



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 28th June 2026

Saturday 27th June Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th June SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Beryl Pearson A Peter Butterfield RIP <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 29th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.00am NB St Winefride's 7.00am NB St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Rev M Murray, Yorkshire Breth Priest's Intention
Tuesday 30th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.00am NB St Winefride's 7.00am NB St Winefride's 12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Canon Tom O'Connor YB RIP Mike Smith RIP <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 1st July Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Intentions of Year 4 pupils Priest's Intention
Thursday 2nd July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 3rd July ST THOMAS, APOSTLE FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Yorkshire Brethren Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 4th July Weekday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Tommy Butterfield RIP Priest's Intention
Sunday 5th July FOURTEENTH 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 Int of Baby Ivy (sick) Priest's Intention <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 28th June: E: £197.50; L: £239.63. Day for Life: E: £70.00; L: £90.71. Refreshments: St W's: 5.20; St J's: £12.30. Clothing Stall: £73.00. Car Boot Sale: £100. Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. Thank you for your generosity! **Second Collection: Peter's Pence. 200 Club winner (June): 112, C. Mc Kenny.**

Parish matters

Congratulations to seven pupils from St John the Evangelist School who will receive their **First Holy Communion** at our 11.15am Mass today. Thank you to our catechists Maria Karas and Carol McKenny for all their hard work in accompanying parents and children in recent weeks.

Thank you to **Bernadette Benyon** and **John Bosco Kru** who have served as members of our Parish Pastoral Council and who now stand down from this responsibility.

Fr Paul and a good number of our parishioners will be on the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** between Friday of this week and Thursday of next week. Our parish group is the largest of any parish on this pilgrimage. Thank you to all those who go. We will pray for everybody at the shrine.

We are building connections with **St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College** in Bradford. Next month some students will come on two occasions to help with the Catholic Care Lunch Group for Older People at St Winefride's and this Friday (9.30-11.30am) some students will spend two hours helping to develop our emerging community garden behind St Winefride's. If you are free to help on Friday, please see one of the clergy.

Congratulations to Conor Pearson & Demi-Leigh Mitchell Brook who were married on Wed at St J's.

The **Bishop** is making a **canonical visitation** to our parish on Sunday 19th July so I'd be grateful if we could use this as an opportunity to make sure that everything is looking spic and span and that all our planning for 2026/27 is up-to-date. I'll be presenting him with our programme of activities for this period so parish groups are asked to submit dates to me for events by the end of this month.

Our summer **Holiday Activities and Food Programme** will run over six days, namely Tues & Thurs, 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th 18th, 20th Aug. Please sign up as a volunteer on the lists in the porches. **Catholic Care Lunch Groups** in Bradford are having two Summer Parties! If you have never tried us, give us a go. The parties will take place on Tues 30th June at St John's (12.30pm) and on Wed 1st July at St Win's (1pm). There will be music from the Toe Tappers. £5 for a two-course meal: please call Gemma 07599 653210.

Please get in touch if you are holding **Green Donation Envelope Box** no 53.

St John's Playgroup (for 3- and 4-year-olds), situated in St John's School, has places available for Sep 26. Mon-Fri 8.50am - 11.50am, term time only: sj.playgroup@hotmail.co.uk; 07742098299.

We will recite the **Litany of the Precious Blood** before some Masses in July.

Forthcoming events

Mon 29th June, 8.30am: St W's Church Cleaning. Please join our team by simply turning up! We urgently need some more volunteers.

Fri 10th-Sun 12th July: Forty Hours' Devotion in both our schools and churches. Please sign up for one-hour prayer slots on the list in our porches. Please be generous in giving of your time in this way so that the clergy do not have to do all the praying! Parish groups are invited to book a slot as well. It will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession after the 9.45am Mass at St W's.

Sun 12th July, 12.45pm (dep): First Parish Pilgrimage to the **Annual Postgate Rally** (Diocese of Middlesbrough) in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the Martyrs of England and Wales, St Anne's, Ugthorpe, YO21 2BQ. Mass at 3pm. Minibus tickets: £10. Children go free.

Wed 15th July, 3.30pm: Parish Senior Leadership Team, Presbytery.

Sun 19th July: Canonical Visitation of the Parish by Bishop Marcus.

Tues 28th July, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council, St John's Church Hall.

Sat 5th Sep, Dep 6.30am, St Win's: Annual March for Life in London (18 Catholic Bishops will be present this year!). Coach: £40. Contact Parish Office.

Please note that our **Parish Trip to the Seaside**, scheduled for Sat 18th July, has been postponed because of Bishop Marcus' Visitation.

Adult formation

Thursday 23rd July, 6.30-7.30pm: Adult Faith Formation Group, St J's Church Hall. All welcome! Priestly celibacy: undue burden or treasure?

Saturday 4th July, 11am: Baptism Preparations classes (2/2), St John's Church Hall. Please book your place at the Parish Office. We are now encouraging godparents, who represent the Church community, to attend these classes as well. Godparents need to be practising Catholics.

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.

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

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING: Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Mondays 22nd & 29th June 2026 at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. The cost is £70 and includes a cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments on both days: epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 01943 607287.

SUMMER CONCERT OF THE HAREWOOD CONSORT: at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Moortown, 5 July, 7pm. Programme: Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and Bach Cantata "Es ist dir gesagt". Orchestra, Choir, Soloists and Narrator. Conductor: Eduardo Portal Martín. Tickets on the door or at <https://www.harewoodconsort.com>

FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS: Mass for the Feast of St Benedict, Tuesday 14th July, 12noon. All welcome.

FRIENDS OF BRIERY SUMMER FAYRE: Sat 19th July, 2-4pm. Stalls: crafts, gifts, books, tobola, raffle and more. The Briery Retreat & Conference Centre, 38 Victoria Ave, Ilkley. 01943607287.

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY CARERS PROJECT: CARERS MASS - All carers and the person they are caring for are invited to join us for a special Mass to celebrate the wonderful and important work of unpaid carers across the diocese. Saturday 11th July 12pm, Leeds Cathedral, Great George Street, Leeds, LS2 8BE. A sandwich lunch will be served in Cathedral Hall after Mass. To book a place please email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk. All welcome. **ONLINE EVENT** - Wednesday 15th July 2pm. As part of our Carers Project we are hosting an online session and event - "You are precious in my eyes", The session will explore how carers may feel ignored or invisible but how they can feel reassured that God sees them and they are precious to him. The session will include practical information, time to share experiences and time for prayer and reflection. To book a place please email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk. All welcome.

CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY: Join us on Sunday 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE: 24-27th July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Tickets and more information available now at: www.webelievefestival.com

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday, 1st August 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.

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.stpatricksmision.co.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!: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK and around the world. Mondays up to 13th July, 1.15pm, Leeds Cathedral – free entry: <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

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. Webinar: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/afghan-welcome-webinar; e: resettlement@caritassalford.org.uk

Catholic Care Recruitment: Support Workers required- Full and Part time hours available for our services in Leeds, Bradford and Life Skill Mentors required in Dewsbury: www.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.

