



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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Executive Head of Parish Primary Schools (St John's & St Winefride's): Ben Lavin:

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Saturday 1st February VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEAST	8.15am St Winefride's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish George and Mary Cassidy BR Dead List, Our Lady of Kirkstall <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 3rd February 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> Rev James Leavy LD Yorks B Priest's Intention
Tuesday 4th February Weekday in Ordinary Time	12noon NB St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Rev Daniel O'Neill LD Yorks B
Wednesday 5th February St Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall 2.30pm Cooper House	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Service of the Word with HC</i>
Thursday 6th February Ss Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour</i> Very Rev Canon Joseph Taylor LD Yorkshire Brethren
Friday 7th February Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>First Friday</i>	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> Priest's Intention Rev Dan Harrison LD Yorks Br <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 8th February Mass of Our Lady on Saturday <i>First Saturday</i> VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Very Rev Canon Patrick Hartnet LD YB; Priest's Intention People of the Parish
Sunday 9th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 1.00pm St Winefride's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Priest's Intention AFRICAN MASS <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Saturdays, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Wednesdays, 12noon-12.20pm: St W's.

Please pray for the sick and 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: 26th Jan: E: £270.90; L: £241.43. **Second Collection: Lepra** (an international charity working to beat leprosy): £151.03. **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**.

We will dismantle the **crib** and the **Christmas tree** after today's 10.15am Mass. The more people who help the quicker we can get it done!

The **Fatima Group** scheduled for Tuesday 4th February at St Winefride's School has been cancelled.

Volunteering opportunity: We need a couple more people to assist in the **counting of the Sunday collection**. This would be a two-hour, once every six weeks commitment.

Lost property will now be retained in our respective church piety stalls. If you have lost something, please just enquire. We are currently in possession of a black handbag and countless scarves, gloves and water bottles.

Our **Friday evening Youth Group** continues happily and we want to develop it further by setting up a rota of parishioners to assist with activities. Please consider helping with this.

A number of young people from our parish will be going to the Catholic youth event, **Flame**, on Sat 15th March in London. If you would like to go, please contact the Parish Office. We will have a number of fundraising events to pay the £75 fee per person, including a bake sale this Sun 2nd Feb after the 11.15am Mass and a Parish Social on Fri 7th March at St J's Hall.

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): 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 8th, 15th Feb 25 (2nd/3rd of 3).

New initiative: Lent Reading Group of the five chapters of the Final Report of the 2023/2024 Extraordinary Synod in Rome: Tues, 7.30-8.30pm, 11th, 18th, 25th March; 1st and 8th April, St John's Hall.

Eastertide Men's Retreat and Women's Retreat offered by the Franciscan Friars and the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal respectively. Details soon.

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life comprising spiritual conferences and daily half-hour spiritual direction sessions for participants. Details soon.

Forthcoming events

Sun 2nd Feb, 10.15am Mass: We welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir**. The pieces they will sing include the specially commissioned BCW-CAT Mass and Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus.

Sat 8th Feb, 10.45am: Garden Tidy-up. St Win's Church.

Sat 8th/ Sun 9th Feb: First Confession Masses

Sun 9th Feb, 10.15am: Family Mass for the pupils of St Winefride's School.

Sun 9th Feb, 1pm: Deanery African Mass.

Sat 22nd Feb, 10am-4pm: Retreat Day for the Parish Pastoral Council, The Briery, Ilkley.

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).

Wed 5th March: Ash Wednesday.

Sat 8th March, 10.30am (tbc): Coffee morning for new parishioners, St John's Church Hall. Parish groups are invited to send a representative.

Sun 9th March, 2.30pm: Rite of Election & the Call to Continuing Conversion, Leeds Cathedral.

Wed 19th March, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Room, St Win's Church.

Families, young people and children

Sat 1st Feb, 3.30-6.15pm: First Holy Communion Family Catechesis, including Vigil Mass, St W's Hall and Church. For Year 4 pupils and above.

Sat 8th Feb, 3pm: Family Activities Afternoon, St Winefride's Hall.

Wed 5th March, 3.30-4.45pm, St J's School & 5.30-6.45pm, St Win's Hall): Opening session of family catechesis for the **First Confession Programme**. Year 3 pupils and above.

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 Groups: 1-pm Tues, St J's Hall: 1pm,

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS

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 7 February at 6pm.

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

SAFEGUARDING CONFERENCE: We are delighted to be hosting our first Safeguarding Conference on Saturday 8 February 2025, 10-3pm at Hinsley Hall. To date guest speakers include the Comboni Survivors Group, Hydrant Programme and Dementia Friendly Churches. It would be a great opportunity to be part of the discussion and sharing of information, to book your place please email safeguarding@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

REJOICE IN HOPE: Friday 14 February, 7pm, St Mary's Church, Halifax, HX1 5HD. Mission Halifax invite you to 'Rejoice in Hope' – a monthly prayer group. Adoration, praise & worship, prayer, and opportunity for social time following. All welcome. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram - @missionhalifax

YOUTH 2000 LEEDS RETREAT: offers young adults (aged 16-35) from across Leeds and beyond the opportunity to come together and explore what it means to be in relationship with God. Offering the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. Saturday 15 February, Leeds Trinity University, Brownberrie Lane, Horsforth, LS18 5HD. Tickets from <https://www.youth2000.org/events>.

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

WORD ON FIRE – UK BIBLE CONFERENCE 2025: From Friday 21 to Saturday 22 February 2025, the Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible conference will be taking place at the Excel Centre, East London. The conference theme is to gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. Speakers include Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland and more. To register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>

LITTLE SISTERS FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Friday 28 February 2025 at Irish Centre Tara Suite, 7.30pm. Tickets £25.00. Meal of soda bread, Irish stew and dessert, also Irish band dancing, sing-a-long, auction and raffle. Please come along and support the Little sisters and have a great night of entertainment. All proceeds to go towards rebuilding of Mount St Joseph's. Contact details Sr.Christina Email funds.leeds@lsplondon.co.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Fri 4 - Thurs 10 July 2025. Bookings are now open. The theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope', to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Jubilee is a major celebration in which pilgrims are invited to immerse themselves in God's infinite mercy. Early booking strongly recommended. In anticipation of higher than usual numbers, transfers will be offered to and from Stansted Airport once the Leeds flight is full. Please book via the Tangney website or by phone directly with Tangney Tours. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

RECRUITMENT OF LAY TRUSTEES: Applications are welcomed for the role of Trustee from Catholic lay faithful to enrich the diversity of the Board's membership. Additionally, the Diocese are seeking to expand the committee structure of the Trustees and would welcome applications for membership of those committees as well. Please see the Diocesan website for more details and how to apply.

VACANCIES

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER VACANCY: Salary: Currently £30,559 - £35,235, pro rata dependent on qualifications and experience. Post: Permanent Part time or 1 X Fixed term 15 hours to cover Maternity Leave. Location: West and North Yorkshire. Social Work Qualification required. Closing Date: Open until the vacancy has been filled.