



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 17th May 2026

Saturday 16th May Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Ints of the Parackal Family
Sunday 17th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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>
Monday 18th May Weekday of Easter	7.00am St Winefride's 7.30am NB St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Tuesday 19th May Weekday of Easter	12.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Rosary</i>
Wednesday 20th May Weekday of Easter	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	<i>Holy Rosary</i>
Thursday 21st May Weekday of Easter		
Friday 22nd May Weekday of Easter	2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> Priest's Intention
Saturday 23rd May Weekday of Easter Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> People of Parish; Priest's Intention Maria Duckworth A
Sunday 24th May PENTECOST SUNDAY SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's <i>Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation</i> 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Ernest and Thomasina Emmott RIP Michael Byrd Birthday Rem Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's.

Please pray for the sick & the dead.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 10th May: E: £464.00; L: £387.78. Clothing Stall: £20.50. Standing orders: average weekly income: £450. You may also contribute through the contactless payment machines in our porches or through the donation button on our website. Second Collection today: **Catholic Communications.**

Parish matters

We need approximately **ten new church cleaners** for St Win's Church. Please sign up in the porch!

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 sign up in the porch.

After successfully running a government- and council-funded **Holidays Activities and Food Programme** during Easter Week we have decided to run the programme again over six days in August, namely Tues and Wed, 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th 18th and 19th Aug. Please sign up in the porch. Volunteers can help without heading up activities.

Our Pastoral Worker, **Frances Norton**, is presenting a paper at an academic conference in Hamburg this w/e on her work with older people.

If you are one of the many parishioners who kindly donate to the parish with cash and pay income tax please sign up for a **box of offertory envelopes** and sign a GiftAid form today after Mass.

Our very own **Michelle Vink** has just completed a **20-mile sponsored walk for Catholic Care**, beginning from our parish. If you'd like to donate: Catholic Care envelope in our porches; or <https://www.justgiving.com/page/michelle-vink-2>

Members of our PPC, in liaison with members of our Senior Leadership Team, are working on ways to **implement our five pastoral objectives** for 2026 & the results will be discussed at the PPC meeting on 26th May. Here are some of the ideas: a "Welcome to our Parish Pack" for parents of Reception children; the creation of a Baptistery in front of the lectern at St John's through the removal of a couple of pews; a "Mission to Parents" through systematic house visiting by clergy during holidays; more monthly Family Games Afternoons in Wibsey Park. Please write *your* ideas on post-it notes & stick them on our "Tell the Priest Boards."

Given that many parishioners specify the Vigil or 9.45am Sun Masses for **particular Mass intentions**, it is often the case that Masses for those intentions are celebrated weeks after the date requested. Parishioners might wish to suggest a second option. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Sunny is on an inculturation course this week at Crewe for foreign Catholic clergy.

During the two-week half-term holiday, which starts next w/e, we will be **tidying up** the church rooms & the porches at St J's & St W's & the room at St W's Hall. Please label drawers/cupboards beforehand. We will be throwing items away!

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.

Tues 9th June, 7pm: **Men's Group**, St John's Hall.

Forthcoming events

Sat 23rd May 1.30pm: **UCM Fashion Show**, Tickets £3 including light refreshments (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).

Mon 25th May, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church.** Please join our voluntary team and lighten the load!

Wed 26th May, 10am: **Senior Leadership Team.**

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.

Sunday 7th June, after the 11.15am Mass: **Corpus Christi Procession**, St John's. The Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir will be animating both the Mass and the procession.

Sun 21st June, 11.15am: **Family Mass**, St John's, to which we particularly invite families of pupils.

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.

Saturday 18th July: **Parish trip to the seaside.** Tickets: £10. Children go free. Please sign up in the porch. Please indicate on the "Tell the Priest Board" which resort we should visit this year!

Young people and children

Fri 22nd May 6.30pm: **Youth Group**, St J's Hall: "*Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.*"

First Holy Communion Programme: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm: 10th, 17th, 24th June (St J's School). Thurs, 6-7.15pm: 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

PENTECOST NOVENA: As part of the Eastertide social media series Tomb to Mission, we will be hosting a Pentecost Novena. Daily videos will be posted in which members of the Dioceses of Middlesbrough, Leeds, and Hallam will lead the prayers. Bishop Marcus will lead the prayer on the first day, Thursday 14th May. The videos will be hosted on the Diocese of Leeds Faith Formation Facebook sites as well as the corresponding Instagram accounts.

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.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETING: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fri 6.30pm-8.15pm: 22nd May, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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 from 2.30pm - 4pm on 24 May, 7 and 14 June, Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To sign up please email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

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

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 Briege McKenna & Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani. This is an opportunity to renew our faith and draw closer to Jesus. Sr Briege & 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

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 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.

CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY: Sund 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office. Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE: 24-27th July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God, with parishes and families in mind. In the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. www.webeliefestival.com

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.

