

Parish of Mary, Mother of God, Bradford



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The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9.00am to 2.30pm.

St Winefride's Church is open every day from 7.00am to 7.00pm for quiet prayer.

Sunday 31st December 2023

First Reading Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood.

Resp Psalm **PS 104 1 Res: He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.**

Second Reading Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40 The child grew, filled with wisdom.

Saturday 30th December VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	Int of Peter
Sunday 31st December THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH FEAST	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention People of the Parish Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers and Benediction</i>
Monday 1st January SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Patroness of our Parish SOL	9.00am St Winefride's 10.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Holy Rosary</i> People of the Parish
Tuesday 2nd January Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church MEM	6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Jack Willis LD
Wednesday 3rd January Weekday of Christmas Time	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Deceased Members of the Wednesday Lunch Group RIP
Thursday 4th January Weekday of Christmas Time	7.00am St Win's Church Room 8.00am St Win's Church Room	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Yorkshire Brethren
Friday 5th January Weekday of Christmas Time	7.00am St Win's Church Room 8.00am St Win's Church Room	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Edmund Ward and Family RIP
Saturday 6th January Weekday of Christmas Time	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention
VIGIL	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th January THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.15am St John's 10.15am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 12.45pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention Riccardo Giannattasio LD In thanksgiving to Our Lady (LN) Priest's Intention <i>Baptism: Eoin Gallagher</i>

Confessions: Sat 30th, 3.30-5pm, St Win's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St Win's; Sat 6th, 4.30-5pm, St Win's

Please pray for the sick, & for those who have died recently

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: 24th December: E: £235.30; L: 194.38; Christmas Day: E: £323.75; L: £1314.84. **Crib donations** for the Friends of the Holy Land: £71.50. **Average weekly income through standing orders: £450.** Thank you for your generosity! We have a contactless payment machine in the porch at St

Parish matters

Today we welcome **Fr Frantisek Chloupek** CFR who will celebrate the 8.15am & 10.15am Masses.

Frs Paul & Festus are very grateful to parishioners for the donations made at the **Christmas Day Masses** which were divided between them.

Thank you to **Frank Morton** who has sung and played in St John's Music Group for many years and who now stands down from this responsibility,

Thanks to **Bernie Kelly, Alex Hill & Kathleen Allen** who have joined our Parish Pastoral Council.

Given Fr Festus' holiday, **Mass times** on Sundays 14th, 21st & 28th January will be as follows: 8.45am, St J's; 10am, St W's; 11.15am, St J's. The 5.15pm Vigil Mass at St W's will continue as usual.

We will have the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** during today's 10.15am Mass.

One of our two **boilers** at St Winefride's is temporarily out of action. Apologies for any discomfort.

Kathleen Kenningham will be collecting **200 Club subscriptions** (£12) after the 11.15am Mass at St Jn's on 7th Jan. Alternatively, please put your subs in an envelope with you name on it & hand it into the Parish Office or place it in the collection at Mass. If you'd like to join the Club, please put the money & your address & phone number in an envelope. The Club raises £100 a month for our parish! **Diocesan Directories** now on sale in porches: £5.

The Universe is also on sale in porches: £1 (a reduction from the £3.50 mentioned on the cover).

We need a **St Winefride's Hall Team** to oversee the day-to-day running of this great facility. Team members would drop into the hall on occasions on a rota basis to make sure everything was in order and would liaise with our Parish Secretary. If you

Forthcoming events

W 3rd Jan, 10.30am: **Property Committee**, Pres.

Fri 5th Jan, 7pm: We are hoping to launch a **Parish Young Adults' Group** (18-40, married and singletons) with a board game evening, an open bar and a cooked meal at St J's Hall. To book a place please ring/email the Parish Office by 31/12. Sun 21st Jan, 3pm: **Dads/Lads Sports Football, Sedbergh Centre**. Please register your interest!

Diocesan, Deanery and local news

The **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** celebrate a **7.30am Mass** on Mon, Tues, Wed and Thurs each week at St Patrick's Church. All welcome.

Fri 5th Jan, 7-8.30pm: **Handmaids Woman's Group**, Corpus Christi Church, Neville Rd, Leeds.

Fri 12 Jan, 7pm: **Mission Halifax**, St Patrick's

Young people and children

New Junior Youth Group (Years 6, 7 and 8): Weds 6-7.30pm, Starts 17th Jan, St J's Hall.

Family Catechesis for First Confession (Yr 3) begins on Wed 31st Jan (3.30-4.45pm), St Win's Hall & Thurs 1st Feb, (5.30-6.45pm) St J's School.

Adult faith formation

Catholic Enquiry Group: For adults who wish to be Baptised/Confirmed/Received into the Catholic Church. Sundays 6.30-7.30pm. Starts 14th Jan.

New Parish Alpha Course: Wed 18th Jan to 20th March 2024, 11am-12noon, St W's Hall.

Baptism: Parents' Sycamore Sessions (St J's Hall): Sats 13th, 20th, 27th Jan, 11am-12.15pm.

Group meetings/regular events

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

St John's SVP: 6pm, alternate Tues, St J's Hall.

St Win's SVP: 11.15am, 2nd Wed, St W's Room.

Charismatic Renewal Group: 7pm, alternate Fri, St W's Church. Recommences 12th January.

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

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

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

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

CC Lunch Groups: 12.30pm, Tues, St J's Hall (up to end of Jan 2024); & 1pm, Wed, St W's Hall.

CC Community Market: 10am, Wed, St W's Hall.

Youth Group: 6.30pm, Fri, St J's Hall, (term time)