



## Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

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**Sunday 8th November 2020**

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

- First Reading Wis 6:12-16: Wisdom is found by those who look for her.  
 Ps 23: **Response: For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.**
- Second Reading 1Thes: 4:13-18: God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus.
- Acclamation Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour.
- Gospel Matt 25:1-13: The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.

Saturday 7th November		
Sunday 8th November <b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.45am St Winefride's ( <i>L-stream</i> ) 5.00pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish/ Croker Family RIP <i>Open Church</i>
Monday 9th November <b>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA FEAST</b>	8.00am St Winefride's ( <i>L-stream</i> )	Fr Charles Doughty RIP; Lock/O'Toole Family RIP
Tuesday 10th November <b>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church MEM</b>	9.00am St. Winefride's ( <i>L-stream</i> ) 10.15am Joseph Hey's Chapel  6.00-7.00pm St John's	Patrick & Anne Treacey RIP; Irene Parkinson RIP <i>Funeral Service: Dolores Clutterbuck RIP</i> <i>Open Church</i>
Wednesday 11th November <b>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop MEM</b>	9.15am <i>Zoom Mass for St John the Evangelist School, St Winefride's</i> Private Mass, St Winefride's	Mary Martin RIP; Private Int (EN)
Thursday 12th November <b>St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr MEM</b>	9.00am St Winefride's ( <i>L-stream</i> )	Joseph RIP; Mary RIP
Friday 13th November	9.15am <i>Zoom Mass for St Winefride's Schl, St Winefride's</i> 10.30am St John's  2.15pm-3.15pm St Winefride's	Tony Platt RIP; Monica O'Hara RIP <i>Funeral Service: Veronica Birkbeck RIP</i> <i>Open Church</i>
Saturday 14th November	9.00-10.00am St John's 10.30am St. Winefride's ( <i>L-stream</i> )	<i>Open Church</i> Int of the Parkin Family; Veronica Birkbeck LD
Sunday 15th November <b>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.45am St Winefride's ( <i>L-stream</i> ) 5.00pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish; Patrick Deely RIP <i>Open Church</i>

Please pray for those who are **sick**, for those who have **died** and for those whose **anniversaries** occur about this time.

There will be a **Remembrance Sunday** Service at Wibsey War Memorial at 2pm this afternoon. It will be broadcast via live-stream on the Wibsey Village Facebook Site. We will be represented by Fr Peter Morkah and a parishioner who is a member of the Bradford Catholic Youth Choir will sing "Abide with me." Fr Paul will lead a Service at the Harold Park War Memorial at the same time.

**Donations:** 1st Nov: **Env: £326.03; Loose: £270.75; Standing order (average): £450; Cake stall: £86.50.** Also, during October we received **£258** from nine clicks on the Donate button on the parish website, and **£84** from 14 payments on the contactless payment machine. A single **£20** donation was also given through the Mass stipends button on the website. Thank you.

#### Parish Office

Our Parish Secretary remains on furlough and therefore Fr Paul is doing much of the parish administration himself. The volume of work means that often several days elapse before he is able to respond to non-urgent phone messages and emails. He is grateful for your patience.

#### Liturgy

The fact that we cannot currently come together in church for services (apart from funerals) has highlighted the need for us to open our churches for private prayer. Hence we will now have four **Open Church hours** each week, on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (please see the worship timetable). The churches will be well heated. Parishioners might bring along the Bible or a prayer book or a book of spiritual reading or some rosary beads or simply enjoy sitting in the presence of Our Lord.

We will have live-streamed Masses most days and not just on Sundays from now on.

Bishop Marcus has invited us to join in prayer with other Christians at 6pm each day during the lockdown.

#### Social life

**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 or phone the Parish Office. If you have ideas re discussion topics or social activities, please share them with us.

**Parish Zoom Quiz:** Saturday 21st November, 5pm.

#### First Sacraments

Given the new lockdown we will naturally have to cancel the First Holy Communion Masses which were scheduled to take place at 10am and 11.30am on Sundays 22nd and 29th November. However, government assurances that the lockdown will finish on 2nd December mean that we can continue with the **First Holy Communion Masses** which are scheduled for Sundays 6th, 13th and 20th December. After we made the original arrangements, new guidelines made it possible for congregations to be bigger.

Hence I will be emailing the parents of children who would have received the Sacrament on the Sundays in November to invite them to switch to one of the three Sundays in December. We will have a maximum of ten first communicants at each Mass. Health and safety protocols will be rigorously observed.

We will resume our post-school **Confirmation classes** this week between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday in St Winefride's School and St John the Evangelist School respectively. Our three voluntary faith **formation sessions for parents** and carers also begin this week: at 7pm on Thursday we will watch the Sycamore video "The Power of Prayer" via Zoom, pausing on two occasions to share our responses in break-out groups. Full details will be sent to parents.

#### Adult and young people's faith formation (Zoom discussions on Sycamore videos)

**Catholic Enquiry Group:** 8.00pm, Tues 10th Nov: "The Holy Eucharist" (15).

**Sixth Form Confirmation Class:** 8.00pm, Wed 11th Nov: "Forgiveness, healing and mission" (16)

#### Outreach to vulnerable local people

Our new **Catholic Care Community Market Stall** is open each Wednesday between 10.30am and 11.30am at St Winefride's Hall. For under-pressure local people who would value a carrier bag of food for free. Donations of food gratefully received at the Parish Office.

**Catholic Care** is preparing **hot meals** from St Winefride's Hall on Wednesdays for, alternately, members of our Friendship Group and St William's'. Volunteer drivers: michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk

Would anybody like to join our **telephone ministry team**? Members ring up a parishioner who is shielding or several such each week for a brief chat (or a longer one if that is agreeable/manageable). If you could help please contact **Moira Page**: t: 07952 258572; e: [mtp1958@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mtp1958@hotmail.co.uk)

#### Events at The Briery, Ilkley (01943 607287; [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com))

Living With Loss Course for anyone who is grieving a loved one, no matter how long ago that bereavement was or what the relationship. Five Zoom meetings will be held on alternate Mondays beginning 9th November, 6pm – 7.30pm.

'The Gift of Jesus – Advent Unwrapped' an Advent Day of Recollection given by Fr Dennis Cassidy, Friday 4th December and repeated on Saturday 5th December. The suggested offering is £32.00 per person, to include a 2-course lunch.

The Briery Retreat Centre: A Zoom Meditation is held every Thursday, 7.30pm – 8.15pm. Meeting ID: 836 1008 3525. Looking forward to seeing you.

#### Relax and Revive with Catholic Care

Join Janet Kent from Catholic Care every Monday afternoon at 4pm for a friendly online relaxation group. Call Janet on 07739975008. Sessions will last 30 minutes. Meeting ID: 742 8178 5015 Passcode: 9Td1UL

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