



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 1st March 2026

Saturday 28th February SUNDAY VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 2.00pm St John's 5.00pm St John's 6.15pm St John's	Int of Kathleen Ellis (sick) Paul Ackroyd RIP Priest's Intention Toddler-Friendly Mass <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Monday 2nd March Weekday of Lent	7.00am NB St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Tuesday 3rd March Weekday of Lent	7.00am NB St Winefride's 12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Ruth Harper A
Wednesday 4th March Weekday of Lent	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Thursday 5th March Weekday of Lent	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's School	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Ints of Families of Yr 6 Pupils
Friday 6th March Weekday of Lent <i>First Friday</i>	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30pm St Winefride's 5.30pm NB St John's 6.00pm NB St John's 7.00pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> <i>Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> Priest's Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 7th March Weekday of Lent SUNDAY VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Pat Taylor RIP Priest's Intention
Sunday 8th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's 6.15pm St John's	People of the Parish Tony Wood RIP Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Confessions this week: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 12-12.20pm, St J'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 22nd Feb: E: £188.70; L: £387.17. Refreshments: St W's: £3.50. Piety Stall: St J's: £19.40. 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. Please contact the Parish Office for a set of weekly envelopes.

Parish matters

Welcome to our **new parishioners: Augustine Akachukwu Nuhfor, Chisom May-Joseph Nzenaguora, Rebekah Claire Newbury, Nelson Thomas, Maria McLean, Adam McLean and Sean McLean, John Amwuiche, Ryan O'Donovan and Kaylear O'Donovan.** We look forward to getting to know you better!

This Sunday we welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 11.15am Mass. Among the pieces they will sing are: the Sanctus (Rheinberger Missa Puerorum); Adoro te Devote (Justin); and Panis Angelicus (Franck).

All parishioners are invited to participate in our **Retreat in Daily Life** which will run from Sun 22nd to Sat 28th March. Please find brochures in our porches with simple application forms to be returned to the Parish Office. Participants, who are invited to contribute only what they can afford, will be assigned a Prayer Guide with whom they will meet either in person or on line each day & who will propose Scripture passages for them to meditate upon. This is a Jesuit initiative.

Are you a **new parishioner**? Please complete the form in our porches and hand it to the priest!.

We have 31 spare places in our **Parish 200 Club**. Half the subs go on prizes through monthly draws; the other half goes to the parish. Reduced sub of £10 if you start now! Please contact Parish Office.

We are beginning a **new Parish Bereavement Support Group: Grief Share**. Trained bereavement facilitators will support and accompany participants through loss & grief. Rooted in the Gospels & prayer, it is a space for people to share their story, their loss. Runs first Tues of the month, beginning Tues 3 March 2026, 3-4.30pm, St John's Church Hall. Details: Pastoral Worker Frances: pwop.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Please leave the contents of your **Red APF Boxes** in church sacristies before the end of March.

If you would like to contribute to the **CAFOD Lenten Family Fast Day Appeal**, please donate through the relevant envelopes on the pews.

Adult formation

Mon 2nd March, 11.15am, St W's Church Rm, & Thurs 5th March, 6.30pm (NB not 6pm), St J's Church Hall: **Weekly Lent faith-sharing group** on our Baptismal Vocation. We are using an exciting resource from our Bishops' Conference. Bible study, prayer, reflection. You can join this week.

Wed 4th Mar, 6-7.15pm: Catholic Enquiry Group. The Community of the Church (13), St W's Rm.

Sats 7th March, 11am-12noon (2nd of 2): Baptism Preparation Course, St John's Hall. For parents who wish their babies/children to be Baptised.

Forthcoming events

2nd—9th March: Inn Churches. An initiative for homeless people. Volunteer opportunities: meeting & greeting (6:30-9:30pm) &/or doing an overnight sleepover (9:30pm-8:30am). Please contact Mary-Jo (07865 172522). To donate goods with toiletries please take a slip from the notice board. Donation envelopes to help pay for breakfasts & lunches on benches: please put in the collection.

Tues 3rd March, 1.30pm: Fatima Group meeting for older parishioners, St W's Schl. New members welcome. If you need a lift: Pauline: 07932337244.

w/e 7th-8th March: Donation for the Friars: Corned Beef, Coffee, Chocolate, Snacks.

Sat 7th March, 6pm: Stay awhile, with the Maltfriscan Community. When Mass is over, you are invited to remain in church to enjoy this meditative musical experience which is being coordinated by our Parish Worker, Frances Norton. For all ages.

Wed 18th March, 7.15pm: Launch of the Parish Men's Group. Fr Paul will give a short reflection on **St Joseph, the epitome of the good man**, we'll say together the Litany of St Joseph, and then we'll go to the pub. Contact the Parish Office to join the WhatsApp Group.

Fri 20th March, 7pm: St Patrick's Party, The Wild Geese, St Win's Hall. Tickets: £4 (adult); £2 (child); £10 (family): Parish Office. Hot supper, bar, raffle.

Tues 22nd March, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council, St John's Church Hall. PPC members are asked to have ready their outline action plans for their designated pastoral objective for this meeting.

Young people and children

Join us for the second of our **Parish Toddler-Friendly Masses today (Sun), 2pm**, St John's.

Wed 4th 3.30pm-4.45, St Jn's School & Thurs 5th March 6pm-7.15pm, St Win's Hall: **First Confession Preparation, Session 2**.

Fri 6th Feb, 6.30pm: Parish Youth Group (11-18). Clay work, sculpture, thinking about Adam & Eve/ John 9, curing a blind man with clay/ mud.

Sats, 18/3, 25/3, 2/4, 9/4, 6.30-7.30pm: Confirmation Prep for secondary school students, St Winefride's Room. Sign up: Parish Office.

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.

CATHOLIC CARE IS CELEBRATING ST PATRICK'S DAY IN BRADFORD! The Tues Lunch Group hosts a St Patrick's Lunch on 3 March at St J's Church Hall. The Wed Lunch Group holds theirs on 25 March at St W's Church Hall. Both events feature a three-course meal, music by The Wild Geese, & £6 tickets. Everyone welcome! Tickets: Michelle Vink 07739 975000/ michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk.

FAITH IN ACTION AWARDS INFORMATION MEETING: The Youth Service are running Faith In Action Information Meetings for all FIA Award Leaders and those interested in running the Awards Scheme in your Parish or School. Hinsley Hall, Wed 4th March 2026, 2-4pm & 7-9pm youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS: Free Guided Tours Sat 7th March, 1.30pm. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

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 work towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral. Rehearsals will take place from 2.30pm- 4pm 8, 15 and 22 March at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

ROMERO LECTURE - INSPIRATION AND AFFIRMATION IN HARD TIMES – ST OSCAR ROMERO TO POPE LEO: Wed 11 March @ 7pm Leeds Trinity City Campus. Join SPARK Social Justice for an inspiring talk by Todd Walatka of Notre Dame University Illinois. www.leedsjp.org.uk

BISHOP JOHN CROWLEY 3-DAY PREACHED RETREAT: 17th -19th March at The Briery, Ilkley. You are invited to join Bishop Crowley for a short retreat during Lent entitled "Rest and you will see, see and you will love, love and you will praise (St Augustine)" £230pp fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. For booking or more information contact the administrator on 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER OR LEADER WORKING OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC SECTOR? Would you consider applying for a job in one of our diocesan schools? Diocesan Director of Education Kieron Flood will be hosting an on-line briefing for all those who are interested on Thur 19th March: 6-7pm. To book your place, please email Emma: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

WALK IN FATHER BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS! Sat 28th March. Third Annual Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations. From St Anne's, Keighley to Sacred Heart, Ilkley and Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary. Follows the Ilkley Moor route walked by GK Chesterton and Fr John O'Connor, the Diocese of Leeds priest who inspired 'Father Brown'. Sign up: pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sat 11th April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: 21st – 26th June, London. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: St. Stephen's Parish, Skipton, invites you to come on pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland, 12th to 18th Oct 2026. The itinerary includes visits to Wadowice (John Paul II museum), Auschwitz, the Salt Mines, the Divine Mercy shrine, the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa with daily Mass and time to explore Krakow. Cost is £1829 + flights. christopher.angel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FLAME 2027: The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Sat 6th March 2027. Passes currently: £75 per person, which includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese, until 31st July 2026. Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Fri 3rd to Thurs 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. Bookings: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or 01732 886666.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: On Saturday 16th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. Please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

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