

Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford



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The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9.00am to 2.30pm.

St Winefride's Church is open every day from 7.00am to 7.00pm for quiet prayer.

Sunday 21st January 2024

First Reading Jonah 3:1-5,10. The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

Resp Psalm **Ps 24. Response: Lord, make me know your ways.**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31. The world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Mark 1:14-20. Repent, and believe the Good News.

Saturday 20th January VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 21st January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am NB St John's 10.00am NB St Winefride's 11.15am NB St John's 5.00pm St Winefride's 7.00pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention Jack Willis LD Riccardo Giannattasio LD <i>Adoration, Vespers and Benediction</i> <i>Reception of the Body of Rosemary Hodgson RIP</i>
Monday 22nd January Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.30am St Winefride's 1.15pm St Winefride's	Requiem: Shirley Christine Boyle RIP Requiem: Rosemary Hodgson RIP
Tuesday 23rd January 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	Ints of St John's Pupils Funeral Service: Mary Sutcliffe RIP Holy Hour with Vespers Rosemary Hodgson LD (UCM)
Wednesday 24th January St Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	7.00am St Win's Parish Room 8.00am St Win's Parish Room	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Jack Willis LD
Thursday 25th January THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE FEAST	7.00am St Win's Church Room 8.00am St Win's Church Room	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Kim Right LD
Friday 26th January Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops MEM	8.00am St Win's Church Room 9.15am St Win's School	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Monica and Eddie O'Hara RIP
Saturday 27th January Weekday in Ordinary Time VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Int Eddie Naughton (sick) Int of Matthew Rayner (Birthday)
Sunday 28th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.45am NB St John's (<i>Welcome Mass for families of St J's pupils</i>). 10.00am NB St Winefride's (<i>Welcome Mass for families of Key Stage Two pupils at St W's</i>). 11.15am NB St John's 5.00pm St Winefride's	Myra Casey, Birthday Remembrance People of the Parish Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers and Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sat 20th, 3.30-5pm, St Win's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St Win's; Sat 27th, 4.30-5pm, St Win's

Please pray for the sick and for those who have died recently.

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: 7th Jan: E: £271; L: £295.48. **Poor Mission Fund:** E: £96.22; L: £51.61. **Gallagher Baptism:** £41.79. **St John's Refreshments:** £17.20. 14th Jan: E: £177.21; L: £235.26. **Donation from the funeral of Jack Willis, who was a long serving member of the SVP at St Clare's, to our two parish SVP Conferences:** £575. **Average weekly income through standing orders:** £450. Thank you for your generosity! We have a contactless payment machine in the porch at St Win's.

Parish matters

Please note that we will be having **three** not four **Sunday morning Masses** this weekend and next weekend, at the times given overleaf, because of Fr Festus' absence on holiday.

We are beginning to catch up on the **backlog of administration** occasioned by illness in our Parish Office but your patience continues to be valued.

Next w/e (28&29/1): Please leave in porches for the Friars: **Corned Beef, Tuna, Vegetable Soup, Tomato Soup, Chocolate Bars, Biscuits, Crisps**. We look forward to welcoming 12 guests who will be staying in St W's Hall between Mon 22nd and 29th Jan as part of the **Inn Churches project** for homeless people. Thanks to all our helpers.

We still need **more volunteers** in many areas, especially catechists for families & adults, children's liturgy leaders, Eucharistic ministers to take Holy Communion to housebound parishioners, flower arrangers, gardeners, church cleaners, and also in our sacristy teams, our two new hall oversight teams, our finance and property committees & our new parents' social committee. The parish priest continues to cling on through the power of prayer & the grace of Holy Orders. Please find brochures in the porches giving details of the different exciting opportunities for volunteering in our parish.

We are going to have a **Golden Jubilee pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome**. The dates are now confirmed: Mon 6th to Mon 13th Sep 2024 (two nights in Assisi and five nights at Palazzola (the villa of the English College in the Alban Hills above Rome), Cost: £1,250. We will have two day-long trips into Rome and also visit Subiaco and Castel Gandolfo. If you think you might like to join us, please register your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Young people and children

We're going to have a new **Guild of St Stephen for Altar Servers**, spanning both our schools and the parish: details next week.

New Junior Youth Group (Years 6, 7 and 8): Weds 6-7.30pm, Starts 31st Jan, St J's Hall.

Open meeting for First Confession and First Holy Communion Parents to launch programmes: Wed 24th Jan, 6pm, St John's Hall.

Family Catechesis for First Confession (Yr 3) begins on Wed 31st Jan (3.30-4.45pm), St J's Schl & Thurs 1st Feb, (5.30-6.45pm) St W's Hall.

Diocesan, Deanery and local news

Sat 27th Jan 10am-3.30pm: **Where is your Parish going?** Workshop. St Benedict's, Garforth, LS25 1PX: formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

A comprehensive list of diocesan events will be distributed by email with this newsletter.

Forthcoming events

Sun 18th Feb and 24th March, 3pm: **Dads/Lads Sports Football, Sedbergh Centre**. We are awaiting confirmation of these dates from Sedbergh. The session scheduled for this Sunday was cancelled.

Sun 4th Feb, 3-4.30pm: **Indoor Family Games Afternoon**, St J's Hall. Table tennis, pool, table football and board games plus refreshments.

Adult faith formation

Catholic Enquiry Group: For adults who wish to be Baptised/Confirmed/Received into the Catholic Church. Sundays 6.30-7.30pm. Starts 21st Jan.

Launch of New Parish Alpha Course: Wed 31st Jan, 11am-12noon, St W's Hall.

Baptism: Parents' Sycamore Sessions (St J's Hall): Sats 27th Jan, 11am-12.15pm. Also, Tues

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 Win's SVP: 11.15am, 2nd Wed, St W's Room.

Charismatic Renewal Group: 7pm, alternate Fri, St W's Church. Recommences 12th January.

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 Groups: 12.30pm, Tues, St J's Hall (up to end of Jan 2024); & 1pm, Wed, St W's Hall.

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

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