



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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Chair, Parish Pastoral Council: Helen Wain: chairppc.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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Sunday 1st December 2024

First Reading Jer 33:14-16: I will make a virtuous branch grow for David.
 Resp Psalm **Ps 24: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
 Second Reading 1 Thess 3:12—4:2: May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.
 Gospel Luke 21:25-28, 34-36: Your liberation is near at hand.

Saturday 30th November VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	Maureen Vahter BR; Irena Roman A
Sunday 1st December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Sheila Laker A People of the Parish Chuck McKenny A <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 2nd December Advent Weekday	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Advent Service</i> Winifred Russel LD
Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, Priest and Doctor of the Church 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> John and Tony Rochford RIP <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Moira Allan LD
Wednesday 4th December Advent Weekday	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 10.30am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Special Intention <i>Funeral: Owen Murphy RIP</i> Mary and Alfred Britten A
Thursday 5th December Advent Weekday	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Kevin Walker LD
Friday 6th December Advent Weekday First Friday	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's 2.30pm Cooper House	Pat O'Toole LD <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> <i>Service of the Word with HC</i>
Saturday 7th December St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church MEM First Saturday VIGIL	9.45am –10.45am 11.00am NB St John's <i>Mass & Sacrament of the Sick</i> 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Margaret and John Fox A Sandra Schofield BR; Maria and Janusz Dolistowski RIP
Sunday 8th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 12.45pm St Winefride's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Stephen Lumb RIP Moira Allan BR <i>Baptism: Bella and Dotty</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Saturdays, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Wednesdays, 12-12.20pm, 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: 24th Nov: E: £187.40; L: £342.60. **2nd Collection:** **Diocesan Youth Service:** E: £17; L: £91. **Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** Thank you for your generosity. We have **contactless payment machines** at both churches. **200 Club November Winners:** 168, Anderson; 175, Crackles; 37, Brigge, 201, Noe; 91, Portridge.

Parish matters

From today onwards, at our Bishops' instruction, we will be using our new **Lectionaries**, which use a new translation of Scripture.

Thank you to everybody who worked so hard to prepare for our delightful **Christmas Fayre** today and especially to Coordinator Bernadette Benyon. Much fun was had and we raised **£723** for parish funds. **Raffle prizes:** Claimed winning numbers are 286, 311, 41, 471, 236, 211, 541, 161 and 196. Unclaimed: 461, 361, 201, 426, 141, 446 and 266. Prizes will be available to be collected from Tuesday from the Parish Office.

Our new **Diocesan Directories** are available in our church porches, price £5.

Members of the **Parish Pastoral Council** are asked to send reports or updates to the Parish Office by this Thurs (6th Dec) so they can be collated in time for distribution before the 12 Dec meeting.

Thank you to **Peter Barstow** and **David Dooling** for painting the interior of St John's Church.

Bradford Council is proposing to cut the bus service to **St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College**. This move would be a serious blow to the Catholic Church in Bradford. Please sign the petition at the back of our churches or the online petition on the Council website: <https://bit.ly/4fqLWKx>

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned/recommissioned at all Masses on the w/e of 30th Nov/1st Dec.

30th Nov/1st Dec: **Catholic Care Christmas Appeal.** Please deliver to our porches: dried and tinned food eg pasta rice, coffee tea cereals and toiletries such as toothpaste and toilet rolls. Plus toys (unwrapped) for all ages. Last year CC helped 700 families throughout the Diocese.

The deadline for submitting material for the **Parish Newsletter** is Thurs at 9am each week. Please send material to the Parish Secretary, not Fr Paul.

Fr Paul will be offering open house on **Christmas Day** again this year. Please join him for lunch in the presbytery & help him wash up! Please inform the Parish Secretary if you can come. All welcome.

Thank you to **Tony Fletcher** for sponsoring the St Winefride's Christmas Tree in memory of his late wife, Eleanor.

Those who exercise the **Ministry of Reader** in our Parish are invited to take one of the new **Guidance Sheets** which Bishop Marcus has issued and which are available in our porches.

We look forward to welcoming the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 9.45am Mass next week.

Diocesan events

Please see separate sheet.

Forthcoming events

Sat 30th Dec, 7pm: **Charismatic Prayer**, St W's. Also, Sat 14th Dec, 7pm.

Wed 4th Dec, 4pm: **Property Committee**, Pres.

Sat 7th Dec, 11am: **Mass with Anointing followed by Lunch**, St J's Hall. Organised by the SVP.

Sun 8th Dec, after 9.45am Mass: **Erection of the Crib and Tree**, St Win's Church.

Tues 10th Dec, 5pm: **Carol Service**, St W's.

Thurs 12th Dec, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council**, St W's Hall. Please notify our Chair, Helen Wain, of any issues you wish us to discuss.

Sat 14th Dec, 11am-12.30pm: **Parish Labour Morning**. Join us for a tidy-up/bulb planting! St W's.

Wed 18th Dec, 6pm: **Carol Service**, St J's Church.

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): 11/12; 15/1; 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. Rescheduled 3rd of 3: Sat 14th Dec. New series: 11am, Sat 1st, 8th, 15th Feb 25.

Families, young people and children

Sat 7th Dec, 3.15pm: **Confirmation Catechesis**, St Win's Hall.

Sat 7th and 14th Dec, 4-5pm: **Altar Servers Practices**, St Win's.

Sat 21st Dec, 3-5pm: **Family Activities Afternoon**, St W's Hall. Table tennis, indoor football, crafts, catechesis, tea and cake.

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

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.