Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

St Winefride's Church, St Paul's Avenue, Bradford BD6 1ST (open daily 7am-7pm)
St John the Evangelist's Church, Cooper Lane, Bradford BD6 3NS
Diocese of Leeds Reg. Charity No 249404

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Sunday 1st November 2026

Saturday 31st October **Vigil Mass**	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 1st November **ALL SAINTS** SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 1.15pm **NB** St Win's 2.30pm N Bierley Cem 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Elizabeth Bastow LD David Talbot A; John Hanslep A *Baptism: Maisie Nola Binns* *Prayers for the Dead* *Adoration, Vespers, Benediction*
Monday 2nd November **ALL SOULS' DAY (COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED)**	7.00pm **NB** St Winefride's	November Dead List
Tuesday 3rd November **St Winefride, Virgin** OM	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Joanne Meadows Birth Anniversary *Holy Hour with Vespers* November Dead List
Wednesday 4th November **St Charles Borromeo, Bishop** MEM	11.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Wedding: Charles Smith & Jessica Mercer November Dead List
Thursday 5th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
Friday 6th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am St Winefride's School 10.45am St John's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	November Dead List November Dead List *Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet*
Saturday 7th November **Saturday Mass of Our Lady Vigil Mass**	8.00am **NB** St John's 9.00am **NB** St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	*Holy Hour with Rosary* In thanksgiving for good friends (MM) November Dead List
Sunday 8th November **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Mark Fielding A Catherine Patricia Walker LD *Adoration, Vespers, Benediction*

Confessions: Sats, 4.45-5.10pm **NB**, St W's; Tues, 11.45pm, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

Please pray for the sick and those who died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 25th Oct: **E: £238.50; L: £268.17. Refreshments: St W's: £7.00; Candles: St J's: £164.00. Clothing Stall: £20.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Internet banking and standing orders

Parish bank details: HSBC; Diocese of Leeds Mary, Mother of God; Sort Code: 40-27-15; Account Number: 51343998.

Parish matters

If you would like members of your family to be added to the **2026 Parish Dead List**, please simply take an envelope from the porch, insert the names of the families to be remembered & place it in the collection basket with a stipend. Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all on the List during Nov.
We are in need of **volunteers** in a number of areas to build on our current provision and to reduce the pressure on the parish priest. Lay leadership is key to the renewal of our parish. Please consider whether you might help in one of these areas: a **member of our Parish Pastoral Council** (you will help shape our evolving parish plan); a **Eucharistic Minister** (you will take Holy Communion to one or two of the many parishioners who are housebound and who are currently deprived of Holy Communion); a **catechist** (you could animate conversations with adults, accompany Confirmation candidates or lead Children's Liturgy of the Word – training can be given); a **choir leaders at St J's**; a **youth worker**, helping with any of our three groups for children and young people – see next column; a **collection counter**; a **church cleaner**; a member of the **gardening team** at St W's; a member of the **sacristy team** at St J's. Please be generous with your time!
The meeting of the **Fatima Group** (for older parishioners at St Win's School) which was scheduled for this Tuesday has been cancelled. The next one will be on Tues 1st Dec.
We welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 11.15am Mass next Sunday.
We will have the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at next Sunday's 9.45am Mass.
Thank you to the many parishioners who donate by **Gift Aid**. Please collect letters in our porches addressed to you from the diocesan finance department detailing the extent of your contributions. All taxpayers are courteously invited to donate in this way. Forms are available in our porches.
Your patience as we work out how to produce the **newsletter** in the new Word format is appreciated.

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.
St W's SVP: 2nd Wed, 11.15am: St W's Room.
CC Community Market: Wed,9.30am: St W's Hl.
Youth Group: 3rd Fri, 6.30pm: St J's (term time)
St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.
St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

Adult faith formation

Ongoing Faith Formation Group (for Catholics and all who want to know more): Thurs 5th Nov, 6.30-7.30pm: The Catholic Mission to Yorkshire in the Reformation: the heroism of the martyrs.
Journey in Faith (for those who wish to become Catholics), Sun 8th, 6.30pm, St John's Church Hall: "The Holy Spirit and the Church."
Baptism Classes: (two sessions for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child): Sats, 10.45am to 12noon, St J's Hall: 14/11 (2nd of 2).
Catholic Men's Group: Fris, 6pm: Adoration; 6.30pm Mass, 7pm Talk and discussion, St W's; 8.30pm: Pub, for the thirsty. Launch 13th Nov.
Marriage Preparation Course: Six monthly sessions beginning on Sat 28th Nov, 10.45am. Please enrol by contacting at the Parish Office.

Forthcoming events

Sunday 1st Nov, 7pm: **Film Night**: Triumph of the Heart, St Win's Hall. About St Maximilian Kolbe. In liaison with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Collect ticket on the door. Bar, food, beverages. £5.
W/e 7-8th Nov: **Donations for the Friars:** Cereal, Choc/Snack Bars, Crisps, Sugar. Leave in porch.
Sun 15th Nov, 9.45am and 11.15am: **Family Masses** to which families of the pupils in our parish schools are especially invited.
Wed 18th Nov, 9.45am: Service to mark the **Sixth Anniversary of the Catholic Care Community Market**, St Win's Hall.
Wed 9th Dec, 6pm: **School Carol Service**, St Win's Church.
Sun 13th Dec, 2-4pm: **Advent Family Craft Workshop:** crafts, baking, games, a film, singing Advent hymns and some prayer, St Win's Hall.
Tues 16th Dec, 5.30pm: **School Carol Service**, St J's Church.
Sat 12th Dec, 11am: **SVP Mass of Anointing with Lunch**, St J's Church & Hall.

Children and young people

Tues 3rd Nov, (4:30–6pm) **Junior Oratory** (7-10 yr-olds): (games and activities) St W's Hall. Price: 50p per session. Then 17th, 24th Nov, and 1st & 15th Dec.
NB We have increased the frequency of our sessions in response to participants' requests.
Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): Next session: Fri 6th Nov, 6-7.30pm. Then 27/11; 11/12 in St Wins Church; 8/1; 22/1, St W's Hall. Mass of Confirmation: Wed 27th Jan, 6pm, St W's. Immediately after Confirmation we will begin a **Senior Oratory** for 11-to-14-year-olds at the same time on Friday evenings. Fris, 6-7.30pm: 5/2; 5/3; 7/5; 11/6; 9/7, 6-7.30pm.
Fri 20th Nov, 6.30-8.30pm: Monthly group for 15-to19-year-olds, **Upper Room Group,** St J's Hall.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

FRATRES MEN'S PRAYER GROUP WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL: consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and Lectio Divina. 7:30 pm on Thurs - at St Pio Friary in Bradford (1A Sedgfield Terrace, BD1 2RU). The dates for 2026-2027: 5.11, 3.12, 7.01, 4.02, 4.03, 8.04, 6.05, and 3.06.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. 6th November and 4th December 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

RCIA PROCESS FORMATION: Join the Vicarate for Education on Sat 7th Nov at Hinsley Hall (10am – 4pm) to explore how to accompany and support those discerning the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Ideal for parish volunteers, catechists, and anyone interested in faith formation. Come and discover practical insights, shared experiences, and ways to help guide others closer to Christ. Reserve your free place by Oct 23rd: formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". 7.11, 5.12, 9.01, 6.02, 6.03, 3.04, 1.05. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, 11.45am - 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sun 8th November at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family. The service, led by Canon Patrick Wall, Dean of East Leeds, will be in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

DURUFLÉ'S REQUIEM: Sun 8th Nov, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral, Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls, Boys and Scholars Choirs sing Duruflé's Requiem and other music by Vierne, Byrd and Victoria in a special concert for Remembrance Sunday. Admission free, with a suggested £10 donation.

THE HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY: is delighted to invite all students to our monthly Holy Mass at the University, Mon, 16th Nov, 6:00 pm, Community Hall, Jo Cox Building. Weekly Meetings every Wednesday for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. Other Activities and Social Events- providing opportunities to meet new people, build friendships and enjoy a sense of community. Come along, connect with others, and be part of our welcoming Chaplaincy community. We look forward to seeing you!

FILM PRESENTATION LAND OF CANAAN: SPARK Social Justice is presenting this beautiful film about growing and sustaining olive groves in Palestine. It will be shown on Friday 20 November at St Chad's parish hall on Otley Road in Headingley. The film starts at 7pm. See sparksocialjustice.org.uk for more details and how to book tickets.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' DAY: Satu 21 Nov. Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch (£15). To book your place, reply with dietary requirements by 13 Nov to James Jackson: jjackson@sbsj.co.uk & 01274 941941

'WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH' - AN ADVENT REFLECTION: Sat 21st Nov at The Briery, Ilkley. Join us in preparation for Advent for a day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy. £35pp to include a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. Contact admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287

JOIN YOUTH 2000 FOR A HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Fri 27th Nov, 7.15pm, St Mary's Church, LS18 4AG. Holy Mass, 6.30pm. Confessions available. Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited! Whether you regularly spend time in Adoration or this will be your first time, we'd love to see you.

'LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS' – PRE-ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND: 27th-29th Nov at The Briery, Ilkley. Take some time out before the busy-ness of the season starts for a chance to prepare for the joy of Christmas during this retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas, and enjoy the peace and rich hospitality offered at The Briery. £230pp fully inclusive (£110 non-residential): admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287

HEALING SERVICE - The next Healing Service will be on Tue 1st Dec at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Horsforth. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive, and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-Catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus.

CLEAVING TO CHRIST: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: To complement the work which is already being done in many parishes, the Vicariate for Education will offer six in-person sessions for engaged couples between Nov 2026 and May 2027 (10.15am-12.30pm) at St Winefride's Hall, Bradford, BD6 1ST. Mass available at St Winefride's Church, 9.30am. To book a place (£20 per couple): education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk; 0113 261 8040.

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.