



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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Sunday 27th September 2026

Saturday 26th September Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 27th September TWENTY – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>World Day of Prayer for Migrants and Refugees</i>	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Monday 28th September Weekday in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 29th September SS MICHEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS FEAST		
Wednesday 30th September St Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church MEM		
Thursday 1st October St Therse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, Virgin and Doctor of the Church MEM		
Friday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angel MEM	2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 3rd October Weekday in Ordinary Time Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 4th October TWENTY – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions this week: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W'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 20th Sept: **E: £246.90; L: £398.73.**
Refreshments: St W's: **£6.50; J's: £45.25; Clothing Stall: £10.00.** Home Mission Sunday: **E: £121.95; L: £63.06.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

We welcome **Fr Tansi**, who is one of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at St Pio Friary in Bradford, to celebrate our Vigil Mass this weekend. Fr Paul will be driving the minibus back from the diocesan pilgrimage in Walsingham on Sat evening. Thank you to the 11 parishioners who participated in this event.

Stewards are asked to **count the numbers at Mass** today, the second of four consecutive Mass counts.

Bishop Marcus has published a **Pastoral Letter on the Season of Creation** to be read at all Masses in the Diocese this weekend.

Would you like to become a Catholic? Catechism classes begin on 11th Oct. Book at Parish Office.

We begin a **family-oriented initiative** this w/e: on the last Sun of each month, if numbers thereof allow, children will be invited to join **pop-up choirs** at our 9.45am and 11.15am Masses and young people and children may exercise other liturgical roles. Thank you to our schools for their support and to ministers in our congregation for their cooperation.

We are in need of a number of volunteers across a number of areas as follows: **Collection counters** – once every six weeks; **Children's Liturgy of the Word catechists** – once every six weeks; **St John's Sacristy Team** - occasional; **Stewards to set up refreshments for after the 9.45am Mass** – once a month; **Coordinator for the new Parish Men's Group** – very occasional; **Gardening Team at St Win's** – whenever convenient; **Eucharistic Ministers to take Holy Communion to house-bound parishioners** – when convenient; **Church cleaners at St Win's** – once a fortnight; **Rosary Reciters** before Mass (May/Oct) – when convenient.

40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign near the Leeds abortion clinic: 4/10, 5-7pm; 14/10, 5-7pm; 18/10; 31/10, 12-2pm. Join us by contacting Parish Office!

Adult faith formation

Journey in Faith (for people who wish to become Catholic and returning Catholics): Twice monthly, Sun, 6.30-7.45pm, St J's Hall: starts 11th Oct: *Who is Jesus?* 25/10; 8/11; 22/11; 6/12; 20/12; 10/1; 24/1; 7/2; 21/2; 7/3; 21/3. Please register your interest with the Parish Office.

Ongoing Faith Formation Group (for Catholics and all who want to know more): 22/10: St Francis of Assisi (Year of St Francis): "Rebuild my Church."

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 & 14/11; 23/1 & 30/1; 22/5 & 29/5; 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: 20/11; 5/2; 19/3; 7/5.

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

Sun 27th Sep: **UCM** will be selling Buns and Cakes after the 9:45am and 11:15am Masses.

Sun 27th Sep, 9.45am & 11.15am: **Children's Liturgy of the Word.**

Mon 5th Oct, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church**

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.

Tues 6th Oct, 1:30pm: **Fatima Group** for older parishioners, St Winefride's School. New members welcome! Contact Pauline 07932337244.

Tues 6th Oct, 7pm: **Parish Pastoral Council.** Please affix a note to our Ask the Priest Boards in our porches if you would like a matter discussed.

Sat 10th Oct, 4-5 & 6.15-7.15pm: In response to Bishop Marcus' request, we will be marking the national **Adoremus Festival** by having two holy hours, one before & one after our Vigil Mass.

Tues 20th Oct, 6.30pm, Thanksgiving **Mass and Reception for Fr Sunny**, St J's Church & Hall. Donation envelopes are available in our porches.

Children and young people

Three new groups start this autumn:

Tues 6th & 20th Oct, 3rd & 17th Nov & 15th Dec (4:45–6pm) **Junior Oratory** (7-10 yr olds): (games and activities) St Win's Hall. Price: £1 per session. Also, Tues 1st Dec: Trampolining Party.

Fris, 6-7.30pm: 5/2; 5/3; 7/5; 11/6; 0/7, 6-7.30pm: **Senior Oratory** (11-14 yr olds). St Win's Hall

Fris 16/10; 20/11; 18/12 6.30-8.30pm: **Upper Room Group** (15-19 year olds), St J's Hall.

First Confession: Five preparation sessions for Year 3 pupils: Starts Wed 3/2, 3.30-4.45pm, St John the Evangelist School; Thurs 4/2, 6-7.15pm, St Win's Hall.

First Holy Communion: Six preparation sessions for Year 4 pupils: Starts: Wed, 28/4, 3.30-4.45pm, St John the Evangelist School; Thurs 29/4, 6-7.15pm. St Win's Hall.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): Fris, 6-7.30pm, 9/10; 6/11; 27/11; 11/12; 8/1; 22/1, St W's Hall. Mass of Confirmation: Wed 27th Jan, 6pm, St W's.

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

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

SPARK SOCIAL JUSTICE: Join our conversations on faith, hope and peace, reflecting on Theology in Gaza, with author John Munayer "The Cross and the Olive Tree" and Professor Esther McIntosh, Professor of Feminist Theology at York University. On 29th Sept 7pm-9pm; www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk

HANDMAIDS WOMEN'S GROUP: Join the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal for Adoration, Music, Rosary, opportunity for Sacrament of Reconciliation and refreshments. Fri 2nd Oct, 6th Nov, 4th Dec 7-8.30pm Corpus Christi Church, Neville Road, Leeds.

THE LEEDS CATHOLIC VOICE IS THE NEW FREE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR DIOCESE:

Launching from weekend of 3 & 4 Oct, which is also the deadline for sending any articles, photographs or ideas for the November edition to communications@rcdmidd.org.uk or communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

VENI EMMANUEL ADVENT MUSIC FOR PARISH MUSICIANS: Sun 4th Oct, 2-4pm, Queen's Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary, LS17 6LE. Parish musicians, choir members and all involved in liturgical music are invited to an afternoon of Advent music/reflection. Admission free, suggested donation £5. Hosted by Diocese of Leeds Music and Faith Formation. To book, email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY CARERS PROJECT: is hosting an October series of Devotions to our Lady, including reflections/prayers for carers and loved ones. The first of the series, the Joyful Mysteries will be a live online session (Tue 6th Oct, 7pm). A recorded session, praying the next three Mysteries of the Rosary, will then be released weekly during October on the Growing Old Grace-fully YouTube channel. email Michelle, carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk

"IT IS BEAUTIFUL TO BE OLD" - OLDER PEOPLE AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: Tues 13 Oct 2026, 10am-1:30pm, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. This event, hosted by Growing Old Grace-fully will explore Catholic Social Teaching regarding the blessings of later life, led by theologian Dr Peter Kevern. To book a place, please email growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CARITAS LEEDS - DAY OF REFLECTION: Sat 17 Oct, 9.30am–2.15pm at Hinsley Hall. A day of prayer and discussion as we renew our call to serve society and put Catholic Social Teaching into action. Includes Caritas information sessions, scripture reflection and a hot lunch. Attendance is free. To book, email caritas.leeds@catholic-care.org.uk by 30 September.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour: Sats during the autumn: 31 October (starting at 2.00pm) and on 21 November and 12 December 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

INSTAGRAM HANGOUT: Join us at Leeds Cathedral for an exclusive tour created especially for Instagrammers! Learn more about the fascinating history, architecture and design of our Arts and Crafts-style Cathedral, access areas not usually open to the public, and capture its beauty through photography. Sat 31st Oct 2pm-4pm. All are welcome! Tickets are free, but registration is essential: <https://bit.ly/4i9aEmV>

DAY OF PRAYER: St Peter In Chains, Doncaster is hosting a 'Day of Prayer', Sat 24th Oct, promoting the Shrine of Our Lady of Doncaster, 10.00am-3pm. Adoration/Benediction, confessions, Holy Mass, reflections and rosary led by the Irish singer Dana. hailfullofgrace2026@gmail.com

RCIA PROCESS FORMATION: Join the Vicarate for Education on Saturday 7th Nov at Hinsley Hall (10am – 4pm) to explore how to accompany and support those discerning the Catholic faith through the RCIA process. Ideal for parish volunteers, catechists, and anyone interested in faith formation. To reserve your free place by October 23rd, visit www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025/ or email formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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". Nov 7, Dec 5, Jan 9, Feb 6, March 6, April 3, May 1. The day includes Rosary, Holy Mass, a talk, Confessions, and a Holy Hour with Eucharistic adoration, concluding at around 4:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.

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. Contact Michelle for more information or to register carersproject@growingoldgracefully.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.