



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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Chairs: Finance & Property: Paul Rafferty/Trish Barstow; **Social:** Linsey Holmes.

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Sunday 23rd August 2026

Saturday 22nd August Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 23rd August TWENTY –FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Dennis Halliday A <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Jim Birch LD
Tuesday 25th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Kathleen Ellis LD <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Special Intention (DB)
Wednesday 26th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Jim Birch Birth Ann
Thursday 27th August St Monica MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 28th August St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 2.00-3.10pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Int Tom Mullen (sick) <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr MEM Vigil Mass	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 30th August TWENTY –SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 12.45pm St John's 2.00pm St Winefride's 5.00pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Baptism: Connie Tudor</i> <i>Baptism: Isabella Marcinczak</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Resp psalm (11.15am Mass): **Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.**

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 have died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 16th August: **E: £246.30; L: £298.44.**
Refreshments: St W's: **£11.30; St J's: £38.22.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

Thank you to parishioners who helped with our HAF Programme for children in recent weeks and those who assisted with our Al Fresco Lunch last Sunday.

We will need to adjust the **default worship programme** now that, at least for the moment, we have just one priest in the parish. The w/e Masses will remain the same. The Mon 12.30pm Mass will be discontinued; we will have just one Mass on Fridays. We are grateful to **Selina Roberts** who has volunteered to sing our Responsorial Psalm at today's 11.15am Mass and to **Mark Bolland** who has provided her with resources. We are also grateful to **Tina Spyra** who has agreed to play the organ at St John's occasionally at the 11.15am Mass, starting next month. The third of our five pastoral objectives is "To enrich our celebration of the liturgy."

Following the departure of Fr Sunny, Fr Paul will resume visiting **housebound parishioners** with Holy Communion, usually on Fridays. Please notify the Parish Office if you would like a visit.

March for Life: Emails have been sent to all who have booked seats. If you have not received an email, please contact the Parish Office.

We will be working on our strategy for **engaging with children and young people** at an hour-long open meeting, 9am, this Thurs, the presbytery. Join us! Following our HAF Programme, it has been suggested that we have separate twice monthly groups for primary & secondary children, both at St W's Hall. Our second pastoral objective: "Greater opportunities for young people to participate in Parish life."

Do you want to learn to play guitar? John Iles (who oversees IT in our parish) is offering "Absolute beginners", a free ten-week course for seniors only. Music theory, chords, strumming patterns, every Thurs morning, Cleckheaton. All you need: is an acoustic guitar & the desire to learn: 07766 927228.

Adult Formation: dates for 2026/27

Catholic Enquiry Group (for people who wish to become Catholic): Tues, 7.30-8.45pm, St J's Hall: 6/10; 20/10; 3/11; 17/11; 1/12; 15/12; 5/1; 19/1; 2/2; 16/2; 2/3; 16/3; 6/4.

Ongoing Formation Group (for Catholics): Thurs, 6.30-7.30pm, St J's Hall: 10/9; 17/9; 22/10; 5/11; 19/11; 10/12; 17/12; 1/7; 21/7; 4/2; 18/2; 4/3; 15/4; 22/4; 6/5; 20/5; 3/6; 17/6; 15/7.

Baptism Classes: (two sessions for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child): Sats, 10.45am to 12noon, St J's Hall: 10/10 & 17/10; 23/1 & 30/1; 24/4 & 1/5; 24/7 & 31/7.

Catholic Men's Group: Fris, 6pm: Adoration; 6.30pm Mass, 7pm Talk and discussion, St W's; 8.30pm: Pub, for the thirsty: 13/11; 5/2; 19/3; 7/5.

Marriage catechumenate (for couples preparing for marriage): Sats, 10.15am-1.15pm, St W's Hall: 28/11; 9/1; 13/2; 13/3; 10/4; 15/5.

Internet banking and standing orders

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

Forthcoming events

Mon 24th Aug, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church**

Wed 2nd Sep, 10.45am: **Senior Leadership Team**, Presbytery. We will finalise the Parish Action Plan and the 26/27 Programme of Events.

Sat 5th Sep, Dep 6am, St Win's: **Annual March for Life** in London: £40. Please book your seat with the Parish Office. Coach now nearly full.

Fri 11th Sep, 7pm: **Diocesan Lourdes Road-show and Quiz Night**, St John's Hall: Bar and Pie and Pea Supper. Tickets on door: £5. Information will be given about how you can participate in next July's pilgrimage. (Last year ours was the biggest parish group). Phil Marshall: 07766 148375.

Fri-Sat 25th /26th Sep: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. We will stay overnight before the pilgrimage proper starts on the Sat. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Tues 29th Sep, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council**.

Mon 5th Oct, 7pm: **Batley Torchlight Procession**. A minibus will leave from the parish at 6pm. Price: £5. Please sign up at the Parish Office.

Children and young people: dates for 2026/27

Sat 19th Sep, 4pm: **Introductory meeting** for parents & children who wish to make their First Confession or First Holy Communion, St Win's Hall.

First Confession: Five preparation sessions for Year 3 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.15pm, 3/2, 10/2, 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 4/2, 11/2, 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, St Win's Hall.

First Confession Penance Service: Wed 17th March, 6-7pm, St Win's.

First Holy Communion: Six preparation sessions for Year 4 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.15pm, 28/4, 5/5, 12/5, 19/5, 9/6, 16/6, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, 20/5, 10/6, 17/6, St Win's Hall. **First Holy Communion Masses:** Sun 20th June, 11.15am, St John's; Sun 27th June, 9.45am, St Win's.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): **Introductory meeting:** Sat 12th Sep, 4pm, St W's Hall; Fris, 6.30-8.30pm, 25/9; 16/10; 6/11; 27/11; 8/1; 22/1, St W's Hall.

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

CALLED & GIFTED DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS: The Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane LS16 5BF starting Wedn 2nd Sept 7.30pm. For more details see video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HSXgh8LenpE>. For inf on session dates and sign-up form: <https://ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/>

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT: From Wed 2nd Sept, the online support group for unpaid carers will now have two sessions on the first Wed 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: Michelle: carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS - The Assumption Church Hall, Spen Lane LS16 5BF starting Tues 8th Sept at 7.30 pm. For inf on session dates and sign-up form, <https://ourladyofkirkstall.org.uk/bulletins/>.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/ All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Sat 12 Sep at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. Sun 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: POPE LEO, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE CHOICES WE CAN MAKE: Wed 16th Sept, 7-8pm, SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. In just one hour, Fr Mark Jarmuz of the Vicariate for Education, will explain Pope Leo's teaching and its vital importance for the choices we make: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PERGOLESİ'S STABAT MATER: –Thurs 17th Sept, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral. Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls Choir sings Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and other music by Charpentier, Monteverdi and Vivaldi accompanied by string players from Baroque in the North. Admission free, a suggested £10 donation.

ST. GEMMA'S HOSPICE WALK LEEDS: Sat 19th Sept. From Roundhay Park along Street Lane to the Hospice for a moment of reflection before heading back to the Park for the finish line. Tickets £20 adults/£12.50 children, includes a t-shirt, medal, and light up item: www.st-gemma.co.uk/events/sunset-walk

DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION EVENT: SPARK Social Justice and the J&P Commission Screening of The People's Emergency Briefing. Sat 19 Sept, Hinsley Hall Headingley 2pm – 4pm. www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND THE SIXTEEN: Sun 27th Sept, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir performs with members of internationally-renowned choir The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission free, a suggested £10 donation.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAYER, FASTING AND PEACEFUL VIGIL: 23rd Sept to 1st Nov 7am-7pm. Join us in being a voice for the voiceless. Location: 150 meters from MSI Reproductive Choices abortion facility at the junction of Chapeltown Road and Barrack Road LS7 4AW. www.40daysforlife.com/leeds

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES: 10 - 11th Oct, London. 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.

CERTIFICATE IN ALTAR SERVER STUDIES: The Guild of Saint Stephen for Altar Servers and the Maryvale Institute run an annual 6-month course for adult Altar Servers, exploring the history of liturgy, the sacraments, scripture, communication, leadership and people skills and the theology of service. The deadline for registration 15th Sept 2026. For more information visit www.guildofststephen.org/certificate.

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 THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.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

VACANCIES

BISHOP MARCUS AND THE DIOCESAN TRUSTEES: are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year. This would be a two-to-three year commitment as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance: Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.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.

