



## Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

**St Winefride's Church, St Paul's Avenue, Bradford BD6 1ST (open daily 7am-7pm)**

**St John the Evangelist's Church, Cooper Lane, Bradford BD6 3NS**

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*St Winefride's Church is open from 7am until late every day for people to access as they wish.*

### Sunday 10th May 2026

Saturday 9th May <b>Vigil Mass</b>	5.15pm St Winefride's	Kenneth McCann A
Sunday 10th May <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 12.45pm St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Wilf and Wyn Parkin RIP Priest's Intention <i>Baptism: Bohdi George Lister</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 11th May <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Malcolm Kemp Birth Remembrance
Tuesday 12th May <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 13th May <b>Weekday of Easter Vigil Masses</b>	7.00am St Winefride's <b>NB</b> 8.00am St Winefride's <b>NB</b> 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall 1.45pm St J's Ch ( <i>ScI Mass</i> ) 7.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Thursday 14th May <b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SOL</b> <b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	7.15am St Winefride's 11am St Winefride's 2.00pm St W's Ch ( <i>ScI Mass</i> ) 6.30pm St John's	Priest's Intention People of the Parish Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Friday 15th May <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> Priest's Intention
Saturday 16th May <b>Weekday of Easter Vigil Mass</b>	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Decsed Members Hunt Family RIP Ints of the Parackal Family
Sunday 17th May <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Carol Sheerin LD Stephen Hick RIP <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

**Confessions:** Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.45pm, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

**Please pray for the sick & the dead.**

Finances

**Offertory: Sun 3rd May: E: £251.60; L: £378.10. Priests' Training Fund: E: £49.00; L: £107.87. Clothing Stall: £17.00. Piety Stall: St W's: £1.70. Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** You may also contribute through the contactless payment machines in our porches or through the donation button on our parish website. **Next week Second Collection: Catholic Communications.**

Parish matters

Today we welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir with Director Adam Whitmore** to our 9.45am Mass at St Win's. Among the pieces they will be singing are the Sanctus & the Agnus Dei from the Rheinberger Messe and Frisina's Anima Christi. Executive Headteacher Mr Lavin has invited children from St W's school to attend this Mass with their families and, depending on who turns up, we hope to get them involved in the singing as well. Mr Whitmore teaches in our parish schools.

We will also be launching in our parish the **Parish Young Cantor Programme** at our Vigil Mass this evening. One of the members of the Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir will be singing the Responsorial Psalm. The Programme, which is a collaboration between Diocese of Leeds Music & the Vicariate for Education, makes it possible for young people who have acquired the requisite skills and confidence through their participation in one of the diocesan choirs to animate parish liturgies.

Please sign up to **recite the Holy Rosary** before one of our weekend Masses in May.

We need more **Readers** for our 5.45pm Vigil & 8.15am Sun Masses. Please volunteer.

We have already received **£867** this year through the **APF Red Mission Boxes**. Thank you. Please leave donations in our sacristies any time between now & the end of June. *Kath Kenningham*

Thank you to those who have kindly joined our new **cleaning team** at St John's Church: **Mary-Jo Daly, Doris Kru, Priscilla Demberere, Cath Hallday & Bernadette Benyon**. We'll create a rota this week. More volunteers please!

Thank you to **Bernadette Benyon and Naomi Naik** who have joined Sandra Scully as members of a new **Sacristy Team** at St John's Church.

Thank you to **Megan Daly** who has joined our team of catechists for the **Children's Liturgy**.

Thank you to Finance and Property Chair **Paul Rafferty** for representing parishioners at last week's consultation on the proposed merger of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam Dioceses at St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College at which Bishop Marcus presided.

Please be sure to place any **valuables** out of sight when parking vehicles in our car park. Two cars were broken into last Sunday morning. Our new CCTV camera captured a good image of a man who is now of interest to the police.

The **Parish Men's Group** scheduled for this Thursday evening has been postponed because it would clash with an important Bradford City match.

Adult formation

**Thursday 28th May, 6.30-7.30pm:** Launch of the **Catholic Formation Group**, St J's Church Hall. This group will provide parishioners with on-going catechesis, allowing them to grow in their faith.

Forthcoming events

**This w/e: Donations for the Friars:** Chocolate, Snack Bars, Corned Beef.

**Mon 11th May, 8.30am: Cleaning St W's Church**

**Sat 16th May, 5.15pm: Termly Family Mass**, to which the families of KS2 pupils at St W's Primary School are especially invited.

**Sat 23rd May 1.30pm: UCM Fashion Show**, Tickets £3 including light refreshments ([bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk)) or purchase after Mass w/e 9/10 & 16/17 May or on door. Donation to Marie Curie. Interested in modelling at this event?: email Bernadette Benyon (see above).

**Sun 24th May, 9.45am: Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation** by Fr Paul, with permission from Bishop Marcus.

**Wed 26th May, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council**, St John's Church Hall.

**27th-30th May: Buttershaw St Paul's AODS** concert at St George's Hall : "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" tickets: 01274 432000.

**Fri 26th-Sun 28th June: Forty Hours' Devotion** in both our schools and churches.

**Sun 12th July, 12.45pm (dep):** First Parish Pilgrimage to the **Annual Postgate Rally** (Diocese of Middlesbrough) in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the Martyrs of England and Wales, St Anne's, Ugthorpe, YO21 2BQ. Mass at 3:00pm. Minibus tickets: £10. Children go free.

Young people and children

**Sats 9/5, 16/5, 6.30-7.30pm: Confirmation Prep for secondary school students**, Presbytery.

**Fri 15th May 6.30pm: Youth Group**, St J's Hall.

**First Holy Communion Programme: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm 13th May; 10th, 17th, 24th June (St J's School). Thurs, 6-7.15pm, 14th May; 11th, 18th, 25th June; (St W's Hall).** Children need to attend Mass each Sunday.

**Fri 12th June, 6.30pm:** Launch of the **Parish Youth SVP Group**, St John's Hall. The Group, which is for 11- to 18-year-olds will allow young people to put their faith into action by helping others.

Group meetings/regular events

**Cath Care Stay & Play: Mon, 9am:** St W's Hall.

**UCM: 1st Mon, 7.30pm:** St J's Hall.

**Catholic Care Lunch Groups: Tues, 1pm,** St J's Hall: **Wed, 1pm,** St W's Hall.

**St J's SVP: Alternate Tues, 5.30pm:** Wdside Ct.

**Bible Study: Wed, 10.30-11.15am,** St W's Hall.

**St W's SVP: 2nd Wed, 11.15am:** St W's Room.

**CC Community Market: Wed, 10am:** St W's Hall.

**Youth Group: Fri, 6.30pm:** St J's Hall, (term time)

**St W's Gardening Grp:** Every Sat, 11am-12noon.

## DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

**TOMB TO MISSION SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES:** On Easter Sunday the Faith Formation department will launch Tomb to Mission, following the journey of the first disciples from discovering the empty tomb to being empowered for mission by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Follow along for Gospel reflections, prayer prompts, catechetical reflections and practical ways to live out our daily mission. Follow Diocese of Leeds Faith Formation (Facebook), @dolfaitformation (Instagram).

**ILLUSTRATED TALK BY PEACE ENVOY REV KATHRYN FITZSIMONS:** Holy Rosary Community Room. Thurs 14th May. 7.00pm. From June-September 2024 Katherine lived in the West Bank on a World Council of Churches programme known as the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine-Israel. Hear her stories of life on the West Bank and take part in the Q&A session that follows.

**THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR:** welcomes all parish musicians and parishioners, all choir parents and friends, and all school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals will take place on Sunday afternoons working towards singing a fun concert on 14 June. Rehearsals : 2.30pm - 4pm on 3, 10 and 24 May, 7 and 14 June, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To sign up please email: [office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk](mailto:office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk)

**LEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL:** Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK and around the world. Mon 11th May – 13th July (no recital 25 May), 1.15pm <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME:** A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 16 May (starting at 2.00pm) and 20 June, 18 July and 8 August, when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**HOW TO READ SAINT PAUL:** This short course, led by Fr Mark Jarmuz, will look at Saint Paul's life and letters, exploring what we can learn about the man and his teachings for our Faith. SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. Dates: Wedns 7pm-8:30pm, 3 June, 10 June, 17 June, 24 June. To book a place please email: [mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION & VESPERS:** Sun 7th June, 3.00pm, St Mary's Church, Batley.

**ST. AIDAN'S MIRFIELD PARISH MISSION:** Mon 22nd June-Wed 24th 2026. Led by Sr Brieghe McKenna & Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani. This is an opportunity to renew our faith and draw closer to Jesus. Sr Brieghe & Fr Pablo are known for their ministry of healing, preaching and have seen many miracles! For further details please ring 01924 492950 or email [office.staidan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.staidan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING:** Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Mon 22nd & 29th June 2026 at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. The cost is £70 and includes a cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments. [ep-bereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:ep-bereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

**NEW LIFE THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY FOR NEW CATHOLICS:** The Faith Formation team within the Vicariate for Education warmly invites newly received Catholics to a retreat day exploring the gift of new life in Christ, including time for prayer and fellowship, celebrating the adventure of faith together. Sat 27 June, 10.00am–3.00pm, Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley, £35 per person (including lunch). Contact the Briery 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk).

**CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS, MIDDLESBROUGH & HALLAM:** there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

**CATHOLIC CARE IS SEEKING NEW TRUSTEES:** to strengthen the skills and experience of its Board. We serve adults, children and families across the Diocese of Leeds who are disadvantaged, vulnerable or marginalised. If you wish to live your faith through action, please apply by sending your interest to [charlotte.grinham@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.grinham@catholic-care.org.uk), outlining your motivation and suitability for the role.

### Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

*Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.*

