



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

Diocese of Leeds Reg. Charity No 249404

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Chair, Parish Pastoral Council: To be elected: chairppc.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Chairs: Finance & Property: Paul Rafferty/Trish Barstow; **Social:** Linsey Holmes.

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Executive Head of Parish Primary Schools (St John's & St Winefride's): Ben Lavin: ben.lavin@bcwcat.co.uk

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Catholic Care in our Parish: Michelle Vink: michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk

Sunday 11th October 2026

Saturday 10th October Vigil Mass	4.00pm: St Winefride's 5.15pm St Winefride's 6.15pm: St Winefride's	<i>Adoremus: Creation</i> People of the Parish <i>Adoremus: Dignity of Human Life</i>
Sunday 11th October TWENTY – EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Kathleen Ellis LD Priest's Intention Shaun Lawlor A <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benedictionn</i>
Monday 12 th October St Wilfrid, Bishop MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Tuesday 13th October Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 14th October Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Int of Canon Keiron Walker
Thursday 15th October St Theresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 16th October Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St Winefride's School 12.00pm St John's 2.30-3.10pm St Win's	Priest's Intention Requiem: Sarah Longstreath RIP <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr MEM Vigil Mass	8.00am NB St John's 9.00am NB St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Sunday 18th October TWENTY – NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 1.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention People of the Parish <i>Baptism: Harry Jonathan Benyon</i>

Please pray for the sick and those who died recently.

Parish Mission Statement: *We reach out to all people in Jesus' name.*

Finances

Offertory: Sun 4th Oct: **E: £245.00; L: £505.46.**
Refreshments: St W's: £8.50; J's: £29.50; **Cloth-**
ing Stall: £11.50; Piety Stall: St W's: 80.00; Car
Boot: £100. Average weekly income: standing
orders: £450; contactless payment machine:
£150. You may also pay through our website.
Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

Thank you to **Stacey Heward** who kindly created a
template in Microsoft Word for our newsletter
following the discontinuation of Microsoft Publisher.
We are trying to work within this framework. Please
be patient with initial errors.

Thank you to Pete Sowden for joining our collection
counters' rota. May we have some more volunteers
so that we can make up another team or two?

Thank you to **Sue Parsons of Catholic Care** who
has worked successfully to secure new funding for
our Catholic Care Community Market and to Bradford
Council for engaging with this process.

Thank you to the members of our PPC who approved
our **2026/27 Parish Action Plan** last week. Key
points: 1: To provide ongoing adult faith formation: a)
RCIA group – done; b) Continuing Faith Formation
Group – done; c) Parish Pilgrimage Programme –
done; d) Termly school staff formation – done; e)
Men's Group – pending; f) Parish library – pending.
2) To provide opportunities for young people to
engage in parish life: a) Monthly Upper Room Group
(15+) – done; b) Twice monthly Confirmation/Senior
Youth Group (10-14) – done; c) Twice monthly Junior
Oratory (7-11) – done; d) Young Parish Cantor
Programme – done; e) Monthly pop-up choirs and
youth liturgical ministers – done; 3. To enrich our
celebration of the liturgy: a) Monthly Children' Liturgy
of the Word in both churches – done; b) Monthly
organist at St J's – done; c) Altar rails to be utilised
for distribution of HC at St W's on experimental basis
– done; d) Recruit more cantors for sung psalms –
done; e) Invite Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir – done.
4) To engage with parents/families through our
primary schools: a) Parish on Live Simply initiatives –
ongoing; b) Welcome packs for parents – pending; c)
Advent craft and movie afternoon in church hall –
pending; d) Disseminate parish newsletter to parents
– pending; e) Use our churches for more school
events – ongoing; f) Termly EYFS Stay and play
session – pending; 5) Implement communication and
engagement plan: a) Develop means of
communication, eg newsletter, social media,
noticeboards, "Ask the Priest Boards"; b) Create
small group opportunities - ongoing; c) Create
volunteer opportunities – ongoing; d) Quarterly
newcomer welcome events – pending; e) Family and
youth activities – ongoing.

The PPC also decided that we would not have a
Christmas Fair this year and would review this
decision next year. It also noted that the **Sunday
Mass timetable** is challenging given that we have
become a one-priest parish.

Full **PPC Minutes** will be available next week.

Internet banking and standing orders

**Parish bank details: HSBC; Diocese of Leeds
Mary, Mother of God; Sort Code: 40-27-15;
Account Number: 51343998.**

Adult faith formation

Journey in Faith (for people who wish to
become Catholic and returning Catholics): Twice
monthly, Sun, 6.30-7.45pm, St J's Hall: starts 11th
Oct: Who is Jesus? Register with the Parish Office.
Ongoing Faith Formation Group (for Catholics and
all who want to know more): 22/10: St Francis of
Assisi (Year of St Francis): "Rebuild my Church."
Baptism Classes: (two sessions for parents pre-
paring for the Baptism of their first child): Sats,
10.45am to 12noon, St J's Hall: 14/11 (2nd of 2).
Catholic Men's Group: Fris, 6pm: Adoration; 6.30pm
Mass, 7pm Talk and discussion, St W's; 8.30pm:
Pub, for the thirsty. Launch 20/11.

Forthcoming events

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign, Leeds
abortion clinic: 5-7pm, Sun 18/10. Dep: 4.30pm.
Tues 20th Oct, 6.30pm, Thanksgiving **Mass and
Reception for Fr Sunny,** St J's Church & Hall.
Donation envelopes are available in our porches.
Sat 24th Oct: Scheduled **Pilgrimage to Ladyewell**
is postponed because of the cost of transport.
Sun 1st Nov, 2.30pm: **Prayers for the Dead,** North
Bierley Cemetery.
Sun 1st Nov, 7pm: **Triumph of the Heart.** A new
film about St Maximilian Kolbe. S Win's Church
Hall.. Refreshments will be available.

Children and young people

Tues 20th Oct, (4:45–6pm) **Junior Oratory** (7-10 yr
olds): (games and activities) St W's Hall. Price: £1
per session. Tues 1st Dec: Trampolining Party.
Fris, 6-7.30pm: 5/2; 5/3; 7/5; 11/6; 0/7, 6-7.30pm:
Senior Oratory (11-14 yr olds). St Win's Hall.
Fri 16/10: Upper Room Group (15-19 year olds),
St J's Hall.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation
(for children in Years 6-8): Fris, 6-7.30pm, 9/10;
6/11; 27/11; 11/12; 8/1; 22/1, St W's Hall. Mass of
Confirmation: Wed 27th Jan, 6pm, St W's.
Sat 17th/18th Oct: **Registration day for children
preparing for First Sacraments.** Please hand in
attendance sheets after Masses.

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, 9.30am: St W's Hl.
Youth Group: 3rd Fri, 6.30pm: St J's (term time)
St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.
St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

"IT IS BEAUTIFUL TO BE OLD" - OLDER PEOPLE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Tues 13 Oct 2026, 10am-1:30pm, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. This event, hosted by Growing Old Grace-fully will explore Catholic Social Teaching regarding the blessings of later life, led by theologian Dr Peter Kevern. To book a place, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CARITAS LEEDS - DAY OF REFLECTION: Sat 17 Oct, 9.30am–2.15pm at Hinsley Hall. A day of prayer and discussion as we renew our call to serve society and put Catholic Social Teaching into action. Includes Caritas information sessions, scripture reflection and a hot lunch. Attendance is free. To book, email caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk by 30 September.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour: Sats during the autumn: 31 October (starting at 2.00pm) and on 21 November and 12 December 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

INSTAGRAM HANGOUT: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for an exclusive tour created especially for Instagrammers! Learn more about the fascinating history, architecture and design of our Arts and Crafts-style Cathedral, access areas not usually open to the public, and capture its beauty through photography. Sat 31st Oct 2pm-4pm. All are welcome! Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>

DAY OF PRAYER: St Peter In Chains, Doncaster is hosting a 'Day of Prayer', Sat 24th Oct, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster, 10.00am-3pm. Adoration/Benediction, confessions, Holy Mass, reflections and rosary led by the Irish singer Dana. hailfulofgrace2026@gmail.com

RCIA PROCESS FORMATION: Join the Vicarate for Education on Saturday 7th Nov at Hinsley Hall (10am – 4pm) to explore how to accompany and support those discerning the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Ideal for parish volunteers, catechists, and anyone interested in faith formation. . To re-serve your free place by October 23rd, visit www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025/ or email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, March 6, April 3, May 1. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, concluding at around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT: An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. Contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

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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.