



## 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 12th April 2026

Saturday 11th April <b>SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</b>	10.00am <b>NB</b> St Winefride's 11.30am St Winefride's Hall 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing People of the Parish
Sunday 12th April <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR OF DIVINE MERCY</b>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 2.-3.20pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention Andrew Byrd 60th Birthday Rem Jim Egan RIP <i>Holy Hour with Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; opportunity for Sacramental Confession</i>
Monday 13th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	9.30am St John's 7.00pm NB St Winefride's	<i>Funeral: John Farrell RIP</i> Priest's Intention
Tuesday 14th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	12.00pm St John's 12.45pm Shay Grange 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Rosary</i> <i>Funeral: Terence Keating RIP</i> <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Rita Winter RIP
Wednesday 15th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Orietta Fudge A
Thursday 16th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	7.00am St John's 8.00am St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 17th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 18th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 12.30pm St Winefride's  5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention <i>Baptism: Oisin James O'Donovan, Caoimhe Lesley O'Donovan</i> Priest's Intention
Sunday 19th April <b>THIRD 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 Adelena Booth Birthday Remembrance Alan Coates A <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

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

**Please pray for the sick & those who have died.**

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

Finances

**Offertory:** Sun 5th April: Fr Paul and Fr Sunny are grateful to parishioners for the **Easter offerings** which amounted to **£1,580.68** and which will be divided between them equally. **Refreshments: St W's: £2.50; St J's: £18.85. Good Friday (Holy Places in the Holy Land): E: £101.00; L: £183.84. 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.

Parish matters

Thank you to everybody who worked so hard to make our **Easter Week Holiday Club** so fruitful and so enjoyable. This is the first time we have tried such an initiative. Bradford Council would be glad if we were to build on this experience and offer other such weeks in the future. Were we to do so we would need to have some volunteers who would be prepared to be present at events for a couple of hours in the morning or in the afternoon. Could you help in this limited but significant way? If so please sign up on a porch noticeboard.

Welcome to **Jiso Chennell Joy** and **Tintu Baby** who will be joining us for Masses.

Parishioners are invited to take their **named collection envelopes** for the new financial year. They are available in church porches. If you are a tax payer and you currently donate to the church through loose cash on the plate, you are courteously invited to have a word with one of the priests who will arrange for you to donate by Gift Aid, enabling the church to claim back from the Inland Revenue a further 25% of your donation.

Claire Brown, the Coordinator of Catholic Life at **St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College**, is proposing that some parishioners in our parish become **prayer partners** of students at the school from now until the end of this academic year. She writes: "This is intended to deepen our shared sense of belonging & strengthen the spiritual connection between parish and college." It's a great idea! Please sign up on the list in our porches.

Children and young people are invited to sign up for the **Parish Young Cantor Programme**. We will send them a sound file with a simple tune for a responsorial psalm and the words and notes and when they feel ready they can sing at one of our Sunday Masses. Coaching can be given.

**Fr Paul** will be on annual leave: 15th-18th April.

Would anybody be interested in starting an **occasional plainchant choir** (English and Latin)? The Diocese is offering training –see overleaf.

Join a new **Parish Pro-Life Group**: weekly rosary (privately or on Sat 9.30am), St J's; 40 Days for Life/ March for Life (if time allows). See Fr Paul.

Adult formation

Sat 18th & 25th April, 11am-12noon: Baptism **preparation classes** for parents, St J's Church Hall.

Following the Reception, Baptism & Confirmation of four people last week, we will now merge our Wed evening group, aimed at enquirers, and our Thurs evening group, aimed at Catholics wanting more formation, and we will meet on Wed evenings, beginning Wed 22nd April, 6.30pm. The new group is called the **Catholic Faith Formation Group**.

Thurs 14th May, 7pm: **Parish Men's Group**. St.W's Church Room.

Forthcoming events

Mon 13th April, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church.**

Tues 14th April, 3-4.30pm: **Grief Share Bereavement Support Group**, St J's Hall.

Sat 25th April, 10am-12noon: **Safeguarding ID verification session** for parish volunteers who wish to renew their DBS status, Presbytery. NB *This is only for those whom the Parish Office has contacted beforehand.*

Sun 26th April, 11.15am: **Termly Family Mass**, to which the families of pupils at St J's Primary School are especially invited.

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

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

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

Young people and children

Sats, 18/4, 25/4, 2/5, 9/5, 6.30-7.30pm: **Confirmation Prep for secondary school students**, St Winefride's Room. Sign up: Parish Office.

Fri 17th April 6.30pm: St J's Hall, **Youth Group:** Theme: A personal relationship with Jesus Christ, through prayer and listening.

**First Holy Communion Programme:** Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 29th April 6th, 13th May; 10th, 17th, 24th June (St J's School). Thurs, 6-7.15pm, 30th April: 7th, 14th May; 11th, 18th, 25th June; (St W's Hall).

Children are required to attend Mass for ten consecutive Sundays before they receive their First Holy Communion, beginning on 19th April. They may do this in our parish or in another parish, on a Sun or a Sat evening or, if the family cannot attend Mass on a particular weekend, on a weekday Mass in a church that week. Mass attendance cards are available in church porches. Parents who have particular issues are asked to contact Fr Paul as soon as possible. Children whose parents do not see Fr Paul and who fail to attend ten Masses may make their First Holy Communion at another time.

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), @dolfaithformation (Instagram).

**FAITH AND GENDER:** An opportunity to explore scientific, cultural and theological perspectives around Faith and Gender. Led by Dr Julia Sadusky, a clinical psychologist and Catholic speaker. Hinsley Hall, Tues 14th April. 9.30am – 12.30pm OR 1.30pm – 4.30pm. Suitable for Education Leaders, Clergy, Lay Chaplains, RE & Catholic Life Leads, Catechists and others who work with young people in a faith context. Free to attend, but please book <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025/> or email [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**ST AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH DAY:** There will be a Youth Day on the 19th April. The Youth Day is open to all children and young people. Lunch will be provided, along with an afternoon programme. Please note that children under 11 will need to be supervised. [office.staugustines@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.staugustines@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE:** 21st – 26th June, London. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. [https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work\\_experience\\_application\\_form\\_2026](https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026).

**SOLEMN MASS IN LATIN, VESPERS AND BENEDICTION:** Leeds Cathedral, Mass at 12Noon), Sat 25th April 2026: Join in Sung Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus Stock, in Latin and with Proper chants from the Graduale Parvum. [www.latin-liturgy.org/meetings](http://www.latin-liturgy.org/meetings)

**A DAY WITH MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS:** 10am-4pm Wed 6th May at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. Join us for a day entitled 'Do whatever he tells you', to explore how Mary guides us towards a greater understanding and relationship with Jesus. Requested offering £35pp inclusive of a home-cooked two-course lunch and refreshments. 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" DAY OF REFLECTION:** Saturday 9th May, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. A day of reflection with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on our mission to share the faith. Explore the implications of the Great Commission and our call from God to make disciples of all nations, as well as some practical ways to pass on the faith. An uplifting day for all! Lunch included. Register your free place by Friday 1st May by emailing [formation@dioceseofleeds.org](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org)

**6-DAY PREACHED RETREAT:** "Fire to the Earth! Rediscovering the Surprising Freshness of Jesus through His Parables" Led by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp 10th – 16th June at The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley. Requested offering £675pp fully inclusive, or £250 non-residential. [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS & MIDDLESBROUGH:** As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

**ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS:** Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The 'doors' open at 7.15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026:** The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Fri 3rd to Thurs 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. Bookings: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or 01732 886666.

### 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.*

