

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 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 or phone 01274 677992.

Diocesan and other news

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

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).

Wednesday 17th October, 7.30pm: St Robert's Parish Centre, Harrogate. Professor George Herring will give a talk entitled '**Newman, Saint for the 21st Century**'. Numbers are limited. Contact gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

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.

Sunday 20th October, 1.30-5pm: Come and sing a dream of Gerontius. Corpus Christi Church, Neville Rd. LS9 OHD. As part of the Leeds Newman Festival there will be a vocal workshop, led by Tom Leech. To take part, advance reservation is essential before 11th October. Call 0113 2645 260 or email office.blessedjohnnewman@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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Tuesday 22nd Oct, 7-9.30pm: 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. Ss Peter & Paul Parish Centre, Wakefield, WF2 7NR. Contact Lucy Irven on 07739 975 020.

Tuesday 25th Oct: Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance. Met Hotel Leeds. A 3 course dinner including complimentary drink with DJ and dancing. All profits raise will go to the Leeds Diocesan Lourdes fund. Tickets are £40 each or £350 for a table of ten. Info: Phil Marshall 07766 148 375 or philmarshall49@hotmail.com

St Paul's Bookshop, Hinsley Hall is as usual, carrying a full range of Advent candles, inc. hand held with drip shields, a good selection of devotional books for Advent and Christmas and religiously themed Christmas cards. Call in whether new or returning customers, or to discuss your requirements 0113 275 4043 email: hinsleyhall@stpauls.org.uk

Vacancies

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 Closing Date: Mon 14th Oct.

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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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

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 6th October 2019

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

First Reading *Hab 1: 2-3, 2 2-4.* The upright man will live by his faithfulness.

Resp Psalm *Ps94: 2. Oh that today you would listen to his voice! Open up your hearts.*

Second Reading *Tim 1: 6-8, 13-14.* Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

Gospel *Lk 17: 5-10.* If only you had faith!

Saturday 5th October VIGIL	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	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> 5.00pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Stephen Lumb LD Int of Sheila Taylor (Birth) Bap: Annie Mae Kellett, Esme and Amelie Pascal <i>Faith and Light</i> <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary MEM	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 8th October	2.30pm <i>Cooper House</i> 7.00pm <i>St John's</i>	<i>Service of the Word with H. Com</i> Mary Holt A
Wednesday 9th October Blessed John Henry Newman, Priest OM	9.30am <i>St John's Church</i> <i>Year 5 Class Mass, St John's</i> 12.30pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Barry O'Hara LD Int of Archbishop John Wilson
Thursday 10th October St Paulinus of York, Bishop MEM	9.00am <i>St John's</i> 10.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of Adrian Lockwood (sick) <i>Funeral Serv:</i> Sheila Milburn RIP
Friday 11th October St John XXIII, Pope OM	9.15am <i>St Winefride's School</i> 12.00pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Barry O'Hara LD <i>Funeral Serv:</i> Stephen Lumb RIP
Saturday 12th October VIGIL	10.00am <i>St John's</i> 5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Lawrence Chambers RIP Malcom Sitrling RIP
Sunday 13th October TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 David A Taylor RIP <i>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).

Holy Rosary: Before all Masses during October, the Month of the Rosary.

Parish news

Offertory: Env £565.94; Loose £360.80. Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a **second collection today** for the **Catholic Education Service**. This was moved from last month because of the annual Foreign Missions Appeal.

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

Thank you to **St John's SVP** for organising last Sunday's **Parish Auction** which raised **£391.75** for parish funds (this included £35 raised by the UCM who were selling bacon sandwiches at the same event). Great example of lucrative inter-group cooperation!

Please sign up on the rotas in our church porches to **lead the rosary** before weekend Masses during October, the Month of the Holy Rosary.

This week Fr Paul will be taking Holy Communion to **housebound parishioners in Group One (Shelf, Wibsey slack and Woodside)**.

Thank you to **Sandra Scully** for offering to represent the **Faith and Light Group** on the Parish Pastoral Council. All the places have now been filled.

Thank you to all who bought from or donated to the recent sweet stall held by **Emma Hollerer** for the **Bradford Catholic Youth Choir**. We raised **£80**. Members of the choir, including our own parishioners, will be undertaking a choir development tour to Rome next month. The Choir will sing Mass for All Saints' and All Souls' Day, sing at the tomb of St Paul at St Paul without the Walls, and give a concert in the chapel of the Venerable English College. Choir Master Tom Leech is very grateful.

Thank you to **Bernadette Benyon** who has kindly agreed to work on the practical details of launching a **car-share rota for weekend Masses**. This service, which was proposed by the parish Eco-action Group, will enable some housebound parishioners to attend Mass.

I should be grateful if Mass-goers at the **5.15pm Vigil Mass** would sign up as **Readers and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** on the sheet in the porch before Mass begins. As the number of people attending this Mass continues to decline it is proving increasingly difficult to find parishioners to exercise these ministries. Currently, out of necessity, we are having to ask people at the last-minute, which is obviously not very desirable.

Cleaning Dates: Mondays 14th and 28th October and 11th and 25th November at 8.30am. Please come along and lend a hand. Help always needed. Contact: 01274 672485.

Formation of children for First Sacraments

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

Saturday 10th October, 10am-4pm: **Retreat for Confirmation candidates**, St John's Church and Hall.

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

Fr Paul's activities this week: Mon evening: **Batley Torchlight Procession**; Wed, 11am: Gives children from **Farfield Primary School** tour of St John's Church; Tuesday, 7.30: Meeting with **Joe Deegan** (Chair) to discuss new **Parish Pastoral Council**; Thursday, 3pm: **Health and Safety Review** with **David Dooling**, Presbytery; 6pm: **St John's Local Academy Council**, St John's School; Friday, 5pm: Meet with **Claire Collinson** to discuss establishing **Parish Family Groups**, Presbytery; Saturday, 10am-4pm: **Confirmation Retreat**, St John's Church and Hall.

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.

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

Parish events

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. Several seats still available.

Monday 7th October, 7.15pm: **UCM meeting**, St John's Hall. All welcome.

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.

Tues 8th Oct, 6.30pm: **St Winefride's SVP Conference** meeting in the Parish Room.

Wednesday 9th 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.

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

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.

Saturday 12th October, 8pm: **Parish Quiz Night**, St John's Church Hall. All welcome.

Tuesday 15th October, 11.15am: **Requiem Mass for Anne Fuller RIP**, St Winefride's Church.

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.

Friday 25th October, 1.30-4.30pm: **Tweenies Autumn Fair**. St Winefride's Church Hall. Stalls include tombola, children's tombola, cakes, refreshments and photos by Tempest photographers. Donations for stalls greatly accepted and can be dropped off Mondays & Fridays in the Church Hall.

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 31st 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 3rd October. Dress code: semi-formal. Deadline for tickets: 15th Dec.

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.