



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 26th July 2026

Saturday 25th July Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Kathleen Ellis LD
Sunday 26th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention People of the Parish Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 27th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Canon John Galvin LD Priest's Intention
Tuesday 28th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm St John's 5.30pm NB St John's 6.30pm NB St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Rev M Murray, Yorks Breth, LD
Wednesday 29th July St Martha, Mary & Lazarus MEM	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Priest's Intention
Thursday 30th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest MEM	8.00am NB St Winefride's 9.00am NB St Winefride's 2.00-3.10pm St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> Rev M Murray, Yorks Breth, LD
Saturday 1st August St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church MEM Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Rev M Murray, Yorks Breth, LD Maria & Janusz Dolistowski A
Sunday 2nd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 12.45pm St John's 5.00pm St John's	Kathleen Ellis LD Malcolm Kemp A People of the Parish <i>Baptism: Navy Westall</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.45pm, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

Please pray for the sick & those who have died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 19th July: **E: £239.50; L: £293.67. Refreshments: St W's: £7.50. Piety Stall: St J's: £20. Car Boot Sale: £60.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. Thank you for your generosity! This w/e Rachel Buckley will be making an appeal on behalf of **Aid to the Church in Need** which helps Catholics and other Christians who are persecuted or oppressed in different part of the world.

Parish matters

As part of our outreach to our local community, we are running for the first time a summer **Holiday Activities and Food Programme** using a government grant administered by Bradford Council. It will run over six days, namely Tues & Thurs, 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th Aug chiefly at St Winefride's Hall. Would you be able to help as a volunteer on one of these days? Many of the approximately 20 children who will be joining us will be pupils in our local schools and a proportion of the children will come from less well-off families. The idea behind the scheme is that all children should be given opportunities to enjoy stimulating, creative and formative experiences during the holidays regardless of the financial circumstances of their families. Please sign up for a day on the list in the porches. The timetable is as follows: Tuesday 4th August: AM: First Aid Course. Noon: Lunch at the Hall; PM: Games in the hall/visit to Harold Park. Thursday 6th August: AM: Gardening and Blackberry picking; Outdoor games; Cooking class with Catholic Care's Ingrid; Noon: Lunch; PM: Ping Pong Pete (1-3pm). Tuesday 11th August: AM: Drum session with Good Things Rhythm; Noon: Lunch; PM: Craft sessions and cookery class. Thursday 13th August: Day Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Tuesday 18th August: Day Trip to Bradford Industrial Museum. Thursday 20th August: AM: Singing class with Diocese of Leeds Music; Walk to Wibsey Park; Noon: Lunch; PM: Drama with Bradford Catholic Players.

Congratulations to **John and Margaret Iles** who last week celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were married in St Winefride's Church.

Congratulations to **Ruth Westbrook**, our parishioner and our Parish Safeguarding Rep, and the Deputy Headteacher of St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Bradford, who won the Catholic Life Award at the recent award ceremony for the Blessed Christopher Wharton Catholic Academy Trust.

Thank you to **Angie Rayner** who has kindly agreed to contribute to the cleaning of St Winefride's Church at a time convenient to her to complement the work of our Monday morning cleaning team. Would anybody else be available to help?

Young people

Thank you to the members of our Youth Group who joined us for our end-of season walk on Friday evening. We will begin meeting again in Sep.

Adult formation

Thank you to the parishioners who participated in a session about the tradition and evangelical power of priestly celibacy on Thurs evening. We had a great discussion. We will meet again in Sep.

Forthcoming events

We will have a special blessing at Mass this weekend to mark the **Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Older People**. Theme: "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" Sir 14,2.

Mon 27th July, 8.30am: **St W's Church Cleaning.** Please join our team by simply turning up! We urgently need some more volunteers.

Tues 28th July, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council**, St John's Hall. We will be looking at how we can realise our five pastoral goals through the creation of a **parish action plan** for 2026/27. We will be using the proposals which have emerged from multiple conversations in recent weeks as a framework for our discussion. Details of these proposals are included in this weekend's newsletter. Thank you to the members of our PPC who have liaised with dedicated members of our Senior Leadership Team in this valuable work. We need several more members of the PPC. Please see Fr Paul if you would like to serve other parishioners in this way.

Sunday 16th August, 12.30pm: **Parish Barbeque and Games Afternoon** on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM. Please sign up for a job on the lists in our porches.

Sat 22nd Aug, 2-6pm: **Vintage Evening**, Film + Supper, St John's Hall; £5 per ticket, pay at door.

Sat 5th Sep, Dep 6am, St Win's: **Annual March for Life** in London (18 Catholic Bishops will be present this year!); £40. Please book your seat with the Parish Office. Join parishioners and others to uphold the rights of babies in the womb and adults nearing the end of their lives. It is a very enjoyable day with lots of social events as well as speeches. We are organising the diocesan coach so it could not be more convenient! Mass at 5.30am for anybody who wants to attend.

Mon 7th Oct, 7pm: **Batley Torchlight Procession.** A minibus will leave from the parish at 6pm. Price: £5. Please sign up at the 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 Hl.

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

St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.

St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday, 1st Aug 2026, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pilgrim Mass 12:00noon. Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life and Benediction, Rosary and a silent walk as an Act of Reparation. The pilgrimage will be concluded by a Prayer for England and the Salve Regina. For further details, please visit prolifepilgrimage.org.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Sat 8 August, 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.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT: 4th-13th August (6-day option to 11th). There are still a few places for IGR at The Briery.: 01943 607287 admin@briery.org.uk

ONE THREE PEAK CHALLENGE: Sat 8th Aug, Hiking th Yorkshire Three Peaks in support of St Patrick's Mission Church and the ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; www.stpatricksmisson.co.uk

MAKING WISER CHOICES: Wedn 16th September 10am-4pm. A day of reflection led by popular writer Margaret Silf. Requested offering £50pp to include lunch and all refreshments. 01943 607287

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES: 10 - 11th October. This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons, seeking to legalise assisted suicide. MPs vote on Friday, 11 September 2026, so please consider contacting your MP by scanning the code on the attached poster, which will take you to this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH: Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE INFORMATION: Leeds Cathedral will be closed on weekdays throughout August to enable essential works on the lighting system. Mass will be held in Cathedral Hall, times will vary to the usual schedule.

AFGHAN WELCOME PROJECT: Dioceses across the North-West are partnering with Catholic Care (Leeds) to help Afghan families resettle in the UK with support from local communities. We are seeking volunteers, community groups, landlords and property owners to get involved. Join our free webinar (dates listed on link) to learn more: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/afghan-welcome-webinar Or for further information, email: resettlement@caritassalford.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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. email admin@briery.org.uk

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

VACANCIES

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Schools Social Worker – 26.25 hours per week over 3.5 days. Salary £ 32,105 - £37,018 depending on experience. Based across Wakefield & Pontefract. Must be qualified and registered with SWE. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers needed for our children's residential home in Wakefield or Keighley. Applicants must have a current and valid UK driving licence. £15.07 / Hr inclusive Please send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Community Development Worker – Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata for 6 hours per week. Closing date 21 August 2026. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers needed for our children's residential home in Wakefield or Keighley. Applicants must have a current and valid UK driving licence. £15.07 / Hr inclusive. Please send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.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.

