



Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

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

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Sunday 16th August 2026

Saturday 15th August Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 16th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 1.00pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Michaela Kenningham and Mary Halloran Birthday Remembrance <i>Baptism: Harley Cole Gallon</i>
Monday 17th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Yorkshire Brethren Ints Patricia Barriere and Family
Tuesday 18th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 19th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm St Winefride's	Stephen Lumb RIP
Thursday 20th August St Bernard, Abbot 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 21st August St Pius X, Pope MEM	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 22nd August The Queenship of the BVM MEM Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd August TWENTY –FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Dennis Halliday A <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

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

Introit Psalm (44) Response: **Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.**

Please pray for the sick and those who have died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 9th August: **E: £225.50; L: £260.01.**
Refreshments: St W's: £9. Clothing Stall: £12.50.
Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

We wish **Fr Sunny** Godspeed as he becomes Apostolic Administrator of St Anne's, Keighley.

This w/e, collection for the work of the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal: Coffee, Chocolate Bars, Crisps** and leave them in either of our porches.

We are grateful to the family of the late **Kathleen Ellis** for a donation to the parish of £440 from a collection at her recent funeral at St Win's. We are similarly grateful to the family of the late **Maureen Parkin** for a donation of £91.75 following her funeral.

Thank you to **Ruth Westbrook** for all her (largely unseen) work as our Parish Safeguarding Representative over a good number of years; she now stands down from this responsibility.

Thank you to **Lina Roberts** who has volunteered to sing the Responsorial Psalm on occasion using resources prepared by parish organist, Mark Bolland.

Ask the Priest Board Feedback: 1. Remind parishioners about the monthly collection for the friars the w/e before. Done. 2. Resume emailing the bulletin and sermon to parishioners. Done. 3. Have a film night in the winter showing, eg "The Chosen." Great idea. Can somebody organise this please?

Our **annual trip to the seaside** has been cancelled because the cost of coaches is now prohibitive and the parish lacks funds to subsidise the event.

At its meeting last week our **Parish Finance and Property Committee** decided to seek to secure grants from, among others, the National Lottery, & BIFFA, to upgrade toilet facilities and replace the front door at St Win's Hall, to repair fascias & soffits on St J's Hall, and to explore installing vehicle charging points & solar roof panels at both halls.

We urgently need **volunteers** for our children's Holiday Activities & Food Programme on Tues & Thurs.

Adult Formation: dates for 2026/27

Catholic Enquiry Group (for people who wish to become Catholic): Tues, 7.30-8.45pm, St J's Hall: 6/10; 20/10; 3/11; 17/11; 1/12; 15/12; 5/1; 19/1; 2/2; 16/2; 2/3; 16/3; 6/4.

Ongoing Formation Group (for Catholics): Thurs, 6.30-7.30pm, St J's Hall: 10/9; 17/9; 22/10; 5/11; 19/11; 10/12; 17/12; 1/7; 21/7; 4/2; 18/2; 4/3; 15/4; 22/4; 6/5; 20/5; 3/6; 17/6; 15/7.

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 & 17/10; 23/1 & 30/1; 24/4 & 1/5; 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: 13/11; 5/2; 19/3; 7/5.

Marriage catechumenate (for couples preparing for marriage): Sats, 10.15am-1.15pm, St W's Hall: 28/11; 9/1; 13/2; 13/3; 10/4; 15/5.

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

Sun 16th Aug, 1-4.30pm: **Parish Al Fresco Lunch** (hot/cold food) & **Games Afternoon**, St W's. Given govt regs, we will cook in St W's Hall.

Sat 22nd Aug, 2-6pm: **Vintage Evening**, Film + Supper, St John's Hall; £5 per ticket, pay at door.

Wed 2nd Sep, 10.45am: **Senior Leadership Team**, Presbytery. We will finalise the Parish Action Plan and the 26/27 Programme of Events.

Sat 5th Sep, Dep 6am, St Win's: **Annual March for Life** in London: £40. Please book your seat with the Parish Office. It is a very enjoyable day with lots of social events as well as speeches. Mass at 5.30am for anybody who wants to attend.

Fri-Sat 25th /26th Sep: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. We will stay overnight before the pilgrimage proper starts on the Sat. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

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.

Children and young people: dates for 2026/27

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, 3.30-4.15pm, 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, 3.30-4.15pm, 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, 6.30-8.30pm, 25/9; 16/10; 6/11; 27/11; 8/1; 22/1, St W's Hall.

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 Hl.

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

St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.

St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS: The Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane LS16 5BF starting Wedn 2nd Sept 7.30pm. For more details see video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSXgh8LenpE>. For inf on session dates and sign-up form: <https://ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/>

MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON: Sat 5th Sep. A coach will leave Harrogate at 5am and pick up at St Winefride's Bradford (BD61ST), where there is plentiful parking, at 6am. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30am at St Winefride's for anybody who is available! We will also pick people up in Sheffield en route. The coach will leave the Emmanuel Centre (SW1P 3EW) at 6pm and return via Sheffield, Bradford and Harrogate. Return fare: £40. To book: office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk/ 01274 677992.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - The Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane LS16 5BF starting Tues 8th Sept at 7.30 pm. For inf on session dates and sign-up form, <https://ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/>.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Saturday 12 September at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. Sunday 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

MAKING WISER CHOICES: Wedn 16th September 10am-4pm. A day of reflection led by popular writer Margaret Silf. Requested offering £50pp to include lunch and all refreshments. 01943 607287

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES: 10 - 11th October. This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. 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.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons, seeking to legalise assisted suicide. MPs vote on Friday, 11 September 2026, so please consider contacting your MP by scanning the code on the attached poster, which will take you to this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH: Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE INFORMATION: Leeds Cathedral will be closed on weekdays throughout August to enable essential works on the lighting system. Mass will be held in Cathedral Hall, times will vary to the usual schedule.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

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. email_admin@briery.org.uk

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

VACANCIES

BISHOP MARCUS AND THE DIOCESAN TRUSTEES: are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year. This would be a two-to-three year commitment as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance. For further information please contact Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.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.

