

Diocesan and other news

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2019, 12noon: Mass for Altar Servers, Leeds Cathedral. All altar servers are welcome to attend. Those attending will need to bring their albs/cassocks and cottas and gather in Wheeler Hall by 11.40am. Also, please bring a picnic lunch which will be eaten in Wheeler Hall following the Mass.

Tuesday 1st October, 7.30pm: Catholicism in Post-Modernity: Challenges and Opportunities, a talk by **Michael Dopp**, Mission of the Redeemer Ministries, The Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst College, Clitheroe, BB7 9PT. T: 01254 827329; E: [bookings@christianheritagecentre.com](mailto:bookings@christianheritagecentre.com)

Wednesday 2nd October, 10am-5pm: Witness and Challenge: Evangelisation Today, a Day led by **Michael Dopp**, The Christian Heritage Centre (please see above).

Saturday 5th October, 10am—3pm: Training for Catechists for new **First Holy Communion** Programme. Hinsley Hall.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>– Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: Kerygma Bible Retreat: An opportunity for Catholics to renew the gifts and graces received in Baptism and Confirmation, The Christian Heritage Centre, (please see above).

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 4pm, until Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm: Dowry Tour: The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham will be at Leeds Cathedral. There will be a range of liturgical celebrations and devotions throughout the visit, including Mass, the Rosary, processions, talks and a display telling the story of English Catholic history in images and words. A full programme will be available soon.

6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> September 2019: Living with Loss: Part 2: Led by Abi May, this retreat is intended for those who would like a follow up from Part 1. The offering for this is £173. More info: Admin on 01943 607287 or email: [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com) Deadline for booking is Thursday, 15th August 2019.

**Irenaeus Project for Spiritual Life**, under the umbrella of LACE (Liverpool Archdiocese centre for Education) are presenting their 'COME AND SEE' conference 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

**Annual Tour**: The Diocese's Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 has been filed with the Charity Commission and is now available on the Diocese's web site. To access the Report, either go to the Finance Section on the Web site (Our Diocese Section the click on Finance from the drop down box) or click on the following link: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ANNUAL-REPORT-2019.pdf> Copies of the Annual Report can be obtained by contacting Louise Ward in the Finance Department ([Louise.Ward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:Louise.Ward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk))

**Newman Festival**: In anticipation of their patron's canonisation on 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Parish of Blessed John Henry Newman in East Leeds will host a "Newman Festival" 22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> September. Aimed at the whole diocese, the Festival includes a pilgrimage to Newman's Shrine at the Birmingham Oratory (afternoon/evening of Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>), a series of three talks held at St Theresa's, 7pm on Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> (Fr Dennis Cassidy, Leeds Diocese) Tue 24<sup>th</sup> (Fr Richard Duffield, York Oratory) and Wed 25<sup>th</sup> (Mgr Prof. Rod Strange). On Thu 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Bishop Marcus will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass and dedicate a relic of Newman at Corpus Christi Church. An additional post-canonisation event will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> October: A "Come and Sing" workshop and informal performance of choruses from *The Dream of Gerontius* led by the Diocese Music Department, it will be open to singers of all abilities from across the Diocese. More details about the Festival will be provided on the Diocese website within the next few weeks.

Vacancies

St John's Catholic School for the Deaf are recruiting for a **School Business Manager**. This is a senior appointment in a Catholic residential and day school for children with communication and special needs. Closing date: 13 September 2019. Further details: [www.stjohns.org.uk/current-vacancies](http://www.stjohns.org.uk/current-vacancies)

**SAFEGUARDING**: Concerned about the welfare of a child or a vulnerable adult? Please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative, **Sam Poulton**: t: 07810770488; e: [samjpoulton@gmail.com](mailto:samjpoulton@gmail.com)

**Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford**



**Parish Priest: Mgr. Paul Grogan**

St Winefride's Presbytery, 54 St Pauls Avenue, Wibsey, Bradford BD6 1ST

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The Parish Office is ordinarily open Monday - Thursday, 9am - 12 noon.

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Parish of Mary Mother of God, Bradford

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Church hall bookings (£15 per hour):

St John the Evangelist's School

St Winefride's School

Executive Head Teacher Mr B Lavin

Contact the Parish Office

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The parish, which has two churches, St Winefride's and St John the Evangelist's (BD6 3NS), incorporates Wyke, Low Moor, Oakenshaw, Wibsey, Horton Bank Top, Clayton Heights, Buttershaw, Shelf and Woodside.

**Sunday 25th August 2019**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

First Reading *Is 66: 18-21*. They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.

Resp Psalm *Ps116*. **Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News. Or Alleluia!**

Second Reading *Heb 12:5-7*. The Lord trains the one that he loves.

Gospel *Lk 13: 22-30*. Men from the east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

Saturday 24th August <b>VIGIL</b>	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Yorkshire Brethren: Canon Edward McSweeney RIP
Sunday 25th August <b>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 5.00pm <i>St John's</i>	People of the Parish Alicia Sidebottom RIP <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 26th August <b>BL DOMINIC OF MOTHER OF GOD OM</b>	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i>	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 27th August <b>ST MONICA MEM</b>	7.00pm <i>St John's</i>	Int of Tommy Butterfield (sick)
Wednesday 28th August <b>ST AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH MEM</b>	7.00am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.45am <i>St Winefride's</i> 2.30pm <i>Springfield N Home</i>	Parish Dead List Fun Service: James Johnson RIP <i>Service of the Word with H Com</i>
Thursday 29th August <b>THE PASSION OF ST JOHN THE</b>	9.00am <i>St John's</i>	Intentions of all the parishioners who cooked for the Legionaries of Mary
Friday 30th August <b>Ss MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE &amp; MARGARET WARD, MART OM</b>	12.00pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Requiem Mass: Brian Metcalf RIP
Saturday 31st August <b>ST AIDAN, BISHOP AND SAINTS OF LINDISFARNE OM</b>	10.00am <i>St John's</i>	Betty Welton RIP
<b>VIGIL</b>	5.15pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Kwabina Atta A
Sunday 1st September <b>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.15am <i>St Winefride's</i> 11.15am <i>St John's</i> 5.00pm <i>St Winefride's</i>	Int of Julie Simpson and Family People of the Parish <i>Rosary, Vespers and Benediction</i>

**Confessions**: Saturdays 24th & 31st August, 5.30-6.00pm (St Winefride's); Tuesday 6.30-6.50pm (St John's).

## Parish news

**Offertory: Envelopes £687.14; Loose £482.63.** St John's Piety: £ 30; St Winefride's Piety: £20. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Thank you to **St John's Social Club** who have kindly donated **£500** to the Parish.

Thank you to **Fr Christopher Angel** who has kindly agreed to supply for Father Paul for this evening's Vigil Mass. Fr Paul is on the Parish Trip to Scarborough today.

Fr Paul will be taking Holy Communion to housebound parishioners in **Group 4 (Wibsey)** this week.

Would you like to **become a Catholic?** Of course you would. Please see Fr Paul. Classes will begin soon.

Thank you to the many parishioners who support the parish through **Gift Aid**, which allows us to claim back from the Exchequer 25 per cent of each donation at no further cost to themselves. Most of these parishioners have taken from our church porches the annual letter addressed to them personally from the Diocese detailing the amount which our parish has received through their generosity. Letters which have not been taken by this Sunday evening will be destroyed.

A warm welcome to new parishioner **Humberto de Andrade**.

The Parish Office is always glad to provide **certificates** for sacraments which have been celebrated in our churches to appropriate people who provide proof of their identity. Unfortunately, many people request such certificates and then never collect them which means that already stretched office staff are producing certificates for no purpose. Accordingly, with immediate effect, people who wish to receive a certificate must first pay a **£10 administration fee** to the parish in whatever way is convenient to them.

**St Winefride's Cleaning:** This takes place on Monday mornings after Mass or 8.30am if there is no Mass. We do need more helpers. Usually cleaning takes about ¾ hour once a fortnight. Any help is appreciated. Phone 01274 672485 for further information. Next date Monday 2nd September.

**Supporting the Friars' Soup Kitchen:** Next Week-end: 31st Aug/1st Sep. We need tins of soup, tins of tomatoes, tins of tuna. Also coffee and sugar for the drinks. Collections will be made after Sunday Masses in both Churches. Donations can also be left in St Winefride's Church porch up to midday on Sunday.

Thank you to **Florie Bentley** for proposing a great idea: a **Parish New Year's Eve Party**. Please come to the planning meeting on Wednesday 25th September (see next page) and contribute your ideas. Let's get this parish socialising again!

We urgently need somebody to cover **administrative responsibilities in the Parish Office on Fridays**. Our Parish Secretary, Terry Sutcliffe, works Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, assisted by three voluntary secretaries, and we usually have two voluntary secretaries working on Thursdays. But on Fridays there is often nobody in the office and, as the parish develops, this is becoming increasingly problematic. If you have a pleasant manner on the phone and at the door, are discreet and have basic IT skills, we want you!

We are going to have a **Halls Management Committee** to oversee the running of St John's and St Winefride's Church Halls. The Committee, which will meet three times a year, will ensure proper attention is given to the following areas: cleaning of the premises; health and safety; clients' tidying up after events; maintenance; security; updating of entertainment and alcohol licences; usage by the parish to foster community life; usage by extra-parochial groups and other clients to foster the common good and raise revenue for the parish. The Committee will present reports to the new Parish Pastoral Council. If you would like to contribute to this committee, please see Fr Paul. The Parish Office will continue to organise the timetable for each hall and to take individual bookings.

Thank you to **Eve Wright** and **Ellie-Rose Henry** who this week launched the parish **Eco Action Group**. This group will examine ways in which our parish may become more environmentally friendly and put into practice some of Pope Francis' teaching in his ground-breaking encyclical *Laudato si*. In particular the group will be looking at the following areas: reducing the use of electric lighting in our churches and installing energy-saving bulbs whenever possible; reducing the amount of photocopying (eg bulletins); creating a parish vegetable patch whose produce can be given to the Friars' Soup Kitchen; establishing a car-sharing rota for Mass-goers, including pick-ups for housebound parishioners; liaising with our schools to help our pupils to become stewards of creation; recycling clothes. It's exciting stuff. Please get involved. The next meeting is on Thursday 19th September—see overleaf.

September is **SVP Awareness Month** and members of our two conferences will be delivering lectern addresses after each Mass next weekend. There will also be a second collection whose proceeds will be shared between the two conferences.

We may be able to secure funding to create a paid post for a **Parish Youth Worker**. Do you have any ideas about what such a person might do to foster the life of our parish? Please share them!

**Developing our liturgy:** Young people already contribute a great deal to our weekend Masses. In the future some of them may enhance these same Masses through the playing of musical instruments. Looking ahead to that moment, the parish is this weekend launching a **bursary scheme** for any practising young Catholic who wishes to **learn to play the organ or the piano**. We wish to invest in you now in the hope that you will be able to enrich our worship in the future. Please see Fr Paul if you are interested.

Would you like to learn how to **arrange flowers**? It is one of the best ways to reduce stress. **Tricia Barstow** (07596680403/01274 850866) and other members of our church teams are offering free lessons for anybody who is interested. We hope in this way to increase the numbers of parishioners in these teams.

Next weekend we will be publishing the **Parish Events Calendar** for the forthcoming year (September 2019 to August 2020). It will incorporate events from many different fields in parish life eg social, liturgical, catechetical, formational, financial, administrative and spiritual. If you or a group to which you belong intend to offer a particular event during this period, please give details to the Parish Office during the week. In this way we will be able to offer parishioners plenty of notice of what is happening and avoid clashes between events.

Please pray for the **sick, those who have died recently & those whose with anniversaries** at this time:

## Parish events

Tuesday 27th August, 6.30pm: **St Winefride's SVP Conference Meeting**. Parish Room.

Wed 28th Aug, 1.00pm: **Catholic Care Lunch Group**. Join us in St John's Church Hall for a two-course meal and as much tea or coffee as you can drink, all for the bargain price of £3. Take part in the bingo and quiz! If you haven't been before please contact Moira (07952 258572). We look forward to seeing you!

Sunday 1st September, 2.30pm: **Faith and Light Group Ten-Pin Bowling Trip**. Hollywood Bowl, The Leisure Exchange, Bradford (BD1 5LD). All welcome.

Thursday 19th September, 4.30pm: **Eco Action Group**, Presbytery.

Wednesday 25th September, 6pm: **Planning meeting for the Parish New Year's Eve Party**, Presbytery.

Saturday 28th September: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**.

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 12.15pm: **Parish Auction**, St John's Church Hall.

Monday 7th October, 6.15pm: Minibus leaves St John's for **Batley Torchlight Procession** (pick-up at St Winefride's).

## **Youth Group Activities 2019/20**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September: **Back-to-school Disco**, St Winefride's Hall.

## Adult formation

**Baptism classes for parents:** Sats, 10.45am; 16th & 23rd Nov, St John's Hall. Parents are requested to complete a Baptism Application Form and give it to Fr Paul after a Vigil or Sunday Mass & attend *two classes*. Catholic parents are expected to attend Sunday Mass.

**Marriage preparation sessions:** Saturdays, 11am-12.30pm: 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1<sup>st</sup> Feb, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> April, St John's Hall.

**Fr Paul's activities:** Wednesday 28th Aug, 6pm: Parish Finance Committee, Presbytery; 7pm: Parish Evangelisation Team, Presbytery.

**Amusing quotation from church bulletin:** The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on Water'. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.