



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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Chairs: Finance & Property: Paul Rafferty/Trish Barstow; **Social:** Linsey Holmes.

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Sunday 2nd August

Saturday 1st August Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	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 Helen Lawlor A <i>Baptism: Navy Westall</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 3rd August St Oswald, Martyr MEM	12.30pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Tuesday 4th August St John Vianney, Priest MEM	12.00pm St Winefride's 12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Funeral: Mary Kathleen Ellis RIP</i> <i>Holy Rosary</i> <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> People of the Parish
Wednesday 5th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Int of John Cassidy (Birthday)
Thursday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 7th August Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>First Friday</i>	1.00pm St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's	Requiem: Joe McDermott RIP Priest's Intention
Saturday 8th August St Dominic, Priest MEM Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Pat Taylor A; Priest's Intention People of the Parish
Sunday 9th August NINETEENTH 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 Peter Curran Birthday Rem Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Introit Psalm (67) Response: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house.**

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

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

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 26th July: E: £189.50; L: £282.04. **Refreshments:** St W's: £5.10. **Baptism:** £10. **Clothing Stall:** £4.50. **Plant sales for the parish gardens:** £13. Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. Thank you for your generosity. **200 Club July Winners:** £25: E. Binns, 11; £20: A. Blessington, 211; £15: J. Loughran, 183; £10: S. Deegan, 19; £10: G. Bolland, 40.

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.

Thank you to **Carol McKenny** who has been one of our First Sacraments catechists in recent years and who now stands down from this responsibility.

Please note that we will not be having a **Catholic Care Lunch Group** at either St Winefride's or St John's Halls during the week beginning 17th August due to staff holidays.

We will often recite the **Litany of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** before Masses during August.

Thank you to the members of our **Parish Pastoral Council** who met last week to work on the Parish Action Plan for 2026/27 which is based on our five pastoral objectives, which are available on our parish notice boards, and to finalise our programme of events for the coming year. The **Minutes** of the meeting are available in church porches. The decisions included the following: the experiment of receiving Holy Communion at the altar rails at St Win's, either standing or kneeling or sitting in a wheelchair, at the Saturday Vigil Mass is, from Sep, to be extended to the 8.15am and 9.45am Sunday Masses; a Parish Men's Group is to meet quarterly; on the last Sunday of each month as far as practicable, children will perform many of the liturgical ministries in the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses; it is hoped we may have children's choirs at some Masses.

Forthcoming events

Sunday 16th August, 12.30pm: **Parish Barbeque and Games Afternoon** on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM. We will have children's games, crafts, a bar, tea and cake later in the afternoon, blackberrying behind the church and tours of our community garden which is currently being created. Please sign up for a job on the lists in our porches. If sufficient people attend we will also have a simple Procession of Our Lady in the grounds of the church.

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

Wed 2nd Sep, 10.45am: **Senior Leadership Team**, Presbytery. We will finalise the Parish Action Plan and the Programme of Events for the coming year in the light of the deliberations of the Parish Pastoral Council.

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. The March is especially relevant this year because it is being held just before the debate in Parliament about the newly proposed Assisted Suicide Bill.

Fri-Sat 25th /26th Sep: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. We intend to go down by minibus and stay overnight before the pilgrimage proper starts on the Saturday. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Office and provisionally booking your seat. We will be publishing precise timings and the cost next week.

Tues 29th Sep, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council**.

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 HI.

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

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

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

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

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.

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

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Saturday 12 September at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. Sunday 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

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.

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

ARE YOU AGED 65 OR OVER, OR INFORMALLY CARE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS?: Researchers at Leeds Beckett University want to hear your opinions about how information might be used to identify older people who could benefit from additional support. Contact Dr Marie Janes m.m.janes@leedsbeckett.ac.uk /0113 8123079 to learn more, with no obligation to take part.

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.

