



Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford

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Sunday 28th April 2024

First Reading Acts 9:26-31: Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey.

Resp Psalm **Ps 21: You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24: His commandments are that we believe in his Son love one another.

Gospel John 15:1-8: Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty.

Saturday 27th April VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 28th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's 10.15am St W's <i>Welcome Mass</i> 11.15am St John's 12.30pm St Winefride's 12.30pm St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Peter Curran LD Adelina Booth RIP <i>Baptism: Theo Aaron Robert Bickerdyke</i> <i>Baptism: Ruby Beau Hache</i> <i>Holy Hour, Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 29th April ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN & DOCTOR, PATRON OF EUROPE FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 7.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Margaret McIntyre Birth Rem Priest's Intention
Tuesday 30th April Weekday of Easter	9.15am St John's School 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Mgr George Hay LD OB <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 1st May Weekday of Easter	12.30pm St Winefride's 2.00pm Scholemoor Crematorium 4.00pm St Winefride's	Margaret McIntyre A <i>Funeral: Andrew McGhie RIP</i> <i>Reception of body of Peter Curran RIP</i>
Thursday 2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor MEM	11.00am St Winefride's 7.30pm St John's	Requiem Mass: Peter Curran RIP Priest's Intention
Friday 3rd May SS PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES FEAST <i>First Friday</i>	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.15am St Winefride's School 2.00pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention James Newton RIP YB <i>Divine Mercy Holy Hour</i>
Saturday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS FEAST <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> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Sunday 5th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 12.30pm St Winefride's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Peter Curran LD Priest's Intention <i>Baptisms: Eliza and Matilda Quinn</i> <i>Holy Hour, Vespers and Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sat 27th April, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Wed 1st May: 12-12.30pm, St W's; Sat 4th May, 4.30-5pm, 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: 21st April: E: £231.70; L: £261.77. **Priests' Training Fund:** L: £170.52; E: £96.05. **Piety Stall (St W's):** £10. **Candles (St W's):** £414.32. **Average weekly income through standing orders:** £450. We have **contactless payment machines** at both churches. Many people find these very convenient. 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

Parish matters

We now regularly have **refreshments** after the **10.15am Mass** (in the room behind the church).

We will recite the **Rosary** before many Masses during May. Please sign up on the list in our porches to lead this devotion before our Sunday Masses.

Thank you to **Alex Hill** who has kindly agreed to chair our new **Families & Youth Committee** which will foster participation by our families in our parish.

Would you like to join a parish trip to **the March for Life** on Sat 7th Sep in London? 7.05am: Train dep Low Moor; 11am: Mass St George's Cath, Southwark; 1.30-4pm: March to Parliament Square. Arrive Low Moor: 22.10. Please contact Parish Of-

Forthcoming events

Sat 27th/Sun 28th April: **Donations for the friars:** Please leave corned beef, veg soup, long-life milk, small drinks, choc bars and crisps in our porches.

Tues 30th April, 10am-12noon: **Launch of the Parish Creations/Crafts Group.** A friendship group to include anyone who has a skill they could share with others and/or who would like to learn new skills eg needlework, knitting, crochet, hat making, up-cyclers, cycle fixing, artists, carpenters, dressmakers, embroiderers, gardeners, jewellery makers, toy makers, bakers, greeting card makers, candle makers, florists & flower arrangers. St J's Hall. £2 for parish.

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 4th & Sun 5th April: **Launch of the Parish Jubilee Appeal** to mark the Golden & Platinum Anniversaries of St W's & St J's churches respectively.

Wed 8th May, 11am: **Parish Pastoral Council Standing Committee**, Presbytery.

Sat 11th May, 11am-1pm: **Safeguarding document signing session** for parish volunteers, Presbytery.

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.

Mon 3rd June, 7.30pm: **Recommencement of our Parish Bingo Nights**, organised by the UCM, St John's Church Hall. Every Monday during June.

Tues 18th June, 7.30pm: **Parish Pastoral Council**, St J's Hall.

Fri 21st June – Sun 23rd June: **Forty Hours' Devotion**, St W's and St J's Schools and Churches.

Tues 16th July, 7pm: **Fr Paul's Pearl Jubilee of Ordination (30th)** Mass of Thanksgiving & Parish Party, St J's Church and Hall.

Sat 13th July, 1pm: **Volunteers' Party**, St W's Hall. An annual celebration to thank the many parishioners who are so generous with their time.

Sat 17th Aug, 11am-4pm: **Jubilee Assumption Day Procession** between St J's and St W's Churches. We will reverse the route in 2025.

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: This Sunday, 28th, 4pm (3rd of 5): "Praying the Mass." Also: 5th & 12th May.

Young people and children

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

Sun 28th April, 3.45-4.45pm: **Parish YCW Group** (15-21 year olds). To reflect on our lives in the light of the Gospel & to take action to bring about positive change for ourselves & others. Presbytery.

Family Catechesis for First Holy Communion (2/6): Wed 1st, 3.30-4.15pm, St J's Schl; Thurs 2nd April May, 5.30-6.45pm, **St W's Church.**

Sun 12th May, 3pm: **Family Sports Afternoon.** Wibsey Park.

Sun 19th May, 6.30-8pm: **Launch of Family Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation** (for young people in Year 5 & above). St W's Hall. Please register your child: form on 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 W's SVP: 11.15am, 2nd Wed, St W's Room.

Charismatic Renewal Group: 7pm, alternate Fri, St W's Church.

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

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