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 6th October <b>TWENTY-SEVENTH 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> 3.00pm <i>St John's</i>	Stephen Lumb LD Int of Sheila Taylor (Birth) Bap: Annie Mae Kellett, Esme and Amelie Pascal <i>Faith and Light Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>

**Confessions:** Saturdays 5th and 12th October, 4.30-5.00pm (St Winefride's). Tuesdays 6.30-6.50pm (St John's) Wednesdays 12-12.20pm St Winefride's).

**First Saturday Devotions:** Saturday 5th, 9.30am (St John's).

**Offertory: Env £598.46; Loose £446.92. St W's Refreshments £49.00. Thank you or your generosity.**

This coming Friday is **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**. Please take an envelope from the porch, deny yourself some food on Friday and bring your offering to church next weekend.

This weekend we have our **monthly collection of foodstuffs fro the friars' soup kitchen**. 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.

The second of our **annual Mass counts** will take place this weekend.

**Bacon Sandwiches** are available after the 9.15 Mass this Sunday.

There will be a **second collection next Sunday**, 6th October, for the **Catholic Education Service**.

**Eve Wright**, the Chair of our Eco Action Group, is to speak after our 9.15am Mass about initiatives in the parish to protect the environment.

Thank you to **Mary Martin** who has chaired our Parish Forum for the last four years. During this time we have got rid of our debt, improved our buildings massively and developed our parish life in innumerable ways. Mary has guided our quarterly conversations very sensitively and with good humour and has ensured that everybody has had the opportunity to express their opinions and so shape our various programmes. Mary only agreed to take on the post for three years but kindly continued for another year at my request. The Parish Forum has now concluded its work.

Thank you to **Joe Deegan** who has kindly accepted my invitation to become the **Chair of the new Parish Pastoral Council**. *Fr Paul*

Thank you also to the following people who have accepted new roles: **John Iles**, who has agreed to oversee a security review following recent thefts and vandalism at St Winefride's and **Graham Bolland, Mick Frost, Ellie-Rose Henry** and **Andy Martin**, who have agreed to assist him; **Ben Lavin**, the Executive Director of our two Primary Schools, and **Agnes Tetteh**, who have agreed to become members of the new Parish Pastoral Council (Agnes will represent the Praise and Worship Group), **Florie Bentley**, who has agreed to head up the planning group for our parish New Year's Eve Party, **Peter Sowden** who is to rationalise our electronic files in the Parish Office and who, with **Matthew Hodgson**, is to work with the diocesan IT department to introduce a system of storing parish data on the Cloud, **Bernadette Benyon** who has agreed to organise the Parish Christmas Party and **Moirá Page** who is to assist her in this task, and **Pat and Sheila Taylor and Margaret Green** who kindly fed our visiting supply priests.

Thank you in addition to local Wibsey councillors **Ralph Berry** and **David Green** who got in touch to express their concern and support after the recent vandalism at St Winefride's Church.

**St Winefride's Cleaning Date:** 30th September, 8.30am. Any help is appreciated: 01274 672485.

As we will hear in the talk after each Mass today, we hope to follow the example of other parishes and set up a **car-sharing scheme for Sunday Mass-goers**. Many of our semi-housebound parishioners would love to join us at Mass but they just cannot get to church. Motorists participating in the scheme would sign up for a once-a-month commitment. Parishioners who wanted a lift on a particular Sunday would contact the Parish Office and the Secretarial Team would match up passengers with drivers. I imagine drivers would need to be DBS-checked. We've contacted the diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator. Would anybody be kind enough to get this scheme off the ground ?

Please leave **RED APF boxes** in the Sacristy at St John's. They will be returned to the porch next week.

The Executive Head of our primary schools, **Ben Lavin**, would like to invite you to be part of a **Parish Group** to work with our schools to **plan, organise and run events supporting the parish**, especially both schools' summer fairs. Please complete a form (porch) or contact St Winefride's 677705 or St John's 679030.

At its meeting last week, the **Shared Leadership Team** discussed 1) how we might address the fact that almost all the families of children who receive First Holy Communion cease practising immediately after the event and that almost all adult converts cease practising very quickly too ; 2) on-going adult faith formation within the parish 3) how the Team will relate to the new Parish Pastoral Council.

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

#### Parish events

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 12.15pm: **Parish Auction**, St John's Church Hall. Thank you to St John's SVP for getting this organised. The money raised will go to church funds.

Monday 1st October, 7pm: Meeting of the **Security Review Team**, the Presbytery.

Wednesday 3rd October, 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. 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.

Sunday 6th October: Our parish **UCM** is holding a **McMillan Coffee Morning** after both Masses. Please come!

Monday 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.

Tues 8th Oct, 12pm: **Final meeting of the Tuesday Luncheon Club**. St John's Church Hall. This group has been an institution in our parish for decades. It has been decided that it must now close. The Club has provided a great combination of good food, good fellowship and relaxing games which countless local people have enjoyed. The parish owes a big debt of gratitude to Mona Hughes, the Club coordinator for many years, her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and John, and to the many parishioners who have helped.

Tues 8th Oct, 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 in the staff car park, Tel: 01274 677705. All welcome.

Wednesday 9th October, 7.30pm: **Planning meeting for Parish Christmas Fair**, Presbytery.

Friday 11th October, 12pm: **Funeral Service for Stephen Lumb** RIP. St Winefride's Church

Friday 11th October, 7.30pm onwards: The **UCM** is holding a **Body Shop & Candle Lite Party**, St John's Church Hall. Admission is free. Bar, refreshments & raffle. All proceeds from this evening: Dementia UK.

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

Friday 25th October, 6pm: **Shared Leadership Team Meeting**, Presbytery.

Saturday 26th October, 11am: **Mass for the Sick followed by SVP Lunch**, St Winefride's Hall.

Friday 1st–Sunday 3rd Nov: **Parish Walking Group Weekend Away**. Staying in waterside cottages; walking in Dove Dale; cycling on the Manifold Trail; Sunday Mass in Leek. Susan Uttley 07984370380 .

Wednesday 4th December, 7pm: **Inaugural Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council**, St Winefride's Hall.

Saturday 7th December, 12-3pm: **Parish Christmas Fair**, St Winefride's Hall.

Saturday 14th December, 2pm: **Mass for the Sick followed by SVP Christmas Party**, St John's Church.

Wednesday 18th December, 7pm: **Carol Service** St Winefride's Church.

Thursday 19th December, 7pm: **Carol Service** St John's Church.

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Dec: **New Year's Eve Family Party**. 9pm: Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (our Parish Patronal Feast Day), St Winefride's Church; 10.30pm: Party, St Winefride's Church Hall. Children's games, bar, DJ, food from 11pm (jacket potatoes, beef chilli, veg chilli, pilau rice; nachos and salsa; and multiple cakes). If any parishioners were able add to the food by bringing a prepared dish their contribution would be gratefully received. Complimentary glasses of Prosecco on entry and at Midnight. 11.50pm: Prayers for the New Year. Boogying til 2am. Tickets (£8 per adult; children free) from church piety stalls, the Parish Office & school offices from w/b 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Dress code: semi-formal. Deadline for tickets: 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.

#### 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

#### Provisional dates for forthcoming meetings

**Parish Pastoral Council:** 4th Dec, 7pm, St W's Hall; 5th March, 7pm, St J's Hall; 10th June, 7pm, St W's Hl.

**Finance Committee:** 28th Nov, 12th March (2020) and 11th June, 7pm, Presbytery.

**Halls Management Committee:** 17th Oct, 2pm; 4th Dec, 3pm; 5th March, 2pm; 11th, 2pm, Presbytery.

**Amusing quotation from church bulletin:** Irving Barrett and Jessie Carter were married on October 24th in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.