



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 12th July 2026

Saturday 11th July Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 12th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 10.45am St Winefride's and Grounds 11.15am St John's	Priest's Intention Isabell Bradshaw RIP <i>Eucharistic Procession, Benediction: close of 40 Hours' Devotion</i> Kevin Turner A
Monday 13th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Rev John Carter YB, LD Priest's Intention
Tuesday 14th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Rev David Bulmer YB, LD
Wednesday 15th July St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church MEM	7.00am NB St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Rev M Murray YB LD Priest's Intention
Thursday 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel OM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.30am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Ints of families of St Win's pupils
Friday 17th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> Rev Patrick Smith YB LD
Saturday 18th July THE DEDICATION OF LEEDS CATHEDRAL FEAST Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Yorkshire Brethren Priest's Intention
Sunday 19th July SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Brian Larnar RIP 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 and those who have died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 5th July: **E: £229.50; L: £228.65. Clothes Sale: £20.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. Thank you for your generosity! **Second Collection This Week: Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea).** It would be appreciated if the owner of **Donation Envelope Box 53** would identify himself/herself for our records.

Parish matters

Congratulations to our **First Holy Communicants** who will receive Our Lord's Body and Blood at today's 9.45am Mass. Thank you to our Catechists, Maria Karas and Carole McKenny, for their work with our families over recent weeks and to Mr Lavin, our Executive Head and Mrs Coventry, the Head of School at St Winefride's, for ensuring that parish catechesis is complemented by a rigorous and imaginatively delivered RE curriculum and through creative worship and the fostering of the Catholic life of the school.

Bishop Marcus has suspended his **scheduled canonical Visitation** of parishes while he embraces his new responsibilities as the Ordinary of Hallam and Middlesbrough Dioceses so we shall not be seeing him next weekend. Thank you to everybody who in anticipation of his visit has worked so hard in recent months to bring our estate up to scratch and to those who have submitted ideas for our 2026/27 Parish Calendar which will be published next weekend.

Thank you to all those who have kept watch with Jesus during our annual **Forty Hours' Devotion** which concludes with our Eucharistic Procession & Benediction after our 9.45am First Holy Communion Mass today. It has been generous of you to make yourself available in this way. For the first time this year we have gone beyond Midnight, maintaining Adoration until 2am on Sat & Sun mornings. This stretching of ourselves has happily made us still more aware of our complete dependence upon our Eucharistic Lord.

Thank you to our voluntary bookkeeper, **Alan Duerden**, for responding to the queries of the auditors following the submission of our year-end accounts. His careful stewardship of our finances over many years enabled him to provide the accountants with all the information they needed and our diocesan Finance Department has written to express its gratitude.

If anybody would like to **stand down from a voluntary role**, please let Fr Paul know in the next week to help with planning for the new year. Do not soldier on if your contribution has become burdensome!

Thank you to the 20 parishioners who participated in the week-long **diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** which ended last Thursday. We constituted the largest parish group! We prayed for everybody at the grotto and lit a large decorated candle as a sign of our petitions on everybody's behalf.

Ask the priest board: Q: Would we resume distributing the Newsletter to those on the parish register and also via our Facebook Page. A: Yes.

Next w/e (18th/19th July): please drop off in our porches the following **donations for the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal:** Vegetable Soup, Chocolate Bars, Crisps.

Forthcoming events

Sun 12th July, 12.45pm (dep): First Parish Pilgrimage to the **Annual Postgate Rally**, St Anne's, Ugthorpe, YO21 2BQ. Mass at 3pm. Minibus tickets: £10. Children: free. Visit to Whitby afterwards. Seats still available. Please see Fr Paul.

Mon 13th July, 8.30am: St W's Church Cleaning. Please join our team by simply turning up! We urgently need some more volunteers.

Wed 15th July, 3.30pm: Parish Senior Leadership Team, Presbytery. We will be reviewing our five pastoral goals: ongoing adult faith formation; greater opportunities for young people to participate in parish life; enrich celebration of the liturgy; engage with the families of children in our parish schools; communications & implementation plan.

Tues 28th July, 7pm: PPC, St John's Hall.

Our summer **Holiday Activities and Food Programme** will run over six days, namely **Tues & Thurs, 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th 18th, 20th Aug.** Activities will include trips to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park & the Bradford Industrial Museum, drama, singing and dance classes, outdoor sports & indoor games, gardening and a visit to Harold Park. We need some parish volunteers to help with the accompaniment of the children, many of whom will be pupils in our local schools & a good number of whom will come from less well-off families. Please sign up for a day on the lists in the porches.

Sunday 16th August, 12.30pm: Parish Barbeque and Games Afternoon on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM.

Sat 5th Sep, Dep 6.30am, St Win's: Annual March for Life in London (18 Catholic Bishops will be present this year!). Coach: £40. Parish Office.

Adult formation

Thursday 23rd July, 6.30-7.30pm: Adult Faith Formation Group, St J's Church Hall. All welcome. "Priestly celibacy: undue burden or treasure of our tradition which helps everybody?"

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 Hl.

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

St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.

St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

SEA SUNDAY: Sun 12th July is Sea Sunday. The theme is "Harbours of Hope: The Church Alongside Seafarers." Please pray to support the work of 'Stella Maris' (formerly, the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church as they support seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. There will be a second collection today in aid of Stella Maris. <https://stellamaris.org.uk/>

PADLEY PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ROBERT LUDLAM AND BLESSED NICHOLAS GARLICK: The Diocese of Hallam's Annual Padley Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 12th July. Pilgrims should assemble at 3:00pm at Grindelford Station (S32 2JA) for procession to the Chapel. Mass will begin at 3:30pm. Pilgrims are welcome to arrive early and picnic in the grounds.

POSTGATE RALLY IN HONOUR OF BL NICHOLAS POSTGATE AND THE MARTYRS OF ENGLAND & WALES The Diocese of Middlesbrough's Annual Postgate Rally in 2026 will take place on Sunday, 12 July at Ugthorpe, YO21 2BQ, North Yorkshire. Hymns will be sung from 2:30 pm, and Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus will begin at 3:00pm. It is recommended to bring your own chair and a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing for an outdoor event!

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

FRIENDS OF BRIERY SUMMER FAYRE: Sat 19th July, 2-4pm. Stalls: crafts, gifts, books, tobola, raffle and more. The Briery Retreat & Conference Centre, 38 Victoria Ave, Ilkley. 01943607287.

CARERS PROJECT ONLINE EVENT: Wedn 15th July 2pm. As part of our Carers Project we are hosting an online event - "You are precious in my eyes". We will explore how carers may feel ignored or invisible but how they can feel reassured that God sees them and they are precious to him. To book please email Michelle.carersproject@growinggoldgracefully.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: 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.

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.

SUMMER FAYRE AT THE BRIERY, ILKLEY: Sun 19th July 2-4pm All are welcome to come and enjoy our delicious scones, browse our large selection of craft and book stalls, relax in the house and gardens, and of course try your luck at the raffle and tombola! Entry by donation. The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Ave, Ilkley LS29 9BW.

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE: 24-27th 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.webbelievFestival.com

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday, 1st Aug 2026, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pilgrim Mass 12:00noon. Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life and Benediction, Rosary and a silent walk as an Act of Reparation. The pilgrimage will be concluded by a Prayer for England and the Salve Regina. For further details, please visit prolifepilgrimage.org.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT: 4th-13th August (6-day option to 11th). There are still a few places for IGR at The Briery.: 01943 607287 admin@briery.org.uk

ONE THREE PEAK CHALLENGE: Sat 8th Aug, Hiking th Yorkshire Three Peaks in support of St Patrick's Mission Church and the ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; www.stpatricksmision.co.uk

MAKING WISER CHOICES: Wedn 16th September 10am-4pm. A day of reflection led by popular writer Margaret Silf. Requested offering £50pp to include lunch and all refreshments. 01943 607287

SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA; There are places available on the St Mary's Parish, Halifax pilgrimage to Malta this Sep, In the Footsteps of St Paul. 21st – 24th Sep flying from Manchester Airport. We will visit St. Paul's Grotto, St John's Co-Cathedral, the Ta' Pinu Basilica and the church of St Paul's shipwreck: office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk; Tangney Tours (Rae): 01732886666.

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.

