



Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

St Winefride's Church, St Paul's Avenue, Bradford BD6 1ST (open daily 7am-7pm)
St John the Evangelist's Church, Cooper Lane, Bradford BD6 3NS

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St Winefride's Church is open from 7am until late every day for people to access as they wish.

Sunday 8th March 2026

Saturday 7th March Weekday of Lent SUNDAY VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Pat Taylor RIP Priest's Intention
Sunday 8th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's 6.15pm St John's	People of the Parish Tony Wood RIP Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Monday 9th March Weekday of Lent	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Tuesday 10th March Weekday of Lent	6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Peter Allan LD
Wednesday 11th March Weekday of Lent	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's	Ints of Families of Yr 5 Pupils Priest's Intention
Thursday 12th March Weekday of Lent	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 13th March Weekday of Lent	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's 7.00pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Saturday 14th March Weekday of Lent SUNDAY VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Pat Taylor RIP Jean Pierre Barriere A
Sunday 15th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 6.00pm NB St John's	Priest's Intention Doreen Reilly A Priest's Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</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: *We reach out to all people in Jesus' name.*

Finances

Offertory: Sun 1st March: E: £343.80; L: £342.36. **Refreshments:** St W's: £5.50. **Clothing Stall: £23.** **Second Collections: CAFOD: £151.51. Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** You may also contribute through the contactless payment machines in our porches or through the donation button on our parish website. Please contact the Parish Office for a set of weekly envelopes. **Second Collection Next Week: Catholic Care.**

Parish matters

Welcome to our **new parishioners: Mr Paul Ryan and Miss Magdalena Marszalek.** We look forward to getting to know you better!

Fr Paul is at an education conference between Mon and Wed this week and he is leading a retreat for headteachers between Fri & Mon.

All parishioners are invited to participate in our **Retreat in Daily Life** which will run from Sun 22nd to Sat 28th March. Please find brochures in our porches with simple application forms to be returned to the Parish Office. Participants, who are invited to contribute only what they can afford, will be assigned a Prayer Guide with whom they will meet either in person or on line each day & who will propose Scripture passages for them to meditate upon. This is a Jesuit initiative.

Are you a **new parishioner**? Please complete the form in our porches and hand it to the priest!.

We have 31 spare places in our **Parish 200 Club.** Half the subs go on prizes through monthly draws; the other half goes to the parish. Reduced sub of £10 if you start now! Please contact Parish Office.

Please leave the contents of your **Red APF Boxes** in church sacristies before the end of March.

We are participating in Bradford Council's **Holiday Activities & Food Programme** during Easter Week. We will be laying on a variety of activities—including cooking, crafts, sports, drama, board games, gardening and a trip out—in which all local children who wish, including those in this parish, can participate. If you could help out as a volunteer for a couple of hours, contact the Parish Office!

Adult formation

Mon 9th March, 11.15am, St W's Church Rm, & Thurs 12th March, 6.30pm, St J's Church Hall: **Weekly Lent faith-sharing group** on our Baptismal Vocation. We are using an exciting resource from our Bishops' Conference. Bible study, prayer, reflection. You can join this week.

Wed 11th Mar, 6-7.15pm: **Catholic Enquiry Group.** Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation, 14.

Young people and children

Wed 11th 3.30pm-4.45, St Jn's School & Thurs 12th March 6pm-7.15pm, St Win's Hall: **First Confession Preparation, Session 3.**

Fri 13th March, 6.30pm: **Parish Youth Group** (11-18). The Road to Calvary. Prayer and Scripture. Activity: making palm crosses.

Sat 21st/Sun 22nd March: **Mass attendance cards** for all First Confession and First Holy Communion children to be handed in at end of Masses. Sats, 18/4, 25/4, 2/5, 9/5, 6.30-7.30pm: **Confirmation Prep for secondary school students,** St Winefride's Room. Sign up: Parish Office.

Forthcoming events

w/e 7th-8th March: **Donation for the Friars:** Corned Beef, Coffee, Chocolate, Snacks.

Sat 7th March, 6pm: **Stay awhile, with the Maltfriscan Community.** When Mass is over, you are invited to remain in church to enjoy this meditative musical experience which is being coordinated by our Parish Worker, Frances Norton. For all ages. Shepherd's pie—both meat and vegetarian versions—& vegetarian curry are available in the presbytery afterwards.

Wed 18th March, 7.15pm: **Launch of the Parish Men's Group.** Fr Paul will give a short reflection on **St Joseph, the epitome of the good man,** we'll say together the Litany of St Joseph, and then we'll go to the pub. Contact the Parish Office to join the WhatsApp Group.

Fri 20th March, 7pm: **St Patrick's Party,** The Wild Geese, St Win's Hall. Tickets: £4 (adult); £2 (child); £10 (family): Parish Office. Hot supper, bar, raffle.

Tues 22nd March, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council,** St John's Church Hall. PPC members are asked to have ready their outline action plans for their designated pastoral objective for this meeting.

Fri 27th March, 7pm: **Parish Penance Service,** St W's. Please take this or other opportunities to go to Confession this Lent as Bishop Marcus encouraged us to do in his Pastoral Letter for Lent.

Wed 1st April, 11am: **Chrism Mass, Leeds Cathedral.** Bishop Marcus invites all parishioners to participate in this Mass at which the clergy repeat their ordination promises & the Bishop consecrates the oils for use in the Diocese during the coming year.

Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday (2nd), 9.30am: **Office of Readings & Morning Prayer,** St W's; 8pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper,** St J's; Good Friday (3rd), 9.30am: **Office of Readings & Morning Prayer,** St W's; 3pm: **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord,** St W's; 7pm: **Stations of the Cross,** St W's; Holy Saturday (4th), 11am: **Easter Food Blessing,** St W's; 8pm: **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night,** St W's; Easter Sunday (5th), 8.15am, St W's; 9.45am, St W's; 11.15am, St J's: **Easter Day Masses.**

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

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS: 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.

CATHOLIC CARE'S ANNUAL APPEAL: will take place in all parishes across the Diocese of Leeds on 14th & 15th March. We ask every parish to support the Appeal. Your generosity is vital in helping us continue our work with those most in need. This year's collection will support our community markets, Gianna Babybank and social isolation groups. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

ROMERO LECTURE - INSPIRATION AND AFFIRMATION IN HARD TIMES – ST OSCAR ROMERO TO POPE LEO: Wed 11 March @ 7pm Leeds Trinity City Campus. Join SPARK Social Justice for an inspiring talk by Todd Walatka of Notre Dame University Illinois. www.leedsjp.org.uk

BISHOP JOHN CROWLEY 3-DAY PREACHED RETREAT: 17th -19th March at The Briery, Ilkley. You are invited to join Bishop Crowley for a short retreat during Lent entitled "Rest and you will see, see and you will love, love and you will praise (St Augustine)" £230pp fully inclusive or £110 non-residential. For booking or more information contact the administrator on 01943 607287 or email admin@briery.org.uk

FAITH & LIGHT LOURDES FUND - AN EVENING OF MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE: featuring the Leeds Irish Choir, the Mount Brandon Ceilidh Band and other great performers. Leeds Irish Centre, Thur March 19th @ 7.15pm, in aid of the Leeds Central Faith & Light Lourdes Fund. Tickets £10 from the Irish Centre or call Margaret on 07906116453.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER OR LEADER WORKING OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC SECTOR? Would you consider applying for a job in one of our diocesan schools? Diocesan Director of Education Kieron Flood will be hosting an on-line briefing for all those who are interested on Thur 19th March: 6-7pm. To book your place, please email Emma: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE IS CELEBRATING ST PATRICK'S DAY IN BRADFORD!: Wed 25 March at St Winefride's Church Hall. Featuring a three-course meal, music by The Wild Geese, and £6 tickets. Everyone is welcome! For tickets, contact Michelle Vink on 07739 975000; michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk.

WALK IN FATHER BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS! Sat 28th March. Third Annual Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations. From St Anne's, Keighley to Sacred Heart, Ilkley and Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary. Follows the Ilkley Moor route walked by GK Chesterton and Fr John O'Connor, the Diocese of Leeds priest who inspired 'Father Brown'. Sign up: pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sat 11th April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: 21st – 26th June, London. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: St. Stephen's Parish, Skipton, invites you to come on pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland, 12th to 18th Oct 2026. The itinerary includes visits to Wadowice (John Paul II museum), Auschwitz, the Salt Mines, the Divine Mercy shrine, the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa with daily Mass and time to explore Krakow. Cost is £1829 + flights. christopher.angel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FLAME 2027: The largest Catholic youth event in England and Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers and much more at the OVO Arena, Wembley on Sat 6th March 2027. Passes currently: £75 per person, which includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese, until 31st July 2026. Email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk to book yours!

FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS: Summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst. 6 days in the beautiful Ribbles Valley exploring themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). www.christianleadershipformation.com

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. All are welcome. admin@briery.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Fri 3rd to Thurs 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. Bookings: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or 01732 886666.

VOLUNTEER MEMBERS FOR THE TRUSTEE'S AUDIT & RISK SUB-COMMITTEE: The committee oversees the activities of its two charities The Leeds Diocesan Trust and the St John's School for the Deaf Trust. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance. carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

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