



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 25th October 2026

Saturday 24th October Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Sharon Deegan A
Sunday 25th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Dominic Clegg Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 26 th October Ss Chad & Cedd, Bishops OM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 7.30pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Holy Souls RIP Reception of the Body of Elizabeth Bastow RIP
Tuesday 27 th October Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm St John's 1.15pm St John's	Catherine Patricia Walker LD Requiem Mass for Elizabeth Bastow <i>The family requests that only family members and close friends attend.</i>
Wednesday 28 th October SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES FEAST		
Thursday 29 th October Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Friday 30 th October Weekday in Ordinary Time	2-3.10pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 31 st October Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 1 st 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 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Elizabeth Bastow LD David Talbot A; John Hanslep A <i>Baptism: Maisie Nola Binns</i> <i>Prayers for the Dead</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions this week: Sats, 4.30-5pm, 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 18th Oct: **E: £242.50; L: £344.** 2nd Collection: **World Mission Sunday: E: 77.90; L: £158.15. Refreshments: St W's: £11.60; St J's: £18. Clothing Stall: £12.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

If you would like members of your family to be added to the **2026 Nov Dead List**, please simply take an envelope from the porch, write on it the names of the families to be remembered & place it in the collection basket. Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all who are on the List during Nov.

Thank you to **Zoe Chater** who has kindly joined our **collection counting rota**. We could do with two more people: 90-minutes, once-every-five-weeks.

Should we create a **Choir** once again at the 11.15am Mass at St John's to enhance our celebration of the Mass. At the beginning, its members could sing perhaps just once a month. Diocese of Leeds Music has just offered us some help to get started. Would anybody be prepared to take leadership on this?

We are going to have an **Advent Family Craft Workshop** Saturday 19th December, between 2:00pm – 4:00pm St Winefride's Hall, which will involve crafts, baking, games, a film, singing Advent hymns and some prayer. Families will be able to drop in whenever they wish. We need more volunteers: if you please contact the Parish Office.

The Diocese will soon be launching new training materials concerning **Parish Pastoral Councils** because the Bishop wishes each parish to have one. Ours is functioning well but it is short of numbers. Fr Paul would be grateful if two or three more parishioners would volunteer to contribute to its deliberations on behalf of everybody else. It is not time-consuming and participants' insights and initiatives is what is helping our parish to contribute more fully to the Bishop's mission in our Diocese.

We welcome **Littleway Healing Ministries** (info@littlewayhealingministries.com) whose members will be meeting in the back room of St Win's Church on the second Thurs of each month between 11am and 1.30pm from now on, starting on 12th Nov. Parishioners are welcome to join the group. Contact the Parish Office for details.

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, 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.

Internet banking and standing orders

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

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 25th, 6.30pm, St John's Church Hall: "The light of Christ."

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.

Forthcoming events

Sun 1st Nov, 2.30pm: **Prayers for the Dead**, North Bierley Cemetery.

Sun 1st Nov, 7pm: **Triumph of the Heart.** A new film about St Maximilian Kolbe. S Win's Church Hall. Refreshments will be available. £5 Donation for the World Youth Day.

Wed 4th Nov, 11am: **Wedding:** Charles Smith and Jessica Mercer, St John's.

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:

We will also have a monthly group for older young people, **the Upper Room Group** (15-19 year olds), on Fridays (6.30-8.30pm) St J's Hall. The next one will be on 20th Nov.

Mass attendance: Thank you to all the children who last w/e registered at the end of Mass as part of their preparation to make their First Confession or receive their First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027. You are now confirmed as candidates for these sacraments. A number of children who originally enrolled for the relevant preparation programmes but who have not been attending Sunday Mass will not progress to participate in these programmes next year. Parents will recall that Fr Paul informed them in August and September that 90% Mass attendance in the autumn period is a prerequisite for participation in these programmes, being key as this is to the children's religious formation. Parents with queries are invited to contact the Parish Office.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACEFUL VIGIL: Running until 1st November 7:00am-7:00pm. Join us in being a voice for the voiceless. Location just over 150 meters from MSI Reproductive Choices abortion facility at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road LS7 4AW. This complies with current buffer-zone law. To get involved contact Chris Redding 07815 681343 email: 40daysforlifeleeds@gmail.com. Further information at www.40daysforlife.com/leeds

RCIA PROCESS FORMATION: Join the Vicarate for Education on Saturday 7th Nov at Hinsley Hall (10am) **UNDER ONE SKY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION:** Featuring photographic portraits and personal stories of refugees who have legally settled in North Yorkshire, offering a human perspective beyond the headlines. Learn about their journeys and the lives they are building today. 30 Oct to 4 Nov 2026, 10.00am to 3.00pm, Gracious St. Methodist Church, HG5 8AN Free admission. sue.parsons@catholic-care.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the autumn: 31 October (starting at 2.00pm) and on 21 November and 12 December when the tours start at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral

INSTAGRAM HANGOUT: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for an exclusive tour created especially for Instagrammers! Learn more about the fascinating history, architecture and design of our Arts and Crafts-style Cathedral, access areas not usually open to the public, and capture its beauty through photography. Saturday 31st Oct 2pm-4pm. Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>

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

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

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

CATHOLIC CARE UPDATE: We're delighted to share that Catholic Care has a new home at Hinsley Hall, 62 Headingley Lane, Leeds, LS6 2BR. While our address has changed, our commitment to supporting people across the Diocese remains as strong as ever. You can now reach us on 0113 831 5712.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT: An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. Contact Michelle: carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

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.