



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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St Winefride's Church is open from 7am until late every day for people to access as they wish.

Sunday 19th April 2026

Saturday 18th April Weekday of Easter	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> Kathleen Ellis (sick)
Sunday 19th April THIRD 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 Adelena Booth Birthday Remembrance Alan Coates A <i>Adoration, Vespers , Benediction</i>
Monday 20th April Weekday of Easter	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 11.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Funeral: Joseph Patrick McKendrick RIP</i> Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21st April Weekday of Easter	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 22nd April Weekday of Easter	9.15AM St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Raymond Fudge Birth A Jeanette Clapham Birthday
Thursday 23rd April ST GEORGE, MARTYR AND PATRON OF ENGLAND SOL	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 24th April Weekday of Easter	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 25th April ST MARK, EVANGELIST FEAST	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: Micah Abiola</i> Priest's Intention
Sunday 26th April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Margaret McIntyre BR Tommy Claven RIP People of the Parish <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 12th April: E: £134; L:£ 307.78. Refreshments: St W's: £9.00. Piety Stall: St W: £50.00. 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. **Next Week Secon Collection: Collection for the Priest Training Fund.**

Parish matters

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.

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.

Could the winners of the **Easter Baskets Raffle** please collect them from the parish office or if unable to collect please let the Parish Office know and Bernadette Benyon will arrange delivery.- St Winefride's pink strip No 161 and St John's pink strip No 411

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 24th April 6.30pm: St J's Hall, **Youth Group**: Theme: Pentecost and charismatic renewal, tongues of flame and the Holy Spirit in our lives too. Singing more new praise and worship songs

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.

Forthcoming events

Tues 21st May, 1.30pm: Fatima Group, St Winefride's School.

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.

Sat 23rd May 1.30pm: UCM Fashion Show, Tickets £3 including light refreshment. Tickets email bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk or purchase after mass w/e 9/10 and 16/17 May or on the door. A donation will be made to Marie Curie from the proceeds of this event. If you modelled at our previous Fashion Show or would be interested in modelling at this event could you please email Bernadette Benyon bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk.

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 Technicolor Dreamcoat" tickets: 01274 432000

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

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**. **Cancelled**

Thurs 14th May, 7pm: Parish Men's Group.

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

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS: 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.

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), @dolfaitformation (Instagram).

THE CLOSURE OF ELMLEIGH CONVENT: marks the end of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion in this diocese after over a century of service; they have taught in many of our schools, played a large role in Trinity and All Saints College/LTU, and started St Gemma's Hospice. To celebrate their work and say goodbye to them, there will be a special Mass held at The Briery, Ilkley on 23rd April at 12 noon. 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

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

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

"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

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.

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

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

THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF THE CRAG, KNARESBOROUGH: We are in need of more trustees, gardeners, volunteers and fundraisers to help us in our mission to keep this unique site open. Donations of plants and money towards our long-term preservation projects would also be welcomed. The Chapel is now open 2-4pm until the end of September. www.ourladyofthecrag.org/

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT: Castlerigg Manor, Keswick is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast/evening meals included. Mass on site. <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>

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

