



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 2nd November 2025

Saturday 1st November Weekday in Ordinary Time <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> Stacey McCormack LD; Int of MD (Healing) People of the Parish, Bogdan Ci-mochowski RIP
Sunday 2nd November ALL SAINTS SOL <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 3pm North Bierley Cemetery NB No Holy Hour this evening	Priest's Intention Christopher Higgins LD Ints of Paul and Pauline Turner, Diamond Jubilee <i>Prayers for the Faithful Departed</i>
Monday 3rd November ALL SOULS (THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED)	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's 7.00pm NB St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> November Dead List RIP November Dead List RIP All the faithful departed RIP
Tuesday 4th November St Charles Borromeo, Bishop MEM	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	November Dead List RIP <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> November Dead List RIP
Wednesday 5th November Weekday in Ordinary Time	10.30am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	<i>Funeral: Michael Moriarty RIP</i> November Dead List RIP
Thursday 6th November Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour</i> November Dead List RIP
Friday 7th November Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am St Winefride's <i>(Transferred Feast of St Win)</i> 12.00noon St John's 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Ints of staff and pupils of St Win's Catholic Primary School Requiem: Shaun Lawlor RIP <i>Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 8th November 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> Liam Joseph Cahill LD Priest's Intention
Sunday 9th November THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA FEAST <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Kevin and Joyce Gannon A Alan Coates A <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sat, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.40am-12noon, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

Please pray for the sick & 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 Oct: E: £143; L: £359.52. **Refreshments:** St W's: £3.10; St J's: £15.55. **Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** Thank you for your generosity! You may also contribute through the contactless payment machines in each of our porches or through the donation button on our parish website. If you would like a set of weekly envelopes, contact the Parish Office.

Parish matters

Congratulations to **Paul and Pauline Turner** who today celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary!

This week we welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 9.45am Mass. They will be singing The Mass for St Joseph (Daniel Justin), Panis Angelicus (Franck), Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart) & By all your saints still striving (Nelson). Welcome too to Choir Director, Adam Whitmore and Diocesan Director of Music, Ben Saunders.

200 Club winners: Sep: no 91, Mr Partridge: £25; no 53, M Morton: £20; no 80, A Talbot: £15; no 112, S Mc Kenny: £10; no 49, E Wragg: £10; Oct: no 53, M Morton: £250. Prizes: Parish Office.

November Dead List envelopes: in porches.

We would like to offer the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** on occasion in both of our churches. This would be a great encouragement to some of our families. Would you consider joining a rota of volunteers? Training is available.

This Advent we will be collecting good quality baby items again for the **Catholic Care Gianna Baby Bank Christmas Appeal**. Parishioners may simply deliver these to our churches during Advent. Alternatively, they may sign up for an Advent calendar and then add a specified item to a box each day which families with a baby need, which boxes will be sent to Catholic Care just before Christmas.

Like all the best drivers, **Fr Sunny** did not pass his test first time. Accordingly, he will not now be able to drive (except when accompanied). This will mean that the parish clergy's ability to minister to people will be more restricted. Fr Paul, who will now take on more visitations to the housebound, is grateful to parishioners for their understanding.

Adult formation

Wed 5th Nov, 6.00-7.15pm (3rd of 12): **Catholic Enquiry Group, Presbytery.** Would you like to become a Catholic or, if you are one, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact the Parish Office.

Thurs 20th Nov, 6-7.15pm: Launch of the fortnightly **Catholic Faith Group** for Catholics who would like to know more and to support one another as disciples of Jesus. A mixture of scripture, catechesis, videos and fellowship. Please register your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Children and Young people

Fri 7th Nov, 6.30-8.30pm: **Parish Youth Group**, St J's Hall. For young people aged 14 and over. Let by Frances Norton. Start of new season.

Sat 8th Nov, 3.45pm: **Confirmation Preparation Session** (5 of 6), St W's Church. Candidates are asked to bring their Mass attendance cards.

Forthcoming events

Wed 5th Nov, 3.30-4.30pm: **Senior Leadership Team**, first meeting.

Tues 7th Nov, 7.30pm (postponed from previous week): **Social Committee planning meeting** for the 52nd Anniversary of St W's Church (7th Dec) and the Platinum Jubilee of St J's Church (31st Jan, 26), St John's Church Hall.

Sun 9th Nov: **Remembrance Sunday.** Services: 11am, Wibsey War Memorial; 2pm: Harold Park.

Wed 12th Nov, 9.45am: **5th Ann Celebration: Catholic Care Community Market**, St W's Hall.

Sun 16th Nov, 1pm: **African Mass**, St Columba's, Tong Street, Bradford, BD4 9PY.

Tues 18th Nov, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council II**, St John's Church Hall.

Sat 22nd Nov: **UCM Fashion Show**, St W's Hall, Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm. Tickets £3 inc light refreshments (bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk). Also after Masses. Part of proceeds: Marie Curie.

Sun 23rd Nov (Youth Sunday): **Launch of new Parish Strategy for Young People.**

Sat 29th Nov, 2-4pm: **Christmas Fair**, St Winefride's Hall. We need goods & volunteers to make this a success. Donations can be left in both church porches from next weekend. Please contact Bernadette Benyon if you would like to help, 07939677580 or bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk

Sat 6th Dec, 11am: **SVP Mass of Anointing with Lunch**, St John's Hall.

Sun 7th Dec, 9.45am: **Celebration of the 52 Anniversary of St Winefride's Church in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant of W Yorks.** Reception in St Win's Hall afterwards.

Group meetings/regular events

Snowdrops: (adults/young people with learning difficulties): 1st Sun, 1.30pm: St J's Hall.

Cath Care Stay & Play: Mon, 9am: St W's Hall.

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

CC Friendship Group: (Adults with learning difficulties): Mon, 10am-2pm, Wagtail Close, BD6 3YJ.

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

CC Lunch Groups: Tues, 1pm, St J's Hall: Wed, 1pm, St W's Hall.

St Win's Choir: Tues, 7pm, St W's Church.

St J's SVP: Alternate Tues, 5.30pm: Wside 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)

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

DIOCESAN AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CONCERT IN LEEDS CATHEDRAL: Sun 9th Nov, 3pm. Leeds Cathedral Choir, with members of The Sixteen and Genesis Sixteen, directed by Harry Christophers, will be singing Fauré's Requiem, and music by Bach, Byrd, Parry and Sheppard. Admission is free with suggested donation of £10.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours: Sat 8th Nov, at 1.30pm; and 13th December, at 1.30pm. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sun 9th Nov at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 17th Oct (Hinsley Hall), 14th Nov (Cathedral Hall), 19th Dec (Hinsley Hall). U18 must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

FEMININE GENIUS RETREAT DAY: Sat 15th Nov at Leeds Trinity University and led by the New Eve Foundation with the Diocesan Faith Formation Team. Aimed at unmarried women ages 18-35, cost £25. Please email faithformation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information or to book your place.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' DAY: All former pupils and staff are invited to attend on Sat 15th Nov. Arrive 11:00 am, Mass 11:30 am, Lunch after Mass (£12). Tours and photo displays to follow. Book by Friday 7 November via jjackson@sbsj.co.uk or call 01274 941941 (ask for James Jackson). Please mention any allergies when booking.

AFRICAN MASS: 16th Nov 1.00pm - at St Columba's, Tong Street, BD4 9PY followed by Agape lunch in the school hall, all welcome

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING: Hinsley Hall, 1st Decr, 7pm. More information: email Phil Marshall on lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07766 148375; recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

THE GIFT OF JESUS – ADVENT UN-WRAPPED: Exploration of the Liturgical Season of Advent - a Day of Reflection led by Fr Dennis Cassidy at The Briery on Saturday 6th Dec. £25pp inc a soup lunch and dessert and all refreshments. 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

WOMEN OF HOPE - AN ADVENT WEEKEND RETREAT - 12th - 14th Dec at The Briery, Ilkley. As the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee year comes to an end, join us for a weekend unwrapping gifts from scripture, with music and art, and plenty of time for personal reflection. 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE IS HOSTING TWO CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTIES: St John's, Bradford on Tues 16th Dec, 12:30pm and St Winefride's Church Hall, Bradford on Wedn 17th Dec, 1pm. Both events feature a 3-course lunch and live music from the Toe Tappers. Tickets are £6. Contact Jean (07960 983384), Michelle (07739 975000), or Moira (07952 258572) for details.

BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING: Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Sat 11th and 18th Jan 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 contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: 13th Feb 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10; price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To book: 07766 148375; philmarshall49@outlook.com. All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: is the subject of research being conducted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

ONLINE ROSARY FOR THE DIOCESE: There will be regular opportunities to come together online to pray a Rosary for the needs and intentions of the Diocese using Microsoft Teams. Please email anne.cooke@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to be added to the mailing list for dates/joining instructions.

JESUIT INSTITUTE ONLINE 2025-26 PROGRAMME: The online public programme has been developed to share the riches of Ignatian spirituality with as many people as possible. All details and events on website <https://www.jesuitinstitute.org/events>

