



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 September 2024

First Reading	Num 11:25-29: Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!
Resp Psalm	Ps 18: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.
Second Reading	Jas 5:1-6: Your wealth is all rotting.
Gospel	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48: Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

Saturday 28th September VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	
Sunday 29th September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Ken McCann LD <i>Holy Hour, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 30th September St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church MEM	6.00am St Winefride's 7.00am NB St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour</i> The Forgotten Souls RIP
Tuesday 1st October St Therese of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux) Virgin and Doctor of the Church MEM	6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour</i> Katie Tannetta RIP
Wednesday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels MEM	12.30pm St Winefride's 2.30pm Cooper House	Stephen Hunt A <i>Service of the World with HC</i>
Thursday 3rd October Weekday in Ordinary Time	6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour</i> Special Intention AT
Friday 4th October St Francis of Assisi MEM	9.15am St Winefride's School 2-3.10pm St Winefride's	Fr Michael Nealon RIP <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 5th October Weekday in Ordinary Time 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 Joyce Gannon LD
Sunday 6th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish In Thanksgiving AT <i>Holy Hour, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Wed 2nd Oct, 12-12.20pm, St W's; Sat 6th Oct, 4.30-5pm, St W's.

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

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: 15th September: **E: £224.25; L: £387.07. 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 ask for a **set of envelopes** so that the parish can receive 25% extra from your donations at no further cost to yourself.

Parish matters

We are grateful to **Fr Frantisek Chloupek** CFR who will celebrate today's 5.15pm Vigil Mass.

Thank you to everybody who participated in a fascinating **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting last week. The Minutes and the Group/Committee/School reports will be distributed next weekend. Members decided that we should continue with the Sign of Peace, reintroduce Holy Communion under both kinds and appoint a Pastoral Worker for Older People in collaboration with Growing Old Gracefully.

A Pastoral Letter from **Bp Marcus** on "The Season of Creation" will be read at Masses this w/e.

Fr Sunny Joseph, will be joining us soon.

This year the **Bradford Catholic Girls Choir** will be singing at seven of our 9.45am Masses at St Win's, namely on 6th Oct, 10th Nov, 8th Dec, 2nd Feb, 9th March, 6th April and 4th May. We are grateful to the Diocese of Leeds School Singing Programme for complementing the work of our excellent Parish Choir in this way.

You are invited to donate to **Fr Festus' going-away present** through using the dedicated envelopes in church porches.

The **annual Mass count continues** this weekend and for the following two weekends.

Inn Churches Winter Shelter. St Win's Hall will be hosting the Winter Shelter from Mon 3rd March to Sunday 9th March 2025. We had around 50 volunteers last year who helped with the shelter. If you would like to volunteer again, or wish to join our group please contact Mary-Jo 07865172522 or maryjo.daly@icloud.com. Please get in touch before 1st Nov 2024. All Volunteers welcome.

If you wish to have an announcement added to **Parish Newsletter** please contact Parish Office no later than on Wednesday of the week in ques-

Forthcoming events

Sun 29th Sep: **UCM Cake Sale for MacMillan Cancer Relief** after Masses.

Mon 30th Sep: **Cleaning St W's Church, 8am.**

Forty Days for Life: Join fellow parishioners praying outside Leeds MSI Reproductive Choices, 5-7pm, Wed 2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th Oct. Depart St W's Pres at 4pm. Parish Office.

Wed 2nd Oct, 2pm: **Property Committee**, Pres.

Friday 4th Oct, 6.30-11pm: **Going Away Bash for our Youth Worker, Andy Watts**, who is leaving us after three years, St John's Church Hall.

Sat 5th Oct, 11am-12.30pm: **Voluntary Labour Morning**, St Win's. Please come along and join in all sorts of jobs for an autumn tidy up. Bacon sandwiches and coffee will be on offer!

Monday 7th October, 7.30pm: **Batley Torchlight Procession.** Travel by minibus. Price: £2. Book place: Parish Office.

Tues 8th Oct, 7pm: **Valedictory Mass and Party for Fr Festus**, St J's Church & Hall. Donation envelopes available in porches for his present.

16th Nov: Craft Group Trip to **Christmas Crafts in the Pen**, Skipton. £12. Book: Parish Office 30/9.

Families, young people and children

Family Activity Saturday Afternoons 2024/25 (on either the second or third Sat each month): 3-5pm, St Win's Hall: 19/10; 23/11; 21/12; 14/1; 8/2; 8/3; 12/4; 17/5; 21/6; 12/7.

Altar Server Training: Sat 28th Sep, 4-5pm, St Win's. Children and young people who serve at either of our churches or who would wish to begin to do so are asked to attend this class. We will be issuing Certificates of Competency.

Sun 29th Sep, 3.30pm: **Young Christian Workers.** An opportunity to reflect on life in the light of the gospel and set personal goals. Presbytery.

Adult formation

Would you like to become a Catholic? Book your place on a 12-session course on Tues (7.45-9pm) 1/10 29/10 & Weds (6.30-7.45pm): 13/11; 27/11; 11/12; 15/1; 29/1; 12/2; 5/3; 26/3; 2/4; 9/4; 23/4. You will be most welcome!

Bible Study: 10.30-11.45am, Wed 2nd Oct, St W's Hall

Baptism Prep for Parents: Sats, 11am, 9th; 16th; 23rd Nov, St J's Hall. Just for the first child.

Diocesan Notices

Please see the separate bulletin.

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.

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

Charismatic Renewal: 7pm, alternate Fri, St W's.

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.