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

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St Winefride's Church is ordinarily open each day from 7am until late.

Sunday 22nd November 2026

Saturday 21st November **Vigil Mass**	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd November **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	November Dead List Irene and James Harris A J Williams A *Adoration, Vespers, Benediction*
Monday 23rd November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	*Holy Hour with Lauds* November Dead List
Tuesday 24th November **Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** MEM	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	November Dead List *Holy Hour with Vespers* November Dead List
Wednesday 25th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	7.00am **NB** St Winefride's 8.00am **NB** St Winefride's	*Holy Hour with Lauds* November Dead List
Thursday 26th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.00pm St John's	*Holy Hour with Lauds* November Dead List Requiem: Betty Metcalf RIP
Friday 27th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**	12noon **NB** St Winefride's 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	November Dead List *Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet*
Saturday 28th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time** **Vigil Mass**	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	*Holy Hour with Rosary* November Dead List Julian Kelly RIP
Sunday 29th November **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Maureen Vahter, B Rem; MG McCoy RIP; Monica and Eddie O'Hara RIP Int Barbara Smith, sick; Int Elizabeth Parkin, sick; Jack Keningham, B Rem; Joan Dineen RIP *Adoration, Vespers, Benediction*

Confessions: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.45pm, St J'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 15th Nov: **E: £266.00; L: £355.19. Refreshments: St W's: £5.50. Piety Stall: £130.00.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity. This week **Second Collection: Catholic Youth Service.**

Parish matters

Bishop Marcus has written a pastoral letter for today. Copies are available in our porches and on our website.

Thanks to **Les Sellers** for offering to prune our fruit trees at St Winefride's, to **David Bradshaw** for installing door-closers on the main doors at St Win's Church and to **Alan Duerden** for taking responsibility for filling our holy water stoups at St John's.

Welcome to **Joanne McCarthy** and **Paris Feather!**

We will erect our **crib** and our Christmas tree after the 9.45am Mass on Sunday 6th Dec at St Win's.

The main **key to the tabernacle** at St John's is missing. Has somebody taken it inadvertently?

Recently there have been occasions when groups or parishioners have left on **church lights or the heating or the boilers in our halls**. Please be vigilant. We will retain the deposits of Groups which fail to turn the heating or the boilers off.

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 donate essential baby items throughout Advent to support local families in need. New or good-quality pre-loved items suitable for babies aged 0–12 months can be delivered 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's Church Hall. Includes musical entertainment and a Christmas raffle. Tickets £6. Wed 16th Dec, 1pm: St Win's Church Hall. Music from the Toe Tappers. Places are limited and booking is essential: Michelle Vink on 07739 975000.

As a result of the cold weather, **we will celebrate Mass in the backroom of St Winefride's** from this week onwards.

Forthcoming events

Wed 9th Dec, 5pm: **School Carol Service**, St Win's Church.

Sat 12th Dec, 11am: **SVP Mass of Anointing with Lunch**, St J's Church & Hall

Sun 13th Dec, 2-4pm: **Advent Family Craft Workshop:** crafts, baking, games, a film, singing Advent hymns and some prayer, St Win's Hall.

.Tues 15th Dec, 5.30pm: **School Carol Service**, St John's Church.

Wed 23rd Dec, 6-7pm: **Advent Penance Service**, St W's. Fr Paul will hear Confessions during Adoration.

Christmas Mass times: Thursday 24th Dec: 4pm, St Win's; 6pm, St J's; Sat 25th Dec: Midnight, St W's; 9am, St Win's; 10.30am, St J's.

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 10th Dec, 6.30-7.30pm: The Prophet Isaiah: proclaimer of the coming of the Messiah.

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 24th Nov, (4:45–6pm) **Junior Oratory** (7-10 yr olds): (games and activities). St W's Hall. 50p.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): Fri 27th Nov, 6-7.30pm.

Fri 18th Dec, 6.30-8.30pm**: Monthly Upper Room Group** (15-19-year-olds), St J's Hall.

Altar servers are invited to prepare to become members of the **Guild of St Stephen** through participating in mini-training sessions on Saturdays, 5-5.10pm, St Win's, Sundays, 9.25-9.40am, St Win's and 12.15-12.30pm, St John's.

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; 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; or a **welcomer** at either church. Training will be given. Please be generous!

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

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

PRIESTLY ENQUIRER/DISCERNER'S MEETING: Fri 27th Nov at 6:30pm in Hinsley Hall. If you would like to come for the first time, please email Fr Simon Lodge vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, at Hinsley Hall, Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. These are aimed at, among others, those who enjoy listening to stimulating lectures, those who want to engage in some accompanied study and catechists wishing to develop their skills. To find out more, visit "Faith Formation" section at https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/training-development-courses-2026-27

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.

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.

HANDMAIDS WOMENS GROUP: Previously advertised meeting on 4th December is cancelled. Next date 12th February.

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

INFORMATION EVENING for those interested in travelling on **the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes** next year (July) as a nurse or volunteer with the hospitality team, Mon 7th Dec, 6.30pm, Hinsley Hall. Contact Phil Marshall: 07766 148375.

ELIZABETH PROUT BEREAVEMENT CARE: are offering a two-day introductory training course in bereavement accompaniment in January 2027 (Saturdays 9th and 23rd). The training will be held at the St Vincent's centre in Bradford and will cost £20. For more details and to book, please email epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

'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/

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT: An online support group for unpaid carers has two sessions on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm and 7.30pm. If you care for a friend, neighbour or family member you are invited to join us for the opportunity to make new friends, chat and have space and time to pray. carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

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LIVE SIMPLY, LIVE SUSTAINABLY! Monthly messages with tips for the care and stewardship of God's creation. Available in the Leeds Catholic Voice, on the diocesan website, and in the parish!

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.