



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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Sunday 26th October 2025

Saturday 25th October 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 Edmund Ward and Family (OB) Priest's Intention
Sunday 26th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Stanislawa Janiczek A Jack Kenningham A <i>Adoration, Vespers & Benediction</i>
Monday 27th October Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 28th October SS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES FEAST		
Wednesday 29th October Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Thursday 30th October Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Friday 31st October Weekday in Ordinary Time	2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 1st November Weekday in Ordinary Time <i>First Saturday</i> VIGIL	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Stacey McCormack LD; Int of MD (Healing) People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd November ALL SAINTS SOL <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 3pm North Bierley Cemetery	Priest's Intention Christopher Higgins LD Ints of Paul and Pauline Turner, Diamond Jubilee <i>Prayers for the Faithful Departed</i>

Confessions: Saturdays, 4.30-5pm, St W's.

Please pray for the sick & those who have died.

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: 19th Oct: E: £226.00; L: £386.32. **Refreshments:** St W's: £3.90. **2nd Collection: Association for the Propagation of the Faith (World Mission):** £190.61. **Average weekly income through standing orders:** £450. Thank you for your generosity! You may also contribute through the contactless payment machines in each of our porches or through the donation button on our parish website. If you would like a set of weekly envelopes, contact the Parish Office.

Parish matters

Fr Sunny is on an inculturation course for foreign Catholic clergy this week.

November Dead List envelopes are available in our church porches.

St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School has just been awarded **Outstanding** in all areas by the **Catholic Schools Inspectorate** following an inspection earlier this term. The inspectors looked at the school's Catholic life and mission, religious education and collective worship. Their report is available on the school's website. The achievement is notable because recent changes in the inspection format have made it more rigorous. Congratulations to our Executive Headteacher Ben Lavin, to the Head of School, Caroline Ramsden and to all the staff and governors. In another development, the school has just been granted the **CAFOD Live Simply Award** in recognition of how the school community has shown commitment to living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with others. It is the first school in our Diocese since 2019 to have received this award and only the third in our Diocese ever to have done so. Congratulations in particular to the lead member of staff in this area, Amy Greenwood.

Thank you to everybody who joined us today on our Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster**. We had a great time!

Next week we welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 9.45am Mass.

This year **All Souls' Day** is transferred to Monday 3rd November. We will have Masses at 8am, and 12noon at St Win's and at 7pm at St John's. Let us come together to pray for our deceased loved ones!

Adult formation

Wed 29th Oct, NB 6pm (2nd of 12): Catholic Enquiry Group: Commencement of Adult Formation classes, Presbytery. Would you like to become a Catholic or, if you are one, to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Contact the Parish Office.

Thurs 20th Nov, 6-7.15pm: Launch of the fortnightly **Catholic Faith Group** for Catholics who would like to know more and to support one another as disciples of Jesus. A mixture of scripture, catechesis, videos and fellowship. Please register your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Children and Young people

Fri 7th Nov, 6.30-8.30pm: **Parish Youth Group**, St J's Hall. For young people aged 14 and over.

Sat 8th Nov, 3.45pm: **Confirmation Preparation Session** (5 of 6), St W's Church.

Forthcoming events

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

Wed 29th Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm: **Planting of bulbs, fruit bushes & flowering plants; further clearing of brambles**, St Wins.

Sat 1st Nov, 9am-12noon: **Car Boot Sale** St W's Hall. Last of the season.

Sunday 2nd November, 3pm: **Prayers for the faithful departed**, North Bierley Cemetery.

Wed 5th Nov, 3.30-4.30pm: **Senior Leadership Team**, first meeting.

Fri 7th Nov 12.00noon: **Requiem Mass for Shaun Lawlor**, St John's Church.

Tues 7th Nov, 7.30pm (postponed from previous week): **Social Committee planning meeting** for the 52nd Anniversary of St W's Church (7th Dec) and the Platinum Jubilee of St J's Church (31st Jan, 26), St John's Church Hall.

Sun 9th Nov: **Remembrance Sunday**. Services: 11am, Wibsey War Memorial; 2pm: Harold Park.

Wed 12th Nov, 9.45am: **5th Ann Celebration: Catholic Care Community Market**, St W's Hall.

Sun 16th Nov, 1pm: **African Mass** at St Columba's Catholic church, Tong Street, Bradford, BD4 9PY.

Tues 18th Nov, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council II**, St John's Church Hall.

Sat 22nd Nov: **UCM Fashion Show**, St W's Hall, Doors open 1.30pm for 2pm. Tickets £3 inc light refreshments (bernadettebenyon@hotmail.co.uk). Also after Masses. Part of proceeds: Marie Curie.

Sun 23rd Nov (Youth Sunday): **Launch of new Parish Strategy for Young People**.

Group meetings/regular events

Snowdrops: (adults/young people with learning difficulties): 1st Sun, 1.30pm: St J's Hall.

Cath Care Stay & Play: Mon, 9am: St W's Hall.

UCM: 1st Mon, 7.30pm: St J's Hall.

CC Friendship Group: (Adults with learning difficulties): Mon, 10am-2pm, Wagtail Close, BD6 3YJ.

Craft Group: Tues, 10.00am-12pm, St J's Hall

CC Lunch Groups: Tues, 1pm, St J's Hall: Wed, 1pm, St W's Hall.

St Win's Choir: Tues, 7pm, St W's Church.

St J's SVP: Alternate Tues, 5.30pm: Wside 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)

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

DIOCESAN AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

ONLINE ROSARY FOR THE DIOCESE: Rosary for the needs and intentions of the Diocese on Tues 28th Oct at 2pm via Microsoft Teams. Please email anne.cooke@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for joining details

COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS (LEEDS BRANCH) ANNUAL PUBLIC LECTURE 2025: The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell, the 98th Archbishop of York will be giving the Lecture. Booking required at <https://ccj251028.eventbrite.co.uk>; at The Banquet Hall, Leeds Civic Hall . Tues 28th Oct 2025, 8.00pm.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL - DISCIPLESHIP DAYS: Please join the Franciscan Friars (CFR's) at St Patrick's Mission Church, Bradford. The theme is "Called to Holiness: The Second Vatican Council after 60 Years": Nov 1, Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, and May 2. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a reflection on the Second Vatican Council documents, Confessions and Eucharistic adoration, concluding around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

DIOCESE OF LEEDS COMMUNITY CHOIR: welcomes all parish musicians, parishioners, choir parents, friends, and all school/Diocesan staff to come together and sing! Rehearsals will take place at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moortown, 2pm - 3.30pm on 2 Nov and 16 Nov, working towards singing Mass in Leeds Cathedral on Sunday, 30th Nov 2025.: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2025: Prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. 7am-7pm daily from 24 Sept to 2 Nov. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/event/40-days-for-life-2025/> Contact Chris: 07815 681343; 40daysforlife@gmail.com

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours: Sat 8th Nov, at 1.30pm; and 13th December, at 1.30pm. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sun 9th Nov at 2.30pm. All the Diocese are invited to come to the cemetery and pray for the deceased members of the Diocese and extended family.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT MEETINGS: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 17th Oct (Hinsley Hall), 14th Nov (Cathedral Hall), 19th Dec (Hinsley Hall). U18 must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

FEMININE GENIUS RETREAT DAY: Sat 15th Nov at Leeds Trinity University and led by the New Eve Foundation with the Diocesan Faith Formation Team. Aimed at unmarried women ages 18-35, cost £25. Please email faithformation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information or to book your place.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' DAY: All former pupils and staff are invited to attend on Sat 15th Nov. Arrive 11:00 am, Mass 11:30 am, Lunch after Mass (£12). Tours and photo displays to follow. Book by Friday 7 November via jjackson@sbsj.co.uk or call 01274 941941 (ask for James Jackson). Please mention any allergies when booking.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE VOLUNTEERS INFORMATION EVENING: Hinsley Hall, 1st Decr, 7pm. More information: email Phil Marshall on lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07766 148375.; recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk .

CATHOLIC CARE IS HOSTING TWO CHRISTMAS LUNCH PARTIES: St John's, Bradford on Tues 16th Dec, 12:30pm and St Winefride's Church Hall, Bradford on Wedn 17th Dec, 1pm. Both events feature a 3-course lunch and live music from the Toe Tappers. Tickets are £6. Contact Jean (07960 983384), Michelle (07739 975000), or Moira (07952 258572) for details.

ANNUAL LOURDES DINNER DANCE: 13th Feb 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10; price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To book: 07766 148375; philmarshall49@outlook.com. All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

NEURODIVERSITY AND OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: is the subject of research being conducted by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University. If you're an adult neurodivergent Catholic or a Caregiver of a neurodivergent Catholic, we want to hear from you. Your experiences will help us to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to fill in our short surveys look here: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

Vacancies

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT - CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME, KEIGHLEY: Senior Residential Childcare Support Workers: £34,163 – £35,668, Residential Childcare Support Workers: £32,265 – £33,674. Permanent, full time. Please contact recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

