



## 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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## Sunday 13th September 2026

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| Saturday 12th September<br><b>Vigil Mass</b>                                             | 5.15pm St Winefride's                                                                                            | Priest's Intention                                                                                                                                   |
| Sunday 13th September<br><b>TWENTY –FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                   | 8.15am St Winefride's<br>9.45am St Winefride's<br><br>11.15am St John's<br>5.00pm St John's                      | Priest's Intention<br>Ints of Susan and John Feltham,<br>Diamond Wedding Anniversary<br>Priest's Intention<br><i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i> |
| Monday 14th September<br><b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS FEAST</b>                   | 7.00am St Winefride's<br>8.00am St Winefride's                                                                   | <i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i><br>Priest's Intention                                                                                                    |
| Tuesday 15th September<br><b>Our Lady of Sorrows MEM</b>                                 | 12noon St John's<br>6.00pm St John's<br>7.00pm St John's                                                         | <i>Holy Rosary</i><br><i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i><br>Priest's Intention                                                                            |
| Wednesday 16th September<br><b>Ss Cornelinus, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs MEM</b> | 12 noon <b>NB</b> St Win's Hall<br>1.00pm St John's                                                              | Priest's Intention<br><i>Funeral of Terence McEvoy RIP</i>                                                                                           |
| Thursday 17th September<br><b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>                               | 7.00am St Winefride's<br>8.00am St Winefride's                                                                   | <i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i><br>Priest's Intention                                                                                                    |
| Friday 18th September<br><b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>                                 | 7.00am NB St Winefride's<br>2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's                                                           | Priest's Intention<br><i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>                                                                                         |
| Saturday 19th September<br><b>Weekday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass</b>                    | 9.00am St John's<br>10.00am St John's<br>5.15pm St Winefride's                                                   | <i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i><br>Priest's Intention<br>People of the Parish                                                                           |
| Sunday 20th September<br><b>TWENTY –FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                    | 8.15am St Winefride's<br>9.45am St Winefride's<br>11.15am St John's<br>1.00pm St Winefride's<br>5.00pm St John's | Priest's Intention<br>Augustine Kuriyakose RIP<br>Zbigniew Spyrka A<br><i>Baptism: Lainey June Young</i><br><i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>   |

**Confessions this week:** Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's

**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 6th August: E: £248.88; L: £343.18.  
**Refreshments:** St W's: £5.50; Candles: St W's £306.63. **Car Boot Sale:** £100.00. Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity. Second Collection today: **Catholic Education Service.**

Parish matters

We welcome our **Executive Headteacher Ben Lavin** to our 9.45am and 11.15am Masses today. He will be giving a lectern address on the occasion of **Education Sunday.**

**Would you like to become a Catholic?** Catechism classes begin on 11th Oct. Book at Parish Office.

We need two **new collection counting teams.** Could you volunteer? This will be a once-every-six-weeks commitment and training will be given.

Fr Paul has met with our **new Parish Safeguarding Rep, June Tavernier** and they will meet quarterly from now on. Please share with June your ideas re how we might develop our safeguarding culture.

Thank you to **Sean Kilduff, Gerry Martin and Linda Wright** who have agreed to become **chaperones** for our altar servers in our sacristies. Please note that according to our diocesan safeguarding guidelines a priest should never be on his own in a room with a child, including in a sacristy.

Some parishioners will be participating in the **40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign** near the Leeds abortion clinic again this year. Join us! Our slots are: 23/9: 5-7pm; 4/10, 5-7pm; 14/10, 5-7pm; 18/10; 31/10, 12noon-2pm. Lifts from St W's Presbytery half an hour before each prayer slot. Please book your place at the Parish Office.

We will be running our **InnChurches** nightshelter for homeless people in St Win's Hall again this year, between Mon 1st and Mon 8th March. Please contact Mary-Jo Daly through the Parish Office if you will be able to volunteer.

Thank you to **Amy Greenwood** who will be delivering the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at our 9.45am Mass today. This will happen on a monthly basis in both our churches from now on.

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?* 25/10; 8/11; 22/11; 6/12; 20/12; 10/1; 24/1; 7/2; 21/2; 7/3; 21/3.

**Ongoing Faith Formation Group** (for Catholics and all who want to know more): This Thurs, we will be going to hear **Pergolesi's Stabat Mater** at Leeds Cathedral. Dep Presbytery 6pm. Lifts given.

**Baptism Classes:** (two sessions for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child): Sats, 10.45am to 12noon, St J's Hall: 10/10 & 14/11; 23/1 & 30/1; 22/5 & 29/5; 24/7 & 31/7.

**Catholic Men's Group:** Fris, 6pm: Adoration; 6.30pm Mass, 7pm Talk and discussion, St W's; 8.30pm: Pub, for the thirsty: 20/11; 5/2; 19/3; 7/5.

Internet banking and standing orders

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

Forthcoming events

W/e 12-13th Sept: **Collection for Friars:** Coffee, Cereal, Chocolate Bars, Crisps

Mon 21st Sept, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church**  
Fri-Sat 25th /26th Sep: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.** We will stay overnight, some at Kings Lynn and some in the village before the pilgrimage proper starts on the Sat. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Office. We're keeping the cost low. Single travellers, newbies and disabled people who can sit on a minibus seat are all welcome.

Tues 29th Sep, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council.**

Mon 5th Oct, 7pm: **Batley Torchlight Procession.** A minibus will leave from the parish at 6pm. Price: £5. Please sign up at the Parish Office.

Sat 10th Oct, 4-5 & 6.15-7.15pm: In response to Bishop Marcus' request, we will be marking the national **Adoremus Festival** by having two holy hours, one before & one after our Vigil Mass.

Children and young people

Sat 19th Sep, 4pm: **Introductory meeting** for parents & children who wish to make their First Confession or First Holy Communion, St Win's Hall.

**First Confession:** Five preparation sessions for Year 3 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 3/2, 10/2, 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 4/2, 11/2, 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, St Win's Hall.

**First Confession Penance Service:** Wed 17th March, 6-7pm, St Win's.

**First Holy Communion:** Six preparation sessions for Year 4 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 28/4, 5/5, 12/5, 19/5, 9/6, 16/6, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, 20/5, 10/6, 17/6, St Win's Hall. **First Holy Communion Masses:** Sun 20th June, 11.15am, St John's; Sun 27th June, 9.45am, St Win's.

**Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation** (for children in Years 6-8): **Introductory meeting:** Sat 12th Sep, 4pm, St W's Hall; 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.

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.

## **DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES**

**CUPERTINO GROUP MASSES:** Next Mass: 13th Sept, 3pm. St Joseph's Catholic Church, West Gate, Wetherby, LS22 6LL. Contact number: Fr Frank 07850076926, Rosie 07891951949. These monthly Masses are for children with additional needs and disabilities, and their families.

**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: POPE LEO, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE CHOICES WE CAN MAKE:** Wed 16th Sept, 7-8pm, SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. In just one hour, Fr Mark Jarmuz of the Vicariate for Education, will explain Pope Leo's teaching and its vital importance for the choices we make: [mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**PERGOLESİ'S STABAT MATER:** –Thurs 17th Sept, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral. Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls Choir sings Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and other music by Charpentier, Monteverdi and Vivaldi accompanied by string players from Baroque in the North. Admission free, a suggested £10 donation.

**ST. GEMMA'S HOSPICE WALK LEEDS:** Sat 19th Sept. From Roundhay Park along Street Lane to the Hospice for a moment of reflection before heading back to the Park for the finish line. Tickets £20 adults/£12.50 children, includes a t-shirt, medal, and light up item: [www.st-gemma.co.uk/events/sunset-walk](http://www.st-gemma.co.uk/events/sunset-walk)

**DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION EVENT:** SPARK Social Justice and the J&P Commission Screening of The People's Emergency Briefing. Sat 19 Sept, Hinsley Hall Headingley 2pm – 4pm. [www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk](http://www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk)

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND THE SIXTEEN:** Sun 27th Sept, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir performs with members of internationally-renowned choir The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission free, a suggested £10 donation.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACEFUL VIGIL:** 23rd Sept to 1st Nov 7am-7pm. Join us in being a voice for the voiceless. Location: 150 meters from MSI Reproductive Choices abortion facility at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road LS7 4AW. [www.40daysforlife.com/leeds](http://www.40daysforlife.com/leeds)

**THE LEEDS CATHOLIC VOICE IS THE NEW FREE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR DIOCESE:**

Launching from weekend of 3 & 4 Oct, which is also the deadline for sending any articles, photographs or ideas for the November edition to [communications@rcdmidd.org.uk](mailto:communications@rcdmidd.org.uk) or [communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**VENI EMMANUEL ADVENT MUSIC FOR PARISH MUSICIANS:** Sun 4th Oct, 2-4pm, Queen's Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary, LS17 6LE. Parish musicians, choir members and all involved in liturgical music are invited to an afternoon of Advent music/reflection. Admission free, suggested donation £5. Hosted by Diocese of Leeds Music and Faith Formation. To book, email [formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES:** 10 - 11th Oct, London. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral.

**"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](mailto: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](mailto:caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk) by 30 September.

**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.

**CLEAVING TO CHRIST: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH:** To complement the work which is already being done in many parishes, the Vicariate for Education will offer six in-person sessions for engaged couples between Nov 2026 and May 2027 (10.15am-12.30pm) at St Winefride's Hall, Bradford, BD6 1ST. Mass available at St Winefride's Church, 9.30am. To book a place (£20 per couple): [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk); 0113 261 8040.

**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](mailto:carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk)

### **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.***