



## 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 7th June 2026

Saturday 6th June <b>Vigil Mass</b>	5.15pm St Winefride's	Tony Wood and Irene Roman BR
Sunday 7th June <b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD SOL</b>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention George Konickal Thomas RIP People of the Parish <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 8th June <b>St William of York, Bishop MEM</b>	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Kevin Dineen RIP Peter Wilby LD
Tuesday 9th June <b>St Columba, Abbot MEM</b>	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 10th June <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Priest's Intention
Thursday 11th June <b>St Barnabas, Apostle MEM</b>	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 12th June <b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS MEM</b>	9.15am St Winefride's Schl 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 13th June <b>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary MEM Vigil Mass</b>	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention People of the Parish
Sunday 14th June <b>ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Michael Byrd A Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

**Confessions:** Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.45pm, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

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

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

Finances

**Offertory:** Sun 31st May: E: £274.50; L: £379.59. **Refreshments:** St W's: £4.56; St J's: £10.10. **Car Boot Sale:** £100. **Average weekly income:** standing orders: £450; **contactless payment machine:** £150. You may also contribute through our contactless payment machines or through our website.

Parish matters

Welcome to new parishioner **Sandra Louisa Judson!** We hope that you are very happy among us.

Thank you to **Sandra Scully** and **Linsey Holmes** who have stood down from our Parish Pastoral Council after serving on it for many years.

Fr Paul will this w/e be delivering the third of our monthly lectern addresses, this one on our **parish finances**. (Paul Rafferty, Chair of our Finance and Property Committee, is unavailable).

On Monday we welcome **Fr Jojo Joseph**, Superior General of Fr Sunny's Congregation, the **Congregation of St Therese of Lisieux**. Fr Sunny will be travelling with him to Scotland for a three-day meeting of all his confreres. (Fr Sunny will be leaving our parish on the w/e of 15th/16th August).

Would you like to nominate yourself or somebody you know to **become a member of our Parish Pastoral Council?** The PPC meets twice a month and its members work to create and implement our Parish Action Plan. If you would like to help our parish to grow, join us! Please see Fr Paul.

**Red APF Boxes:** Please leave them in the Presbytery, one of our sacristies or the Parish Office before the end of June. Brown envelopes are available in church porches if you would like to empty the box yourself.

Would you like to stop being a **parish volunteer?** Please let Fr Paul know by the end of June.

Our summer **Holiday Activities and Food Programme** will run over six days, namely Tues & Thurs, 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th 18th, 20th Aug. Please sign up as a volunteer on the lists in the porches.

On an experimental basis **Holy Communion will be distributed at the altar rails** at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

Please remember that parishioners are always welcome at **Masses celebrated in our schools**.

Adult formation

Tues 9th June, 7.30pm: **Men's Group**, St John's Hall. "St Columba, a missionary disciple." All welcome.

Thursday 18th June NB, 6.30-7.30pm: **Adult Faith Formation Group:** "What is Jesus saying to us in the Beatitudes?£, St J's Church Hall. All welcome.

Young people and children

Fri 12th June 6.30pm: Launch of the **Parish Youth SVP Group**, St John's Hall. The Group, which is for 11- to 18-year-olds, will allow young people to put their faith into action by helping others.

**First Holy Communion Programme:** Wed, 3.30-4.45pm: 10th, 17th, 24th June (St J's School). Thurs, 6-7.15pm: 11th, 18th, 25th June; (St W's Hall). Children need to attend Mass each Sunday.

Forthcoming events

Sunday 7th June, after the 11.15am Mass: **Corpus Christi Procession**, St John's. We are organising this procession in response to a request from Bishop Marcus. The Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir will be animating both the Mass and the procession. Please sign up for one of the many jobs on the list in the porches. Fr Sunny is organising this event.

Thurs 11th June, 6.30-8pm, St W's: **Launch of Music Group for the Sat Vigil Mass.** Damian on guitar and Frances on violin would like to invite singers and musicians to join them for this initiative.

Sat 13th June, 4pm: **Working Group on adult faith formation in the parish**, Presb. All welcome.

Sat 13th/Sun 14th June: **Monthly donation for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.** Please leave Vegetable Soup, Chocolate Bars, Crisps in our porches before Masses.

Wed 17th June, 7pm: **Working Group on our Holiday Activities & Food Programme**, Presbytery.

Sat 20th June: **Parish Minibus Trip to Ampleforth Abbey.** Meet at St W's car park 10am, arriving at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch or there is a café. There is afternoon prayer of the Church at 1pm (Sext). The grounds are very beautiful for a stroll along paved paths. Leaving the Abbey at 4pm back to St W's for 5.30pm. Adults £10. Children: free. Sign up: Parish Office.

Sun 21st June, 11.15am: **Family Mass**, St John's, to which we particularly invite families of pupils.

Fri 10th-Sun 12th July: **Forty Hours' Devotion** in both our schools and churches. Please sign up for one-hour prayer slots on the list in our porches. It will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession after the 9.45am Mass at St W's.

Sun 12th July, 12.45pm (dep): First Parish Pilgrimage to the **Annual Postgate Rally** (Diocese of Middlesbrough) in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the Martyrs of England and Wales, St Anne's, Ugthorpe, YO21 2BQ. Mass at 3pm. Minibus tickets: £10. Children go free.

Sat 18th July: **Parish trip to the seaside.** Tickets: £15. Children go free. Please sign up in the porch.

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 Hall.

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

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

## DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

**THE CHURCH NEEDS MEN OF FAITH, COURAGE AND SERVICE.** The Knights of St. Columba offer every Catholic man a place to live out his vocation through charity, fraternity, and the defence of our faith. If you feel called to deepen your faith, support the mission of the Church, and make a real difference in the lives of others, the Knights of St. Columba are ready to welcome you. We can establish a group or chapter of members in the parish here for members who wish to join. **If you are interested, please contact Jason Aldiss Grand Knight- Leeds Council 11 [Jason.Aldiss@lumbhall.co.uk](mailto:Jason.Aldiss@lumbhall.co.uk) / 07789088685**

**HOW TO READ SAINT PAUL:** This short course, led by Fr Mark Jarmuz, will look at Saint Paul's life and letters, exploring what we can learn about the man and his teachings for our Faith. Location: SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. Dates: Wednesdays 7pm-8:30pm, 10 June, 17 June, 24 June. To book a place please email: [mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME:** A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 20 June, 18 July and 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.

**ST. AIDAN'S MIRFIELD PARISH MISSION:** Mon 22nd June-Wed 24th 2026. Led by Sr Briege McKenna & Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani. This is an opportunity to renew our faith and draw closer to Jesus. Sr Briege & Fr Pablo are known for their ministry of healing, preaching and have seen many miracles! For further details please ring 01924 492950 or email [office.staidan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.staidan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING:** Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Mondays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. The cost is £70 and includes a cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments on both days. For more information, please email [epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

**NEW LIFE THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT DAY FOR NEW CATHOLICS:** The Faith Formation team within the Vicariate for Education warmly invites newly received Catholics to a retreat day exploring the gift of new life in Christ, including time for prayer and fellowship, celebrating the adventure of faith together. Saturday 27 June, 10.00am-3.00pm, Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley, £35 per person (including lunch). Further information/booking, please contact the Briery 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk).

**FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS:** Mass for the Feast of St Benedict, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 12noon. All welcome.

**CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY:** Join us on Sunday 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

**WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE:** 24-27<sup>th</sup> July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Tickets and more information available now at: [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com)

**INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT:** 4<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August (6-day option to 11<sup>th</sup>). There are still a few places for IGR at The Briery. For more information and to book contact The Briery on 01943 607287 [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**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](mailto:youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**LEEDS INTERNATIONAL ORGAN FESTIVAL:** Join us at Leeds Cathedral for the Leeds International Organ Festival, featuring a series of recitals by outstanding organists from across the UK and around the world. Mondays up to 13th July, 1.15pm, Leeds Cathedral – free entry: <https://www.leedsiof.org/home>

### **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.***

