

Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford



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The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9.00am to 2.30pm.

St Winefride's Church is open every day from 7.00am to 7.00pm for quiet prayer.

Sunday 24th March 2024

First Reading Isa 50:4-7: I did not cover my face against insult—I know I shall not be shamed.

Resp Psalm **Ps 21: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11: He humbled himself, but God raised him high.

Gospel Mark 14:1–15:47: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday 23rd March VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 24th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's 6.15pm St John's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Paul Ackroyd RIP Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers and Benediction Stations of the Cross</i>
Monday 25th March MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	7.00am St Win's Church Room 8.00am St Win's Church Room 7.00pm St Win's Church Room	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Rev Peter Kirkham YB RIP Fr John Kelly LD
Tuesday 26th March TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	9.15am St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Mgr Peter Grant YB RIP <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 27th March WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 11.00am Leeds Cathedral	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Canon Joseph Smith YB RIP CHRISM MASS (Parishioners invited)
Thursday 28th March THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10.00am St Winefride's 8.00pm St John's 9.00am-Midnight	<i>Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER Priest's intention x 2 <i>Watching with the Lord</i>
Friday 29th March FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)	9.45am St Winefride's 10.30am Wibsey Fair Ground 3.00pm St Winefride's 7.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>Ecumenical Walk of Witness</i> THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 30th March HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL	10.00am St Winefride's 11.00am St Winefride's 8.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Office of Readings & Morning Prayer</i> <i>Blessing of first food of Easter</i> EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT Priest's intention x 2
Sunday 31st March EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St J's <i>Children's Liturgy</i> 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's	Priest's Intention People of the Parish Priest's Intention Della Marie Baker YB RIP

Confessions: Sat 23rd March, 4.30-5pm, St W's; **Good Friday, 2.30-3.00pm, 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: 17th March: **E: £153.32; L: £338.52. Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** Thank you for your generosity! We have **contactless payment machines** at both churches. If you regularly give by cash and are a tax payer, please have a word with Fr Paul and he will give you a **set of envelopes** so that the parish can receive 25% extra from your donations at no further cost to

Parish matters

This w/e: Collection for the Friars. Please leave the following items in our porches: **Corned Beef, Veg Soup, Long Life Milk, Choc Bars, Crisps.**

Thank you to parishioners who have kindly agreed to join our **Parish Pastoral Council:** Giedre Masiukaite; Sylvanus Akwaegbu; Paul Rafferty; Patricia Barstow, Kathleen Allen and James Lister.

Thank you to **Geraldine Kilduff** who has kindly created innumerable palm crosses for us all.

Join us for our Parish Pilgrimage to **Rome and Assisi:** 9th-16th Sep 2024! Itineraries in porches.

The **UCM** will be selling tickets for an **Easter Egg Raffle** after all Masses at both churches.

Readers are invited to sign up for **Holy Week Services** on the sheets in the porches.

The next collection for the **Red Mission Boxes** is due at the end of March. Please bring your box or the contents (in one of the brown envelopes pinned on the notice board) and leave in the church porch by Sun 31st March. Thank you for your support.

We will transfer **weekday Masses** from the back room to the main church at St W's later this week.

Thank you to everybody who attended our **Gardening Club** event today (Saturday): we constructed raised beds, filled them with topsoil and planted potatoes and onions. Next event: Sat 6th April, 11am.

Thank you to Ages Tetteh for organising a wonderful Lent retreat today (Saturday) for our **Charismatic Renewal Group.**

Mon 25th March, 8.30am: Cleaning, St W's Church.

Volunteer opportunity of the week

We need **Parish Hall Volunteers** who will pop into one of our halls once or twice a week to make sure that everything is in order. They will liaise with the Parish Office. (The cleaning of the halls is done by paid cleaners). Please see job description on noticeboards and on FB. 1 hour per week max.

Forthcoming events

Fri 5th April, 7-11pm: Fr Paul's 60th Birthday Party, St W's Hall. Bar, hot dishes: hog roast, curry and vegetarian option (also dishes from parishioners—please see list on noticeboards), 80s music, quiz. 18+. Booking essential: free tickets: Parish Office.

Sun 14th April, 1pm: African Mass, St W's.

Sat 20th April, 11am: Mass of Anointing with Lunch, St W's Hall, SVP. Please let the Parish Office know if you intend to attend and also if you need assistance in getting to the Mass.

Sat 18th May, 12noon: Thanksgiving Mass for couples celebrating Silver, Ruby, Golden, Diamond, Platinum Wedding Anniversaries, Leeds Cathedral. Forms available in porches.

Sat 18th May: Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Winefride, Holywell.

Wed 12th-Fri 14th June: Catholic Parish Summit, Harrogate Conference Centre. Organised by Divine Renovation. We would like to send five delegates. The parish will pay! See Fr Paul.

Vacancy: Marriage Care Trustee Role

Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation providing marriage preparation and relationship counselling services across England, Wales and Gibraltar. We are looking for **Trustees** to strengthen our board and to help us continue to provide vital relationship support services to the Catholic community and beyond. For more information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk

Adult faith formation in our parish

Baptism: Parents' Sycamore Sessions (St J's Hall): Tues 30th April, 7th & 21st May, 7.45pm.

Sycamore Course: The Year of Prayer, in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year: Sundays, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th April 5th May, 4pm.

Young people and children

Family Catechesis for First Holy Communion (1st of 6): Wed 17th Apr, 3.30-4.15pm, St J's Schl; & Thurs 18th Apr, 5.30-6.45pm, St W's Hall.

Group meetings/regular events

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

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

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

Charismatic Renewal Group: 7pm, alternate Fri, St W's Church. Next one: 8th March.

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. Restarts on 8th April.

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

CC Lunch Group: 1pm, Wed, St W's Hall.

CC Community Market: 10am, Wed, St W's Hall.

Youth Group: 6.30pm, Fri, St J's Hall, (term time)