



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 19th January 2025

Saturday 18th January VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Fr Michael Nealon LD Daniel O'Mahony A <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 20th January 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> Ronnie Parkin BR Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21st January St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr MEM	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> Grazia Succoi LD
Wednesday 22nd January Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St John's School 11.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Priest's Intention Funeral Service: Zoe Simpson Denny McLarnon LD
Thursday 23rd January Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 7.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour</i> Priest's Intention Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation Without Mass
Friday 24th January St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church MEM	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Monica and Eddie O'Hara BR <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE FEAST VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Rev Anthony Hayne LD Yor Breth People of the Parish
Sunday 26th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Maureen Vahter A Rev John Kelly LD Yor Brethren <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Saturdays, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Wednesdays, 12noon-12.20pm: St W's.

Please pray for the sick and those who have died.

Parish Mission Statement: *In obedience to Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and in response to our Bishop's call for parishes to become more missional, we will engage in three missions in particular: to the family of the parish; to young people; and to those outside the Church.*

Finances

Offertory: 12th Jan: E: £149.00; L: £130.60; **Refreshments:** St W's: £3.00; St J's: £6.10 Crib: £12.60 (for the work of the Friends of the Holy Land); **Diocese of Leeds Lourdes Fund: £86.06. 200 Club: £1,000. Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** Thank you for your generosity. We have **contactless payment machines** at both churches and we may donate also through the **parish web-**

Parish matters

If you know of somebody who would like to receive **Holy Communion** at home, please inform the Parish Office.

The **Parish 200 Club: Today is the deadline to pay your £12 annual subscription.** The preferred mode of payment is by bank transfer (Diocese of Leeds St Johns Bradford 200 Club, Acc No: 01463888; Sort Code: 402715) including, as a reference, your name and, if possible, your numbers. Alternatively, cash payments may be handed into the Parish Office.

We hope to offer **Holy Communion under Both Kinds** at our 10.15am & 11.15am Masses but if we are to do this in a decorous manner we need some more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Please see Fr Paul if you would be willing to take on this ministry. Training is given.

The advert for the **Parish Pastoral Worker for Older People** will be disseminated soon. The post has been made possible through Growing Old Gracefully and the generosity of The Grail.

Adult formation

Would you like to become a Catholic? We have two **Catholic Enquiry Groups** which take place in the Presbytery. **Evening:** Wed (6.30-7.45pm): 29/1; 12/2; 5/3; 26/3; 2/4; 9/4; 23/4. **Morning:** each Mon (8.30-9.30am). Please let the Parish Office know if you'd like to attend.

Baptism Prep for Parents: St J's Hall. Just for the first child: 11am, Sat 1st, 8th, 15th Feb 25.

During this **Year of Jubilee** we will have a series of parish retreats. Members of the **PPC** will have a day retreat on 22nd February at the Briery in Ilkley. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will lead a **Women's Retreat Day** at St John's Church and Hall on a Saturday in May/June and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will lead a **Men's Retreat Day** about this time too. We will also have an **Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life** in Sep/Oct when participants will be able to meet with prayer guides for half an hour each day (at a time convenient to them) as well as attend themed evening sessions.

In addition, we are all being encouraged to visit some of the designated **Jubilee Pilgrimage Churches** in the Diocese, which are as follows: Leeds Cathedral; St Mary of the Angel's, Batley; St Patrick's, Bradford; St Mary's, Halifax; St Patrick's, Huddersfield; St Joseph's, Keighley; St Austin's, Wakefield; St Wilfrid's, Ripon; St Stephen's, Skipton, St Edward the Confessor, Clifford. We will organise some parish pilgrimages to some of these churches. Fr Paul would encourage parish groups to organise their own pilgrimage too and he or Fr sunny will happily accompany them on it.

Forthcoming events

Mon 20th Jan, 8.30am: **Cleaning of St W's Church.** Please come along and help!

Thurs 23rd Jan, 7pm: Bishop Marcus will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, St Win's Church.

Thurs 23rd-Sat 25th Jan: **St Paul's AODS Concert**, St George's Concert Hall, book 01274432000.

W/E 25th/26th Jan: **Donation for the Friars:** Corned Beef, Tuna, Chocolate Bars, Health Bars

Sun 2nd Feb, 10.15am Mass: **The Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir.**

Sun 9th Feb, 1pm: **Deanery African Mass**

Mon 3rd to Mon 10th March: **InnChurches**, St Win's Hall. (During this period our hall will become a home for a number of homeless people).

Wed 5th March: **Ash Wednesday**

Families, young people and children

Sat 18th Jan, 3.30pm: **Confirmation Family Catechesis**, St Win's Hall. Rescheduled.

Fri 24th Jan (and every Friday until half term), 6.30-8.30pm: **Parish Youth Group**, St J's Hall.

Sat 1st Feb, 3.30-6.15pm: **First Holy Communion Family Catechesis**, including Vigil Mass, St W's Hall and Church. For Year 4 pupils and above.

Sat 8th Feb, 3pm: **Family Activities Afternoon**, St Winefride's Hall.

Wed 5th March, 3.30-4.45pm, St J's School & 5.30-6.45pm, St Win's Hall): Opening session of family catechesis for the **First Confession Programme.** Year 3 pupils and above.

Sat 15th March: **Flame**, the biggest national Catholic Youth Event, London. Contact the Parish Office. A parish group is going down.

Group meetings/regular events

UCM: 7.30pm, 1st Mon of month, St J's Hall.

Craft Group: Tues, 10.00am-12am, St J's Hall

St John's SVP: 6pm, alternate Tues, St J's Hall.

Bible Study: Wed, 10.30-11.15am, St W's Hall.

St W's SVP: 11.15am, 2nd Wed, St W's Room.

Snowdrops: (adults/young people with learning difficulties): 1.30pm, 1st Sun of month, St J's Hall.

St Win's Choir: 7pm, Tues, St W's Church.

Cath Care Stay & Play: 9am, Mon, St W's Hall.

CC Friendship Group: (Adults with learning difficulties): Mon, 10am-2pm, Wagtail Close, BD6 3YJ.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS WINTER PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours take place on the following Saturdays at 1.30pm: 25th January; 15th February and 22nd March. The tours last about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

PARISH RETREAT DAY - 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE': Saturday 1 February at The Briery, Ilkley. Join parishioners from Wharfedale parishes for a day retreat. £35pp including a home-cooked two-course lunch and all refreshments. Contact the Administrator admin@briery.org.uk 01943 607287 for more information or to book.

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8 February 2025, 10-3pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SHORT RETREAT 'TIME TO MEET THE GOD OF SURPRISES': led by Fr Chris Thomas 11 - 13 February at The Briery, Ilkley. Fr Chris Thomas leads the Irenaeus Project in Liverpool, a retreat centre and the Archdiocese of Liverpool's Centre for Spirituality and Outreach. His retreats promise to be thoughtful, inspiring and perhaps a little challenging! Residential or non-residential places available. Contact the Administrator admin@briery.org.uk 01943 607287 for more information or to book.

YOUTH 2000 LEEDS RETREAT: offers young adults (aged 16-35) from across Leeds and beyond the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God. Offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. Saturday 15 February, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from <https://www.youth2000.org/events>.

THE ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: will take place on Friday 28 February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds, Tickets are £40 each or £375 for a table of 10, Ticket price includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at philmarshall49@hotmail.com

LITTLE SISTERS FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Friday 28 February 2025 at Irish Centre Tara Suite, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00. Meal of soda bread, Irish stew and dessert, also Irish band dancing, sing-a-long, auction and raffle. Please come along and support the Little sisters and have a great night of entertainment. All proceeds to go towards re-building of Mount St Joseph's. Contact details Sr.Christina Email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: We are very pleased to be able to offer another presentation of this two day course for those wishing to learn the basics of grief and how to accompany those who are grieving. The next training will be on Saturday 22 March and Saturday 5 April 2025 (9.45am – 4pm each day) at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: This new venture welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (19 January, 2 & 9 February, 2 & 23 March all at 2-3.30pm), working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, 30 March 2025 (4pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To book your place please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER VACANCY: Salary £80,000 to £90,000 pro rata, depending on experience. Based in Leeds. Our ideal candidate will possess strong personal values with the vision and skills for leadership and a passion for caring for people in need and improving people's lives. They will have significant experience of leadership and developing and delivering strategy. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/>, email or speak to Katrina on 0113 388 5400 or send your CV and cover letter to Katrina.greenhalf@catholic-care.org.uk . Closing date 9 February 2025.

CATHOLIC CARE VACANCY: School Social Worker Salary: SP 18 - 25 currently £30,559 - £35,235, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. Post: Permanent Part time or 1 X Fixed term 15 hours to cover Maternity Leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. You must hold a Social Work Qualification. Closing Date: Open until the vacancy has been filled.

TEACHER FOR DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY VACANCY: St. John Fisher Catholic Academy, Harrogate, Start: February 2025. Closing date: Monday, 27 January 2025. Further info: www.bishopwheelercatholicacademytrust.org/Trust-Academy-Vacancies/ To discuss or arrange a visit, contact Paula Deacon, office@sjfchs.org.uk Further details attached.