



## 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 26th April 2026

Saturday 25th April <b>Vigil Mass</b>	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 26th April <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St J's <i>Family Mass</i> 5.00pm St John's	Margaret McIntyre BR Tommy Claven RIP Ints of Families at St John's School <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 27th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 7.00pm <b>NB</b> St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Canon Tom O'Connor LD Int Kathleen Ellis (sick)
Tuesday 28th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> In Thanksgiving: St Martin dePorres
Wednesday 29th April <b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN &amp; DOCTOR OF CHURCH, PATRON OF EUROPE FEAST</b>	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Ints of Year Four Pupils Daniel Collins (sick)
Thursday 30th April <b>Weekday of Easter</b>	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.20pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Margaret McIntyre Birth Rem <i>Funeral: Edward Turpin RIP</i>
Friday 1st May <b>Weekday of Easter</b> <i>First Friday</i>	9.15am St Winefride's School 9.45am St Winefride's 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's 6.00pm <b>NB</b> St John's	Priest's Intentions <i>Funeral: Carol Sheerin RIP</i> <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> <i>First Friday Mass. Priest's Ints</i>
Saturday 2nd May <b>ST ANASTASIUS, BISHOP &amp; DOCTOR OF CHURCH FEAST</b> <b>Vigil Mass</b>	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's  5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Adoration &amp; First Sat Devotions</i> Priest's Intentions  Kenneth McCann A
Sunday 3rd May <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 11.30am St Winefride's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Rita Winter LD Priest's Intentions <i>Baptism: Isla Scott</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

**Confessions:** Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 12-12.20pm: 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 19th April: E: £304.60 £; L: £382.39. Refreshments: St W's: £8; St J's; £24.40. 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. **Next Week: Second Collection for the Priest Training Fund. 200 Club April Draw: June Tavernier (18): £250.**

Parish matters

Today we welcome **Fr Melaku Tafesse** MCCJ who will be making the annual appeal on behalf of the foreign missions. Fr Tafesse, who is a **Comboni Missionary**, has supplied on several occasions in our parish in recent years and he and his brothers have been very hospitable to Fr Paul at their home in Horsforth. Please be generous in supporting their work.

Today we welcome the families of children at St J's Primary School to our termly 11.15am **Family Mass**. It's great to have you with us parents!

Welcome to our **new parishioners: Kate Chirlense, Charles Chirlense, Priscilla Demberere, Rosa Fudge, Daniela Fuge**. We look forward to getting to know you!

Thank you to **Sandra Scully** who has kindly single-handedly **cleaned St John's Church** for a good number of years and who stands down from this role. We will now establish a rota, hopefully comprising about eight people. Those on it may clean the church at their convenience. Please sign up on the list on the noticeboard.

Thank you to **Cath Halliday** who has kindly agreed to become the Deputy Sacristan at St J's.

We will have a short **lectern address** after the 9.45am and 11.15am Masses this week by Amy Greenwood on behalf of the catechists who deliver the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** at our churches. This is a series of addresses aimed at raising parishioners' awareness of different ministries.

The **Easter Baskets** raffled by the UCM remain unclaimed at the Parish Office: St W's: pink strip 161; St J's: pink strip No 411.

We are reliant as a parish on reclaiming income tax through **gift aid** from parishioners' donations. If you are a tax payer and you donate by cash please be sure to sign up for a **box of envelopes**. Please see one of the priests.

During **May** we will often recite the **Rosary** before Masses. It would help if parishioners would volunteer to lead the Rosary before Masses at the weekend. Please sign the list on the noticeboards.

Thank you to **Ruth Westbrook** for generously giving up her Saturday morning today to administer the identity verification checks for those parish volunteers whose **DBS** clearance needs updating.

Adult formation

Thurs 14th May, 7pm: **Parish Men's Group**. St.W's Church Room.

Thursday 28th May, 6.30-7.30pm: Launch of the **Catholic Formation Group**, St J's Church Hall. This group will offer an opportunity for parishioners to experience on-going catechesis and to grow in their faith. We will use a range of resources. It will be coordinated by Fr Paul and hopefully in time some parishioners will exercise leadership.

Forthcoming events

Mon 27th April, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church**

Tues 5th May, 3pm-4.30pm: **Grief Share Bereavement group**, St John's Church Hall.

Sat 16th May, 5.15pm: **Termly Family Mass**, to which the families of KS2 pupils at St W's Primary School are especially invited.

Sat 23rd May 1.30pm: **UCM Fashion Show**, Tickets £3 including light refreshments: [bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk) or purchase after Mass w/e 9/10 and 16/17 May or on the door. A donation will be made to Marie Curie. If you modelled at our previous Fashion Show or would be interested in modelling at this event please email Bernadette Benyon (see above).

Wed 26th May, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council**, St John's Church Hall.

27th-30th May: **Buttershaw St Paul's AODS** concert at St George's Hall : "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" tickets: 01274 432000

Fri 26th-Sun 28th June: **Forty Hours' Devotion** in both our schools and churches.

Young people and children

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

Fri 1st May 6.30pm: **Youth Group**: Theme: Fr Mike Schmitz 'Bible in a year' podcast, St John's Hall.

**First Holy Communion Programme**: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 29th April 6th, 13th May; 10th, 17th, 24th June (St J's School). Thurs, 6-7.15pm, 30th April; 7th, 14th May; 11th, 18th, 25th June; (St W's Hall). Children need to attend Mass on each Sunday before they receive their First Holy Communion.

Thank you to the parishioners who volunteered for our four-day **Easter Week Children's Camp** which was funded by the government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme through a grant administered by Bradford Council. To accede to the Council's request that we run something similar during the summer holidays we would need more volunteers. Please contact the Parish Office if you are willing to help with this wonderful initiative.

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**

**TOMB TO MISSION SOCIAL MEDIA SERIES:** On Easter Sunday the Faith Formation department will launch Tomb to Mission, following the journey of the first disciples from discovering the empty tomb to being empowered for mission by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Follow along for Gospel reflections, prayer prompts, catechetical reflections and practical ways to live out our daily mission. Follow Diocese of Leeds Faith Formation (Facebook), @dolfaithformation (Instagram).

**A DOMINICAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** on the 'Parables in Luke's Gospel' to be given by Fr John Farrell OP at Thicket Carmelite Priory, Thursday 7th May, 10am for 10.30am - 3pm. Fr John is a former Provincial and is a member of Leicester Dominican Community. Coffee & tea provided but please bring a packed lunch. There is no fee but a collection will be taken. Contact Patrick Doyle if you intend coming [janandpatdoyle@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:janandpatdoyle@yahoo.co.uk)

**"GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES" DAY OF REFLECTION:** Sat 9th May, 10am-3pm, Hinsley Hall. A day of reflection with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on our mission to share the faith. Lunch included. Register your free place by Fri 1st May by emailing [formation@dioceseofleeds.org](mailto:formation@dioceseofleeds.org)

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME:** A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 16 May (starting at 2.00pm) and 20 June, 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.

**BEREAVEMENT ACCOMPANIMENT TRAINING:** Elizabeth Prout Bereavement Care are offering a two-day training course in bereavement accompaniment on Mon 22nd & 29th June 2026 at The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley. The cost is £70 and includes a cooked 2 course lunch and refreshments. [ep-bereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:ep-bereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

**CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS & MIDDLESBROUGH:** As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

**CELEBRATION OF MARRIED LIFE:** special Celebration Mass for Married Life, Leeds Cathedral, Sat 16th May, 12noon for couples and their families celebrating 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. If you would like to take part in this celebration, please complete the application form, available at the back of church (return details on form).

**CATHOLIC CARE IS SEEKING NEW TRUSTEES:** to strengthen the skills and experience of its Board. We serve adults, children and families across the Diocese of Leeds who are disadvantaged, vulnerable or marginalised. If you wish to live your faith through action, please apply by sending your interest to [charlotte.grinham@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.grinham@catholic-care.org.uk), outlining your motivation and suitability for the role.

**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](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

**THE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF THE CRAG, KNARESBOROUGH:** We are in need of more trustees, gardeners, volunteers and fundraisers to help us in our mission to keep this unique site open. Donations of plants and money towards our long-term preservation projects would also be welcomed. The Chapel is now open 2-4pm until the end of September. [www.ourladyofthecrag.org/](http://www.ourladyofthecrag.org/)

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT:** Castlerigg Manor, Keswick is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast/evening meals included. Mass on site. <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/>

**MARRIAGE SUPPORT:** If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://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.***

