



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 19th July 2026

Saturday 18th July Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	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 Larnier RIP Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 20th 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> John Burwell LD Priest's Intention
Tuesday 21st July Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St John's School 12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Int Year 6 pupils (<i>Leavers' Mass</i>) Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Rev John Murphy YB LD
Wednesday 22nd July ST MARY MAGDALENE FEAST	8.00am NB St Winefride's 9.00am NB St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Kathleen Ellis LD Jim Birch A
Thursday 23rd July ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, RELIGIOUS & PATRON OF EUROPE FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priests' Intentions
Friday 24th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 2.00-3.10pm St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Jim Birch A <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday 25th July ST JAMES, APOSTLE FEAST Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Rev M Murray YB; Priest's Int Kathleen Ellis LD
Sunday 26th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention People of the Parish 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 & those who have died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 12th July: **E: £380.75; L: £399.96.** **Second Collection: Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea): E: £110.20; L: £90.11. Candles: St W's: £254.29.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. Thank you for your generosity! Next week Rachel Buckley will be making an appeal on behalf of **Aid to the Church in Need** which helps Catholics and other Christians who are persecuted or oppressed in different part of the world.

Parish matters

This 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.

Thank you to **David Bradshaw** who has installed an outdoor tap on the wall of St Winefride's Sacristy to facilitate the irrigation of plants, flower and vegetables in the garden at the rear of our property which we are continuing to develop.

We want to create a **new cleaning team for St W's Church** to complement the work of the one which operates on Mondays at 8.30am. If you could give an hour's labour a month on a day & at a time that is convenient to you, please contact the Parish Office. Our existing cleaners are overworked.

We will be **selling home-grown plants** at our Catholic Care Community Market on Wednesday at St Winefride's to raise money for further work on our garden behind the hall as part of our bid to achieve the CAFOD Live Simply Award (In association with our parish primary schools). Thank you to **Bernie Kelly** for supplying these.

Thank you to the good number of parishioners who joined in our first day pilgrimage to the **Postgate Rally** at Ugthorpe in North Yorkshire last Sunday at which Bp Marcus presided. We were blessed with a lovely day and proceeded to Whitby for a fish-and-chip supper.

It was great to have a 15-year-old student from St Bede's & St Joseph's with us on a **work placement** this week. She worked in the office processing data & creating posters & attended various parish events.

Thank you to **St Bede's and St Joseph's Lay Chaplain James Jackson** who organised three visits by students to our parish during the last fortnight, one to help with the garden at St Win's and two to assist with our Catholic Care lunches for older people. It was lovely to have the young people with us.

Do you have an idea about how we might make our parish better? Please append a post-it note to one of the **Ask the Priest boards** in our church porches.

Young people

Join us for our final meeting of the school year this Fri (beginning 6.30pm). If the weather holds, we will be going for a **walk in the fields near St John's**. The group, which will soon be celebrating its fifth anniversary, is for young people aged 11 to 19.

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?" Take the opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith in this friendly open group.

Forthcoming events

We will have a special blessing at Mass next weekend to mark the **Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Older People**. Theme: "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" Sir 14,2.

Mon 27th July, 8.30am: **St W's Church Cleaning**. Please join our team by simply turning up! We urgently need some more volunteers.

Tues 28th July, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council**, St John's Hall. We will be looking at how we can realise our five pastoral goals through the creation of a **parish action plan** for 2026/27. We will be using the proposals which have emerged from multiple conversations in recent weeks as a framework for our discussion. Details of these proposals can be found in church porches. Thank you to the members of our PPC who have liaised with dedicated members of our Senior Leadership Team in this valuable work.

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. Our need of volunteers is now quite urgent.

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

Sat 22nd Aug, 2-6pm: **Vintage Evening**, Film + Supper, St John's Hall; £5 per ticket, pay at door.

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.

Mon 7th Oct, 7pm: **Batley Torchlight Procession**. A minibus will leave from the parish at 6pm.

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

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.

CANTONESE MASS IN LEEDS: Fri 24th July 2026 at 6.00pm in St Francis of Assisi church, Westfield Road, Morley LS27 9NF, celebrated by Fr Bruno Lepeu, with Confessions from 5.15pm. After Mass, there will a gathering in the parish hall, to which you are warmly invited - please bring along some light refreshments or snacks to share.

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.webelievefestival.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.stpatricksmisson.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.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES: 10 - 11th October. This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE INFORMATION: Leeds Cathedral will be closed on weekdays throughout August to enable essential works on the lighting system. Mass will be held in Cathedral Hall, times will vary to the usual schedule. Please see the attached flyer or the Cathedral website for more information .

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

MARRIAGE SUPPORT: If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

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.

