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
Diocese of Leeds Reg. Charity No 249404

Parish Priest: Mgr Paul Grogan EV for Education: paul.grogan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
Parish Secretary: Anna Kujaczynska (Tues- Fri 9am-2.30pm)**:** office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
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Chair, Parish Pastoral Council: To be elected: chairppc.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
Chairs: Finance & Property: Paul Rafferty/Trish Barstow; **Social:** Linsey Holmes.
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St Winefride's Church is open every day from 7am until late for people to access as they wish.

Sunday 15th November 2026

Saturday 14th November **Vigil Mass**	5.15pm St Winefride's	Parish Dead List RIP
Sunday 15th November **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** *World Day of Prayer for the Poor*	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's	*Adoration, Vespers, Benediction* People of the Parish Parish Dead List RIP
Monday 16th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
Tuesday 17th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Parish Dead List RIP *Holy Hour with Vespers* Parish Dead List RIP
Wednesday 18th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Parish Dead List RIP
Thursday 19th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
Friday 20th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Parish Dead List RIP *Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet*
Saturday 21st November **The Presentation of he Blessed Virgin Mary** MEM **Vigil Mass**	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	*Holy Hour with Rosary* Parish Dead List RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd November **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF UNIVERSE** SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Parish Dead List RIP Parish Dead List RIP Parish Dead List RIP *Adoration, Vespers, Benediction*

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 died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 8th Nov: **E: £262.50; L: £368.23. Refreshments: St W's: £6.50; St J's: £28.50. Car Boot: £100.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity. Next week **Second Collection: Catholic Youth Service.**

Parish matters

If you would like members of your family to be added to the **2026 Nov Dead List**, please simply take an envelope from the porch, write on it the names of the families to be remembered, include a Mass stipend & place it in the collection basket. Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all who are on the List during Nov.

Red APF Boxes: Last collection of the year, please empty your box and put contents into one of the brown envelopes. *Thanks, Kath Kenningham.*

Gianna Baby Bank – Christmas Advent Appeal 2026: Individuals and families are invited to collect essential baby items throughout Advent to support local families in need. Donations of new or good-quality pre-loved items suitable for babies aged 0–12 months. Thank you for your generosity and support! Please deliver to either church.

Catholic Care Christmas Parties! Join us for a three-course meal, music and Christmas cheer!
Tues 15th Dec, 12.30pm: St John the Evangelist Church Hall. Includes musical entertainment and a Christmas raffle. Tickets £6.
Wed 16th Dec, 1pm: St Winefride's Church Hall. Music from the Toe Tappers.
Places are limited and booking is essential. To book, contact Gemma Bavill on 07599 653210.

Fr Paul has been away on a couple of occasions in recent week: he spent three days at the English College in Rome teaching a pastoral course on Catholic education and last week he took his annual retreat with Opus Dei. In the absence of a curate, for the security of the house, he can only inform parishioners about what he is doing after the event!

Forthcoming events

Sun 15th Nov, 9.45am and 11.15am: **Family Masses** to which families of the pupils in our parish schools are especially invited.
Wed 18th Nov, 9.45am: Service to mark the **Sixth Anniversary of the Catholic Care Community Market**, St Win's Hall.
Wed 9th Dec, 6pm: **School Carol Service**, St Win's Church.
Sun 13th Dec, 2-4pm: **Advent Family Craft Workshop:** crafts, baking, games, a film, singing Advent hymns and some prayer, St Win's Hall.
Sat 12th Dec, 11am: **SVP Mass of Anointing with Lunch**, St J's Church & Hall.

Internet banking and standing orders

Parish bank details: HSBC; Diocese of Leeds Mary, Mother of God; Sort Code: 40-27-15; Account Number: 51343998.

Adult Faith Formation

Faith Formation Group (for Catholics and all who want to know more): Thurs 19th Nov, 6.30-7.30pm: The Catholic Mission to Yorkshire in the Reformation: the heroism of the martyrs.
Journey in Faith (for those who wish to become Catholics), Sun 22nd Nov 6.30pm, St John's Church Hall: "Creation, Fall and Salvation."
Marriage Preparation Course: Six monthly sessions beginning on Sat 28th Nov, 10.45am. Please enrol by contacting the Parish Office.

Children and young people

Tues 17th Nov, (4:45–6pm) **Junior Oratory** (7-10 yr olds): (games and activities) Tues 17th Nov, (4:30–6pm). St W's Hall. Price: 50p per session.
Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): Next session: Fri 27th Nov, 6-7.30pm.
Fri 20th Nov, 6.30-8.30pm**: Monthly Upper Room Group** (15-19-year-olds), St J's Hall.

Volunteers

We are in need of **volunteers** in a number of areas to build on our current provision and to reduce the pressure on the parish priest. Lay leadership is key to the renewal of our parish. Please consider whether you might help in one of these areas: a **member of our Parish Pastoral Council** (you will help shape our evolving parish plan); a **Eucharistic Minister** (you will take Holy Communion to one or two of the many parishioners who are housebound and who are currently deprived of Holy Communion); a **catechist** (you could animate conversations with adults, accompany Confirmation candidates or lead Children's Liturgy of the Word – training can be given); a **choir leaders at St J's**; a **youth worker**, helping with any of our three groups for children and young people – see next column; a **collection counter**; a **church cleaner**; a member of the **gardening team** at St W's; a member of the **sacristy team** at St J's. Please be generous with your time!

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,9.30am: St W's Hl.
Youth Group: 3rd Fri, 6.30pm: St J's (term time)
St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.
St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

ICON 'QUEEN OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY': on display in Leeds Cathedral from Fri 13th to Tues 17th Nov. It was written in Lithuania in 2018. It has been on pilgrimage since then travelling through Europe and visiting Franciscan Holy places also Friaries, Convents and Fraternities. The Franciscan Family is illustrated in the 3 cameos at base of the Icon St Francis of Assisi St Clare of Assisi and St Elizabeth of Hungary (patroness of OFS). Under the small images are Relics from each Saint.

THE HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY: is delighted to invite all students to our monthly Holy Mass at the University, Mon, 16th Nov, 6:00 pm, Community Hall, Jo Cox Building. Weekly Meetings every Wednesday for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. Other Activities and Social Events- providing opportunities to meet new people, build friendships and enjoy a sense of community. Come along, connect with others, and be part of our welcoming Chaplaincy community. We look forward to seeing you!

FILM PRESENTATION LAND OF CANAAN: SPARK Social Justice is presenting this beautiful film about growing and sustaining olive groves in Palestine. It will be shown on Friday 20 November at St Chad's parish hall on Otley Road in Headingley. The film starts at 7pm. See sparksocialjustice.org.uk for more details and how to book tickets.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' DAY: Satu 21 Nov. Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch (£15). To book your place, reply with dietary requirements by 13 Nov to James Jackson: jjackson@sbsj.co.uk & 01274 941941

'WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH' - AN ADVENT REFLECTION: Sat 21st Nov at The Briery, Ilkley. Join us in preparation for Advent for a day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy. £35pp to include a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. Contact admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH: Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

JOIN YOUTH 2000 FOR A HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Fri 27th Nov, 7.15pm, St Mary's Church, LS18 4AG. Holy Mass, 6.30pm. Confessions available. Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited! Whether you regularly spend time in Adoration or this will be your first time, we'd love to see you.

'LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS' – PRE-ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND: 27th-29th Nov at The Briery, Ilkley. Take some time out before the busy-ness of the season starts for a chance to prepare for the joy of Christmas during this retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas, and enjoy the peace and rich hospitality offered at The Briery. £230pp fully inclusive (£110 non-residential): admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287

HEALING SERVICE - The next Healing Service will be on Tue 1st Dec at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Horsforth. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive, and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-Catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus.

FRATRES MEN'S PRAYER GROUP WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL: consisting of Eucharistic Adoration and Lectio Divina. We will meet monthly at 7:30 pm on Thursday evenings - usually, but not always the first Thursday of the month at St Pio Friary in Bradford (1A Sedgfield Terrace, BD1 2RU). The dates for 2026-2027 are Dec 3, Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 8, May 6, and June 3.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS 2026-2027: Please join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFR's) for our Discipleship Days at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "May the Lord Give You Peace". December 5, January 9, February 6, March 6, April 3, May 1. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, 11.45am - 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

RESIDENTIAL MARRIAGE COURSE: Do you want to understand the Church's teaching on Matrimony, and its vision for the Sacrament, more deeply? This course explores the theology of Marriage, based on Scripture and structured around the Rite itself. With time for personal reflection/exercises, sharing in couples/as a group, this weekend serves as a standalone or as an accompaniment to other in-person or online courses. 8 – 10 Jan 2027.to book: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

'ALMA MATER FUND' AND ABORTION RECOVERY AND CARE HELPLINE: (administered by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) provides financial/practical support to university students facing crisis pregnancy, enabling them to continue their education while embracing motherhood. The 'Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline' (ARCH), started by women who experienced abortion and struggled in the aftermath, provides free, confidential, compassionate and non-judgemental support for those who may be carrying similar emotional and psychological effects. https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ & www.archtrust.org.uk/

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.