



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 5th July 2026

Saturday 4th July Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 5th July FOURTEENTH 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 Int of Baby Ivy (sick) Michaela Kenningham RIP <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 6th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention Thekkumkatill Family
Tuesday 7th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Tess Lacey RIP
Wednesday 8th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Intentions of Year 6 pupils Thekkumkatill Family
Thursday 9th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour</i> Parackal Family
Friday 10th July Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Parackal Family Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 11th July ST BENEDICT, ABBOT AND PATRON OF EUROPE FEAST Vigil Mass	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Rosary</i> Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Sunday 12th July FIFTEENTH 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 Isabell Bradshaw RIP Kevin Turner (DA) <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.45pm, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, St W's.

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

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 28th June: E: £202.50; L: £315.31. 2nd Collection: E: £79.50; L: £165.57. Refreshments: St W's: £; St J's: £12.30. Baptism: £19.55. Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. Thank you for your generosity! **Second Collection Next Week: Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea).**

Parish matters

Fr Paul and a good number of our parishioners will be on the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** between Friday 3rd July and Thursday of 9th July. Our parish group is the largest of any parish on this pilgrimage. Thank you to all those who go. We will pray for everybody at the shrine.

We are building connections with **St Bede's and St Joseph's Catholic College** in Bradford. Next month some students will come on two occasions to help with the Catholic Care Lunch Group for Older People at St Winefride's. Thank you to student who came last Friday morning and helped us with our community garden.

The **Bishop** is making a **canonical visitation** to our parish on Sunday 19th July so I'd be grateful if we could use this as an opportunity to make sure that everything is looking spic and span and that all our planning for 2026/27 is up-to-date. I'll be presenting him with our programme of activities for this period so parish groups are asked to submit dates to me for events by the end of this month.

Our summer **Holiday Activities and Food Programme** will run over six days, namely Tues & Thurs, 4th, 6th, 11th, 13th 18th, 20th Aug. Please sign up as a volunteer on the lists in the porches.

Please get in touch if you are holding **Green Donation Envelope Box** no 53.

St John's Playgroup (for 3- and 4-year-olds), situated in St John's School, has places available for Sep 26. Mon-Fri 8.50am - 11.50am, term time only: sj.playgroup@hotmail.co.uk; 07742098299.

We will recite the **Litany of the Precious Blood** before some Masses in July.

Other

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Forthcoming events

Tues 7th July, 1.30-2.30pm: Fatima group at St Winefride's school. New members welcome. Contact Pauline if you need a lift 07932 337244.

Fri 10th-Sun 12th July: Forty Hours' Devotion in both our schools and churches. Please sign up for one-hour prayer slots on the list in our porches. Please be generous in giving of your time in this way so that the clergy do not have to do all the praying! Parish groups are invited to book a slot as well. It will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession after the 9.45am Mass at St W's.

Sun 12th July, 12.45pm (dep): First Parish Pilgrimage to the **Annual Postgate Rally** (Diocese of Middlesbrough) in honour of Blessed Nicholas Postgate and the Martyrs of England and Wales, St Anne's, Ugthorpe, YO21 2BQ. Mass at 3pm. Minibus tickets: £10. Children go free.

Mon 13th July, 8.30am: St W's Church Cleaning. Please join our team by simply turning up! We urgently need some more volunteers.

Wed 15th July, 3.30pm: Parish Senior Leadership Team, Presbytery.

Sun 19th July: Canonical Visitation of the Parish by Bishop Marcus.

Tues 28th July, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council, St John's Church Hall.

Sat 5th Sep, Dep 6.30am, St Win's: Annual March for Life in London (18 Catholic Bishops will be present this year!). Coach: £40. Contact Parish Office.

Please note that our **Parish Trip to the Seaside**, scheduled for Sat 18th July, has been postponed because of Bishop Marcus' Visitation.

Adult formation

Thursday 23rd July, 6.30-7.30pm: Adult Faith Formation Group, St J's Church Hall. All welcome! Priestly celibacy: undue burden or treasure?

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.

St J's Church Cleaning: 3rd Sat, 8am.

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

GROWING OLD GRACE-FULLY CARERS PROJECT: CARERS MASS - All carers and the person they are caring for are invited to join us for a special Mass to celebrate the wonderful and important work of unpaid carers across the diocese. Saturday 11th July 12pm, Leeds Cathedral, Great George Street, Leeds, LS2 8BE. A sandwich lunch will be served in Cathedral Hall after Mass. To book a place please email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk. All welcome.

FOUNTAINS ABBEY MASS: Mass for the Feast of St Benedict, Tuesday 14th July, 12noon. All welcome.

FRIENDS OF BRIERY SUMMER FAYRE: Sat 19th July, 2-4pm. Stalls: crafts, gifts, books, tobola, raffle and more. The Briery Retreat & Conference Centre, 38 Victoria Ave, Ilkley. 01943607287.

CARERS PROJECT ONLINE EVENT: Wedn 15th July 2pm. As part of our Carers Project we are hosting an online event - "You are precious in my eyes". We will explore how carers may feel ignored or invisible but how they can feel reassured that God sees them and they are precious to him. To book please email Michelle carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS SUMMER PROGRAMME: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 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.

CATHOLIC CARE GARDEN PARTY: Join us on Sunday 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

SUMMER FAYRE AT THE BRIERY, ILKLEY: Sun 19th July 2-4pm All are welcome to come and enjoy our delicious scones, browse our large selection of craft and book stalls, relax in the house and gardens, and of course try your luck at the raffle and tombola! Entry by donation. The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Ave, Ilkley LS29 9BW.

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. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott. Tickets and more information available now at: www.webeliefefestival.com

PILGRIMAGE OF REPARATION AND PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE: Saturday, 1st Aug 2026, Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. Pilgrim Mass 12:00noon. Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life and Benediction, Rosary and a silent walk as an Act of Reparation. The pilgrimage will be concluded by a Prayer for England and the Salve Regina. For further details, please visit prolifepilgrimage.org.

INDIVIDUALLY GUIDED RETREAT: 4th-13th August (6-day option to 11th). There are still a few places for IGR at The Briery.: 01943 607287 admin@briery.org.uk

ONE THREE PEAK CHALLENGE: Sat 8th Aug, Hiking th Yorkshire Three Peaks in support of St Patrick's Mission Church and the ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal; www.stpatricksmision.co.uk

MAKING WISER CHOICES: Wedn 16th September 10am-4pm. A day of reflection led by popular writer Margaret Silf. Requested offering £50pp to include lunch and all refreshments. 01943 607287

SEPTEMBER PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA; There are places available on the St Mary's Parish, Halifax pilgrimage to Malta this September, In the Footsteps of St Paul. 21st – 24th September flying from Manchester Airport. We will visit St. Paul's Grotto, St John's Co-Cathedral, the Ta' Pinu Basilica and the church of St Paul's shipwreck. For more information please email office.stmary.halifax@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call Tangney Tours and ask to speak to Rae on: 01732886666

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES: 10 - 11th October. This year, after major Eucharistic events in Liverpool and Birmingham, the Adoremus Eucharistic Festival turns to London over two days. The event will include Mass in Southwark Cathedral, a keynote address, a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and an all-night vigil in Westminster Cathedral. More details to follow.

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.

