



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 29th December 2024

Saturday 28th December VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FEAST OPENING OF THE ORDINARY JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025 IN THE DIOCESE	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	The Forgotten Souls RIP Monica and Eddie O'Hara RIP Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 30th December SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> The Forgotten Souls RIP The Forgotten Souls RIP
Tuesday 31st December SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	9.00am St Winefride's 10.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> The Forgotten Souls RIP x 2
Wednesday 1st January 2025 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD SOL	12noon St Winefride's	The Forgotten Souls RIP x 2
Thursday 2nd January Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Jennifer Lee LD <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Int Solly Costello
Friday 3rd January Weekday of Christmas Time First Friday	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 11.00am St Winefride's 5.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> The Forgotten Souls RIP <i>Funeral: Edna Thornton RIP</i> <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> The Forgotten Souls RIP
Saturday 4th January Weekday of Christmas Time First Saturday VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> The Forgotten Souls RIP Priest's Intention
Sunday 5th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 10.15am NB St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Kenneth McCann Birth Rem Fr Michael Nealon RIP <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Saturday, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Wednesday, 11.30-11.50am, St W's.

Please pray for the sick and for 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: 22nd Dec: E: £167.90; L: £282.96. **Flowers: £94.50. St John's Refreshments: £20.60. Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** Thank you for your generosity. We have **contactless payment machines** at both churches and we may donate also through the **parish website**.

Parish matters

Bishop Marcus has published a **Pastoral Letter** which is to be read at all Masses in the Diocese this weekend.

Thank you to **Meresa Morton** who has been a parish stalwart at St John's Church for many years, latterly acting as a welcomer and exercising oversight of the kitchen, and who now stands down from all parish duties

If you know of somebody who would like to receive **Holy Communion** at home, please inform the Parish Office.

Please remember that as from 5th January, at the request of some older parishioners and as a result of a decision by the Parish Pastoral Council, the **9.45am** Sunday Mass at St Winefride's will be moved to **10.15am**.

Thank you for your **Crib donations** which, at the Bishop's suggestion, will be sent to the charity the **Friends of the Holy Land** (www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) which supports Christians in the Middle East.

The provision of **refreshments in the church porch after the 9.45am Sunday Mass** has proved to be popular. From now on parishioners at St Winefride's will be invited to follow the procedure which obtains at St John's and pay a small charge.

Thank you to **Linda McCann** who has kindly volunteered to join the flower arranging team.

Thank you to **Joe and Susan Deegan** who have kindly donated an **electronic piano** to enhance the liturgy at St John's. All we need now is a pianist! Would any parishioner be available to play on an occasional basis?

Thank you to the following parishioners who have ministered as **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** and who now stood down from this role: Bernadette Benyon; Graham Bolland; Angela Boyle; Gill Mason; Carol Rafferty; Agnes Tetteh; Peter Tetteh; Louise Walsh; Linda Wright.

The **Parish 200 Club** plays an important role in helping to reduce the parish debt. New members are welcome! Existing members are invited to pay their annual subscription of £12 per number by 19th January. The preferred mode of payment is by bank transfer (200 Club, Acc No: 01463888; Sort Code: 402715) including, as a reference, your name and, if possible, your numbers. Alternatively, cash payments may be placed in an envelope with your name, amount and if possible your numbers, and handed into the Parish Office or to Gerry and Mary. If your contact details have changed or if you wish to discontinue your membership, please contact Mary/Gerry: 01422 206122; mar-tinmary@gmail.com

Now that we are using the new **lectionaries**, the **beautiful covers** which were created for the old lectionaries at St Winefride's are no longer needed. Does anybody know who made them?

Forthcoming events

Fri 4th Jan, 6pm: **First Friday Mass**, St John's. We will recommence these Masses, the attendance at which is so spiritually fruitful, as a particular way of accessing the graces of the 2025 Year of Jubilee.

Sat 11th Jan, 7pm: **Charismatic Renewal Group**, St W's.

Thurs 23rd Jan, 7pm: Bishop Marcus will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, St Win's Church.

Thurs 23rd-Sat 25th Jan: **St Paul's AODS Concert**, St George's Concert Hall, book 01274432000.

Mon 3rd to Mon 10th March: **InnChurches**, St Win's Hall. (During this period our hall will become a home for a number of homeless people).

Adult formation

Would you like to become a Catholic? We have two **Catholic Enquiry Groups** which take place in the Presbytery. **Evening:** Wed (6.30-7.45pm): 15/1; 29/1; 12/2; 5/3; 26/3; 2/4; 9/4; 23/4. **Morning:** each Mon (8.30-9.30am). Please let the Parish Office know if you'd like to attend.

Baptism Prep for Parents: St J's Hall. Just for the first child: 11am, Sat 1st, 8th, 15th Feb 25.

Families, young people and children

Sat 11th Jan, 3.15pm: **Confirmation Family Catechesis**, St Win's Hall.

Saturday 18th January, 3.00pm: **Family and Youth Activities**, St Winefride's Hall

Sat 1st Feb, 3.30-6.15pm: **First Holy Communion Family Catechesis**, including Vigil Mass, St W's Hall and Church.

Group meetings/regular events

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

Craft Group: Tues, 10.00am-12am, St J's Hall

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

Bible Study: Wed, 10.30-11.15am, St W's Hall.

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

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.

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)

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

COMMENCEMENT OF THE JUBILEE HOLY YEAR 2025: The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is Pilgrims of Hope. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Holy Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29 December 2024. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11:00am Mass at Leeds Cathedral on that day. Everyone welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR PRAYER VIGIL: St Mary's, Batley will be hosting a Prayer Vigil entitled; "Crucem, Hostia et Virginem" (the Cross, the Host and the Virgin Mary) on the 1st Friday of each month in 2025. There will be an opportunity for Confession, Adoration, Mass and receiving the Jubilee Indulgence. Friday 3 January at 6pm.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS AND EUCHARISTIC HEALING SERVICE: St. Aidan's Church, Mirfield, Friday 3 January 2025 at 7pm.

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Friday 3 January 2025 at 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

OLK HEALING SERVICE: The next Healing Service in the parish of Our Lady of Kirkstall will be 16 January 2025, 7pm, St Mary's RC Church, Broadgate Lane, 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.

CAFOD JUBILEE YEAR EVENTS: CAFOD is offering an online Introduction to the Jubilee Year on Saturday 18 January with special guests to help us become tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout the Holy Year. Register at <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

NEW BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING: A two-day course for those wishing to learn how to accompany those who are grieving. 10am – 4pm Saturday 11 January and Saturday 18 January 2025 at The Briery. For more information or an application form please contact the Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care team at epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

WORKSHOP FOR PARISH MUSICIANS - PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER: Sunday 26 January, 2-4pm, Cathedral Chambers (accessed via Wheeler Hall, Leeds Cathedral). Meet musicians from across the Diocese in this free workshop exploring liturgical music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. The practical workshop led by Diocesan Choral Directors and composer Teena Lyle, will introduce two new accessible choral pieces, including perusal copies of the music. Our musicians will be on hand for bespoke advice. To book please email the Music Office: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

THE ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: will take place on Friday 28 February 2025 at the Met Hotel in Leeds, Tickets are £40 each or £375 for a table of 10, Ticket price includes a reception drink, a 3 course dinner and entertainment throughout the night. Please contact Phil Marshall for tickets or more info on 07766 148375 or at philmarshall49@hotmail.com

DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: This new venture welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and school and Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals on Sunday afternoons (19 January, 2 & 9 February, 2 & 23 March all at 2-3.30pm), working towards a concert performance, including music by Mendelssohn, Fauré, and Rutter, on Laetare Sunday, 30 March 2025 (4pm) at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown. To book your place please email office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

ONLINE RESOURCE FOR READERS AT MASS: Three short videos on 'Proclaiming the Word from the New Lectionary: a Refresher for Readers' have been produced by the Diocese to form a simple and concise guide and provide some useful "DOs and DON'Ts" women and men who exercise the important ministry of reading at Mass. Access videos via our YouTube channel, www.LeedsCathedralLive.org.uk.

TRAIN TO TEACH: Are you interested in training to teach in a Catholic School? St. Anthony's Catholic Partnership is recruiting for Sep 25. Hannah Taylor: h.taylor@stanthonysleeds.org.uk/01132776944.