



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 3rd May 2026

Saturday 2nd May Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 3rd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	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>
Monday 4th May THE ENGLISH MARTYRS FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Margaret McIntyre A Edward Turpin LD
Tuesday 5th May Weekday of Easter	7.00am NB St Winefride's 8.00am NB St Winefride's 12.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Holy Rosary</i>
Wednesday 6th May Weekday of Easter	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Anne Chambers RIP
Thursday 7th May St John of Beverley, Bishop MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Funeral: David Tempest Mitchell</i>
Friday 8th May Weekday of Easter	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's 6.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i> Priest's Intention
Saturday 9th May Weekday of Easter Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 12.00pm St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention <i>Baptism: Amelia Helm -Tummons</i> Kenneth McCann A
Sunday 10th May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 12.45pm St John's 5.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention Wilf and Wyn Parkin RIP Priest's Intention <i>Baptism: Bohdi George Lister</i> <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

Please pray for the sick & the dead.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 26th April: E: £172.50; L: £538.05. Refreshments: St W's: £6.40. Second Collection: Comboni Missionaries: £184.02 (plus card donations). 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. **Second Collection today: Priests' Training Fund.**

Parish matters

Fr Paul and Fr Sunny will be at the **annual Presbyteral Conference** at Hinsley Hall on Tues/Wed. Next week the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** will enhance our 9.45am Mass at St Win's.

Mass times for the Solemnity of the Ascension: Wed 13th May Vigils: 2pm: St J's School; 7pm: St W's Church; Thurs 14th: 7.15am: St W's Church; 11am: St W's Church; 2pm: St W's Church (School Mass, all welcome); 6.30pm: St J's Church.

Please sign up in our porches: **1) Readers rotas** for the 5.45pm Vigil & 8.15am Sun Masses; **2) Cleaning rota** for St J's Church; **3) Sacristy Team** for St J's Church; **4) Leaders of the Rosary** before w/e Masses in May.

Congratulations to **Ian Bannister** on becoming President of the **Bradford Catenians Association** and well done to **Chris Anderson** who stands down from this responsibility after a year in post.

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**.

A small team of volunteers continues to **develop our land** at the back of St W's Church as we seek to qualify as a parish for the CAFOD Live Simply Award. Parishioners are invited to enjoy the blossom of the fruit trees in our orchard. At 11am on Sat 16th May we will cut down the bushes which have sprung up in the bottom corner of the land adjoining the church to open up the sight lines to the garden from the road and the car park below. Please come to help us, with or without strimmers!

Interest has been expressed in having a regular **Friday evening Mass** so we will, when possible, celebrate a 6pm Mass at St J's Church for a period and then review this initiative.

Thank you to **Peter Barstow** who has completed sound-proofing the St W's Confessionals.

This Tuesday is the **National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**. Our bishops have produced resources: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/national-day-of-prayer-for-survivors-of-abuse-2026/>

Fr Paul, Parish Pastoral Council Chair, **Helen Wain** and Finance Committee Chair, **Paul Rafferty** will be attending a **consultation meeting** this Wednesday at St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College, at which Bishop Marcus will preside, to discuss the proposal that **Leeds and Middlesbrough Dioceses** should merge.

Notices recently appended to our **Ask the Parish Priest Boards** in our churches: Should we have a Bible Study Group for children (in which they could also learn to pray the Lord's Prayer and the Rosary)? Should we remove some benches from St J's Church to allow more space for Mass-goers and create a Baptistry area in front of the lectern?

Forthcoming events

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

W/E 9th/10th May: **Donations for the Friars:** Chocolate, Snack Bars, Corned Beef.

Mon 11th May, 8.30am: **Cleaning St W's Church**

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 or purchase after Mass w/e 9/10 & 16/17 May or on door. Donation to Marie Curie. Interested in modelling at this event?: 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, 16/5 6.30-7.30pm: **Confirmation Prep for secondary school students**, Presbytery.

Fri 8th May 6.30pm: **Youth Group:** Making a Covenant with You: Rainbows & promises, St J's Hall.

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

Adult formation

Wednesday 6th May, 6pm: **Catholic Enquiry Group:** Mary and the hope of heaven (20), St W's Presbytery. Open to all parishioners!

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 provide parishioners with on-going catechesis, allowing them to grow in their faith.

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. Contact Patrick Doyle if you intend coming 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

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).

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.

ST. AIDAN'S MIRFIELD PARISH MISSION: Mon 22nd June-Wed 24th 2026. Led by Sr Briege McKenna & Fr Pablo Escriva de Romani. This is an opportunity to renew our faith and draw closer to Jesus. Sr Briege & Fr Pablo are known for their ministry of healing, preaching and have seen many miracles! For further details please ring 01924 492950 or email office.staidan@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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. epbereavementcare@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or contact The Briery on 01943 607287.

WEBELIEVE FESTIVAL OF CATHOLIC LIFE: 24-27th July 2026, an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God, with parishes and families in mind. : www.webeliefestival.com

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE DIOCESES OF LEEDS, MIDDLESBROUGH & HALLAM: As part of the consultation currently taking place across our three 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. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

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, 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

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/

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

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.

