



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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St Winefride's Church is open from 7am until late every day for people to access as they wish.

Sunday 22nd March 2026

Saturday 21st March Weekday of Lent SUNDAY VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Sunday 22nd March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 6.15pm St John's	People of the Parish Kathleen Ellis (sick) David Taylor RIP <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Monday 23rd March Weekday of Lent	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Jean McIntyre Birth Rem Maureen Parkin LD
Tuesday 24th March Weekday of Lent	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Rita Bolland A
Wednesday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	9.15am St John's School 12.10pm St Winefride's Hall 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Rosary</i> Jeremiah and Hannah Collins A
Thursday 26th March Weekday of Lent	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 11.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Jean McIntyre A Requiem: Louise Halley RIP
Friday 27th March Weekday of Lent	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> Priests' Intentions <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> <i>Penance Service: First Confessions</i>
Saturday 28th March Weekday of Lent SUNDAY VIGIL	8.00am NB St John's 9.00am NB St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priests' Intentions Rita Bolland A
Sunday 29th March PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's 6.15pm St John's	Charles and Patricia Whelan A People of the Parish Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i>

Confessions: Sat, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.40am-12noon, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

Please pray for the sick & those who have died.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 15th March: **E: £273.90; L: £391.21. Second Collection (Catholic Care): E: £113.20; L: £142.46. Refreshments (St W's): £6.19. Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** You may also contribute through the contactless payment machines in our porches or through the donation button on our parish website. Please contact the Parish Office for a set of weekly envelopes.

Parish matters

Thank you to the 20 parishioners who have signed up for our **Retreat in Daily Life** which begins with a Meeting at 4.30pm today (Sunday) at St Win's Church Hall. If others would like to sign up please just see a priest after Mass today. Full details are given in the brochures in our porches. All parishioners, regardless of whether they are participating in the Retreat, are invited to attend the Workshops which form part of it: Tues 24th March: **Ways of praying, 11.15am, St Win's Hall; 7.30pm, St John's Hall;** Wed 25th March: **Images of God, 11.15am, St Win's Church; 7.30pm, St John's Hall.** There will also be a **Workshop for adults with learning disabilities** on Mon 23rd March, 1-2pm, Wagtail Close. The **Closing Meeting** of the Retreat will take place on Fri 27th March, 7pm, St John's Church Hall. This Retreat, which is being run by The Jesuit Institute, is our principal parish renewal initiative in 2026. Also, Team member Vron Smith will lead our **Parish Pastoral Council** in a **Discernment Morning, Sat (9.30am-12noon).** **Congratulations to St Winefride's School** which was judged to be **Outstanding** at a recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate inspection. We are grateful to Exec Head Mr Lavin and Head of School Mrs Coventry and their colleagues for the religious formation they provide for our children.

Thank you to our **Parish Social Committee** for organising a great St Patrick's Night Party, to the members of our two **faith-sharing Lent groups**, to the men who met for the opening session of our **Parish Men's Group** and to the **Malfriscan Community** for our recent Vigil of Prayer & Music. Please leave the contents of your **Red APF Boxes** in church sacristies before the end of March.

We are participating in Bradford Council's **Holiday Activities & Food Programme** during Easter Week. We will be laying on a variety of activities for local children. We need volunteers to cook healthy lunches in St W's Hall on Thurs & Fri & other volunteers too. Please contact Parish Office. The **UCM will be selling tickets for an Easter Egg Raffle** after all Masses this and next w/e. Today we welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 9.45am Mass. Pieces include: the Rheinberger Messe and Frisina's Anima Christi.

Young people and children

Wed 25th 3.30pm-4.45, St Jn's School & Thurs 26th March 6pm-7.15pm, St Win's Hall: **First Confession Preparation, Session 5.**

Sat 21st/Sun 22nd March: **Mass attendance cards** for all First Confession and First Holy Communion children to be handed in at end of Masses.

Wed 1st April, 5-6pm: **Altar Servers' Practice** for the Triduum Liturgies at both churches, St Win's.

Sats, 18/4, 25/4, 2/5, 9/5, 6.30-7.30pm: **Confirmation Prep for secondary school students,** St Winefride's Room. Sign up: Parish Office.

Forthcoming events

Mon 23rd March, 8.30am: **Cleaning** St W's Church
Tues 24th March, 6pm (NB rescheduled from 7pm): **Parish Pastoral Council**, St John's Church Hall. PPC members are asked to have ready their outline action plans for their designated pastoral objective for this meeting.

Sat 28th March, depart presbytery 2pm: Join parishioners participating in a one-hour **Pro-Life Prayer Service** near the Leeds Abortion Clinic.

Tues 30th March, 7pm (NB change of date): **Parish Penance Service,** St W's. Please take this or other opportunities to go to Confession this Lent as Bishop Marcus has encouraged us to do.

Wed 1st April, 11am: **Chrism Mass, Leeds Cathedral.** Bishop Marcus invites all parishioners to participate in this Mass at which the clergy repeat their ordination promises & the Bishop consecrates the oils for use in the Diocese during the coming year.

Easter Triduum: Holy Thursday (2nd), 9.30am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer, St W's; 8pm: **Mass of the Lord's Supper,** St J's; Good Friday (3rd), 9.30am: Office of Readings & Morning Prayer, St W's; 10am: **Ecumenical Walk of Witness** from St Win's to Salvation Army, Wibsey; 3pm: **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord,** St W's; 7pm: **Stations of the Cross,** St W's; Holy Saturday (4th), 11am: **Easter Food Blessing,** St W's; 8pm: **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night,** St W's; Easter Sunday (5th), 8.15am, St W's; 9.45am, St W's; 11.15am, St J's: **Easter Day Masses.**

Sat 11th April, 11.30am: **Mass with Anointing and lunch,** organised by the SVP, St Win's Hall.

Tues 14th April, 3-4.30pm: **Grief Share Bereavement Support Group,** St J's Hall.

Adult formation

Wed 18th Mar, 6-7.15pm: **Catholic Enquiry Group: Forgiveness, healing and mission (16)**

Sat 18th & 25th April, 11am-12noon: **Baptism preparation classes** for parents, St J's Church Hall.

Thurs 14th May, 7pm: **Parish Men's Group.**

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 Hall.

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

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

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

JOIN BISHOP MARCUS IN PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS: 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.

CATHOLIC CARE'S ANNUAL APPEAL: will take place in all parishes across the Diocese of Leeds on 14th & 15th March. We ask every parish to support the Appeal. Your generosity is vital in helping us continue our work with those most in need. This year's collection will support our community markets, Gianna Babybank and social isolation groups. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

FAITH & LIGHT LOURDES FUND - AN EVENING OF MUSIC, SONG AND DANCE: featuring the Leeds Irish Choir, the Mount Brandon Ceilidh Band and other great performers. Leeds Irish Centre, Thur March 19th @ 7.15pm, in aid of the Leeds Central Faith & Light Lourdes Fund. Tickets £10: 07906116453.

ARE YOU A CATHOLIC TEACHER OR LEADER WORKING OUTSIDE THE CATHOLIC SECTOR? Would you consider applying for a job in one of our diocesan schools? Diocesan Director of Education Kieron Flood will be hosting an on-line briefing for all those who are interested on Thur 19th March: 6-7pm. To book your place, please email Emma: education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

ONLINE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CARERS: Tue 24th March 7-8pm. Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Grace-fully is hosting a special online Stations of the Cross, written by Fr Eamonn Hegarty and Michelle Anderson. These Stations invite carers to see their own lives reflected in Christ's journey. To attend, email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE IS CELEBRATING ST PATRICK'S DAY IN BRADFORD!: Wed 25 March at St Winefride's Church Hall. Featuring a three-course meal, music by The Wild Geese, and £6 tickets. Everyone is welcome! For tickets, contact Michelle Vink on 07739 975000; michelle.vink@catholic-care.org.uk.

WALK IN FATHER BROWN'S FOOTSTEPS! Sat 28th March. Third Annual Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage for Priestly Vocations. From St Anne's, Keighley to Sacred Heart, Ilkley and Stations of the Cross at Myddelton Calvary. Follows the Ilkley Moor route walked by GK Chesterton and Fr John O'Connor, the Diocese of Leeds priest who inspired 'Father Brown'. Sign up: pilgrimage-walks@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

DAY FOR CATECHISTS, CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Sat 11th April, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. Please register your free place no later than 3rd April by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

SVP AND CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE: 21st – 26th June, London. The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026.

"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" DAY OF REFLECTION: Saturday 9th May, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. A day of reflection with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on our mission to share the faith. Explore the implications of the Great Commission and our call from God to make disciples of all nations, as well as some practical ways to pass on the faith. An uplifting day for all! Lunch included. Register your free place by Friday 1st May by emailing formation@dioceseofleeds.org

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND: St. Stephen's Parish, Skipton, invites you to come on pilgrimage to Krakow in Poland, 12th to 18th Oct 2026. The itinerary includes visits to Wadowice (John Paul II museum), Auschwitz, the Salt Mines, the Divine Mercy shrine, the Jasna Gora Monastery in Czestochowa with daily Mass and time to explore Krakow. Cost is £1829 + flights. christopher.angel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FLAME 2027: The largest Catholic youth event in England & Wales is back! Join thousands of young people for a day of music, prayer, worship, talks from great speakers at the OVO Arena, Wembley, Sat 6th March 2027: £75 pp, includes return coach travel to/from the Diocese: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

FORMING CATHOLIC STUDENT LEADERS: Summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre, Stonyhurst. 6 days in the beautiful Ribbles Valley exploring themes linked to The Common Good (Year 12, 10-15 August) and to The Human Ecology (Year 13, 5-10 July). www.christianleadershipformation.com

ONLINE GOSPEL MEDITATIONS: Throughout the year, the Briery Retreat Team deliver fortnightly guided meditations via Zoom, with time for reflection and sharing. These are on Thursday from 7.30pm to 8.15pm. The 'doors' open at 7.15 for a chat and introductions. All are welcome. admin@briery.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Fri 3rd to Thurs 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. Bookings: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or 01732 886666.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE: On Saturday 16th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. Please fill out the application form which is available at the back of church and give it to the Parish Secretary.

Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

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