



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 14th April 2024

First Reading Acts 3:13-15,17-19: You killed the prince of life. God however raised him from the dead.

Resp Psalm **Ps 4: Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord or Alleluia!**

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5a: He is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, & not only ours, but the whole world's.

Gospel Lk 24:35-48: It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

Saturday 13th April VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 14th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 11.30am St Winefride's 1.00pm St Win's <i>African Mass</i> 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Gerry Burley LD Andrew Byrd RIP; Eleanor Fletcher B Rem Alistair Whitehead LD; Thomas Halloran A <i>Baptism: David Jacob Simpson</i> Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 15th April Weekday of Easter	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 6.00pm St Winefride's 7.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> George Hay RIP OB <i>Reception of the body: Anthony Wood RIP</i> Priest's Intention
Tuesday 16th April Weekday of Easter	9.15am St John's School 12noon St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Requiem: Anthony Wood RIP <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Tracy Wilson RIP
Wednesday 17th April Weekday of Easter	12noon NB St Win's Hall; 1.00pm Batley Cemetery 2.30pm Cooper House	James Newton RIP YB; Patrick Lowery A <i>Burial of ashes: Geraldine O'Bryrne RIP</i> <i>Service of the Word with HC</i>
Thursday 18th April Weekday of Easter	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 7.15pm NB St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> William Lee LD Mgr William Steele RIP YB
Friday 19th April Weekday of Easter	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.15am St Winefride's School 10.30am St Winefride's 2.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Fr Michael Nealon RIP YB Priest's Intention <i>Funeral: William Lee RIP</i> <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i>
Saturday 20th April Weekday of Easter VIGIL	9.45-10.45am St John's 11am St J's <i>Mass with Anointing</i> 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Intentions of Sick Parishioners x 2 Priest's Intention
Sunday 21st April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Alistair Whitehead LD Mary Halloran A <i>Holy Hour, Vespers and Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sat 13th, 4.30-5pm, St Win's; Sat 20th, 4.30-5pm, St Win'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: 7th April: Monies received last Sunday will be announced next weekend. **Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** We have **contactless payment machines** at both churches. If you regularly give by cash and are a tax payer, please have a word with Fr Paul and he will give you a **set of envelopes** so that the parish can receive 25% extra from your donations at no further cost to your-

Parish matters

I should like to thank everybody who joined me at my **60th Birthday Party** last weekend and also for the many gifts that I received. I should like to respond to your generosity towards me by transferring the £890 I received in cash to the **Jubilee Parish Renewal Fund** which is launched today. This fund marks both the Golden Jubilee of St Win's Church, which we are celebrating this year, and the Platinum Jubilee of St John's Church, which we will celebrate next year. Special envelopes will be available soon. Like all good Catholics, I have GiftAided this donation so that the fund will initially stand at £890 + 25% = **£1,112.50**. Needless to say, I'm keeping the wine and the chocolates. The year-end accounts are not yet finalised but it looks like our parish debt is approximately £35,000 (which is not good for the parish priest's mental health) so I am hoping this new fund will help us to get back in the black quickly in an organised and pro-active way.
Fr Paul

Thank you to **Krystyna Edmondson** who has become the first parishioner to have a **half-hour volunteering surgery** with the parish priest. She has decided to join the **Flower Arranging Team** & the **Social Committee** & to participate in the forthcoming Crafts Afternoons. If you too would like to examine how you might use your gifts to help build up the parish, please book a surgery slot!

We now regularly have **refreshments** after the **10.15am Mass** (in the room behind the church) as well as after the **11.15am Mass**. Please join us!

Vacancy: Enthusiastic Stay & Play Group Leader for Monday group, St W's Hall. 4hpw term time only. Community Manager, Michelle Vink: 07739 975000.

Red Mission Boxes: Please empty contents into brown envelopes (noticeboards) and hand in to sac-

Forthcoming events

Sat 13th April: Launch: "Strategy for engaging with parents, children & young people": Copies: porches.

Sun 14th April, 1pm: **African Mass**, St W's. With lunch afterwards in the hall. All welcome!

Sat 20th April, 11am: **Mass of Anointing with Lunch**, St W's Hall, SVP. Please let the Parish Office know if you intend to attend and also if you need assistance in getting to the Mass.

Sun 28th April, 10.15am Mass: **Welcome Mass** for families of Upper Stage Key 2 pupils, St W's School.

Sat 4th May, 9am: **St Win's Carboot Sale**, please contact Parish Office to book a table (£10 per table).

Sat 4th May, 11am: **St Win's Gardening Club**.

Sat 11th May, 3pm: **Vintage Afternoon**, St J's Hall.

Sat 25th May, 2-4pm: **Afternoon Tea**, organised by the Union of Catholic Mothers, St Win's Hall.

Adult faith formation in our parish

Baptism: Parents' Sycamore Sessions (St J's Hall): Tues 30th April, 7th & 21st May, 7.45pm.

Sycamore Course: The Year of Prayer, in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year: Next Sunday, 21st, 4pm (2nd of 5): "Praying with the Bible." Also: 28th April & 5th May.

Young people and children

Sats 13th, 20th & 27th April & 4th May, 4.30-5pm: **Altar Server Training**, St W's Church.

Sunday 14th April, 3.45-4.45pm: Launch of the Parish **YCW Group** for 16-21 year olds. To reflect on our lives in the light of the Gospel & to take action to bring about positive change in our lives & the lives of our peers. Back room, St W's Church.

Family Catechesis for First Holy Communion (1st of 6): Wed 24th Apr, 3.30-4.15pm, St J's Schl; & Thurs 25th Apr, 5.30-6.45pm, St W's Hall.

Sun 14th May, 3pm: **Family Sports Afternoon**. Wibsey Park.

Sun 26th May, 6.30-8pm: **Launch of Family Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation** (for young people in Year 6 and above). St W's Hall. Please register your child using the form on the parish website.

Every Tues in term time, 4-7pm: **Half-hour organ lessons**, St W's Church. Parish bursaries.

Group meetings/regular events

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

St John's SVP: 6pm, alternate Tues, St J's Hall.

St Win's SVP: 11.15am, 2nd Wed, St W's Room.

Charismatic Renewal Group: 7pm, alternate Fri, St W's Church. Next one: 8th March.

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. Restarts on 8th April.

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

CC Lunch Group: 1pm, Wed, St W's Hall.

CC Community Market: 10am, Wed, St W's Hall.

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