



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 October 2025

Saturday 4th October St Francis of Assisi MEM <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> Priest's Intention Judith Firth LD
Sunday 5th 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 People of the Parish Ann Willimas LD <i>Adoration, Vespers & Benediction</i>
Monday 6th October 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> Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP
Tuesday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary MEM	12.00noon St John's 5.30pm NB St John's 6.30pm NB St John's	Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP
Wednesday 8th October Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP
Thursday 9th October ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP
Friday 10th October St Paulinus of York, Bishop MEM	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP Our Lady Of Kirkstall Dead List RIP <i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> <i>Holy Hour, Chaplet of Divine Mercy</i>
Saturday 11th 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> Priest's Intention People of the Parish
Sunday 12th October TWENTY-EIGHT 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 Jack Kenningham RIP <i>Adoration, Vespers & Benediction</i>

Confessions: Sat, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Tues, 11.40am-12noon, St J's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, 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: 21st September: E: £223; L: £352.69; 2nd Collection: **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday: £166.43; Refreshments: St J's: £3; Baptisms: £80.** 28th September: E: £148; L: £288.12; **Italian Mass: £106.40; Refreshments: St W's: £3.90; Donation: Gas Cannister: £60. 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

Thank you to **Jeremy Park** who has curated our parish website for a number of years and who now stands down from this responsibility. Thank you to **Dariusz Kujaczynski** who replaces him.

Thank you to **Cath Halliday** for her work on our PPC. She now stands down from this role.

This Sunday we will welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 9.45 am Mass.

The **Little Sisters of the Poor** who were to have made an appeal this w/e will join us at a later date.

This w/e: annual Mass count (3rd of 4).

Join a number of parishioners on Fridays 10th, 17th & 24th October (5-7pm) as we participate in the **40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** near the Leeds abortion clinic. Pls register with the Parish Office.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent **Race Night** organised by the **UCM**. Winning horse owners: Mark Tamayosa, Helen Wain, Sharon Hunt, B McNulty, and Moira Page x2. Please collect your prizes from the Parish Office.

The **Minutes** of our recent **Parish Pastoral Council** Meeting are now available on our website and some hard copies are available in our porches.

We need some volunteers to become **chaperones** for two purposes: 1) to be present in the sacristy before Mass when we have altar servers; 2) to be present at the 9.45am Sunday Mass for 11-year-old Confirmation candidates whose parents are not present. Easy but essential job. We will arrange the application for DBS certificates. Parish Office.

Adult formation

Wed 8th Oct, 6pm: 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? Please contact the Parish Office

Baptism Prep for Parents: St J's Hall. Just for first child: Sats 4th and 11th October, 11am, St J's Hall.

Children and Young people

Fri 10th Oct, 6.30-8.30pm: Parish Youth Group, St J's Hall. For young people aged 14 and over.

Sat 11th Oct, 3.45pm: Confirmation Preparation Session (4 of 6), St W's Church.

Sat/Sun 4/5th & 11/12th Oct: Enrolment at all Masses for the First Confession and First Holy Communion Programmes.

Sun 28th June: First Holy Communion Mass 1, St John's Church.

Sunday 12th July: First Holy Communion II, St Winefride's Church.

Forthcoming events

Tues 7th Oct, 1.30 pm: Fatima Group for older people, St W's School Hall. New members welcome. Require a lift?: Pauline: 07932337244.

Sat 11th October, 10am-1pm: Bramble clearance morning, St W's Church Grounds. Join us with rakes and trimmers to cut back some of the undergrowth and create a parish garden!

Mon 13th Oct, 10am: Pilgrimage by minibus to Leeds Cathedral, a Jubilee Church, for the **Visit of the Fatima Statue**. Sign up at the Parish Office. Donations for petrol. Mass, Tour, Rosary, Lunch.

Sat 18th Oct, 10am-2pm: Caritas Day of Reflection, Hinsley Hall. Join other parishioners for this morning when we will reflect on how we can further put into practice Catholic Social Teaching in our parish. Please sign up at the Parish Office.

Sat 25th Oct; 9.45am dep: Pilgrimage to the Jubilee Shrine of our Lady of Doncaster, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Sat 25th Oct, 4-8pm: An evening of entertainment & singing, St John's Hall.

Wed 29th Oct, 10am-12.30pm: Planting of bulbs, fruit bushes & flowering plants, St W's

Wed 29th Oct, 4.30-5.30pm: Finance and Property Committee II.

Sun 9th Nov: Remembrance Sunday.

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

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

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.

St John's Choir: Wed, 7pm: St John's Church.

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

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

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE: Understand the Bible from start to finish: the Old and New Testament, Starts on Wed 1st October 2025 at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions): comeandsee.org

REAWAKENING BLESSED HOPE DAY FOR CATECHISTS: by the Diocesan Vicariate for Education, Hinsley Hall, Sat 4th Oct, 10am-3pm. Join us to reflect on the hope Christ gives us in this Jubilee year; inc Mass, time for networking and discussion. Free event with lunch. formation@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PERMANENT DIACONATE MASS: As St Francis of Assisi's memorial, who was a deacon, is on Sat 4th Oct, Bishop Marcus will be celebrating the 12.00 Mass at Leeds Cathedral in thanksgiving for the permanent diaconate in our Diocese.

ONLINE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE: Leeds Trinity University is hosting an online CPD event for the Catholic University of Erbil in Iraq on 8th Oct: Teaching for the Global Common Good. For further details, contact Dr Ann Marie Mealey at: a.mealey@leedstrinity.ac.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL GUIDED TOURS AUTUMN PROGRAMME: Free Guided Tours will take place on the following dates: Sat 4th Oct, starting at 2pm; Sat 8th Oct, 1.30pm; and Sat 13th Dec, 1.30pm. The tours last 1 hour. No booking required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font.

LAUDATO SI' MINI-PILGRIMAGE FOR AUTUMN: Sat 4th Oct, Blessing of Animals Service at 11am, St Benedict's Church, Garforth. If fine, bring packed lunch & sign up to come prepared for local (weather dependent) walk: communications@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

JOURNEYING AS OLDER PEOPLE: Wed 8th Oct 10am-2pm, Wheeler Hall, Leeds. Leeds Diocese older people's charity Growing Old Grace-fully : reflect on our own journey into later life, as Pilgrims of Hope, and explore finding the God in our own life: growing.old.gracefully@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

10th ANNIVERSARY OF ST WILFRID'S WAY: 2-day Diocesan Camino from Leeds Cathedral to Ripon. Fri 10th & Sat 11th Oct. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/pilgrimages/>

HOW DO WE SUSTAIN HOPE IN TODAY'S WORLD? Sat 11th Oct 10:30 – 4pm at Hinsley Hall. A one day retreat on hope with Fr Luis Orlando Perez Jimenez SJ. www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk

VISITATION OF THE CENTENARY PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY AND THE RELICS OF SAINT JACINTA AND FRANCISCO: on Mon 13th Oct at Leeds Cathedral from 10.30am -7pm. Please see the full programme on the poster at the back of the Church.

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. Fri 6.30pm-8.15pm: 17th Oct (Hinsley Hall), 14th Nov (Cathedral Hall), 19th Dec (Hinsley Hall). U18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending: Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

CARITAS LEEDS: "HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT," Sat 18th Oct, 10am-2pm, Hinsley Hall. A morning of prayer, reflection & discussion to help us renew our commitment to putting Catholic Social Teaching into action in our parishes, schools and communities. Buffet lunch. To register your interest: [education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk/](mailto:education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) 0113 261 8040. The Vicariate for Education & Catholic Care.

CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI: MINI-PILGRIMAGE TO KIRKSTALL ABBEY: Sat 20th Oct 12:45 – 4pm. 4.7mile pilgrimage from Leeds City Station to Kirkstall abbey ; www.leedsjp.org.uk

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.

CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS AGENCY (CSSA) SURVIVORS' SURVEY: As part of a thematic audit of survivor engagement, the CSSA is actively seeking insight from those who have lived experience of abuse and is carrying out a public call for information. This is an opportunity for anybody with information to share with the CSSA (anonymously if you wish). To find out more about the CSSA's current public call for information, and how you can complete a survey, please visit their dedicated webpage <https://catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/>

MARK 10 MISSION ROSARY CHALLENGE: Pray the Rosary with Archbishop John Wilson and The Mark 10 Mission this October. The Rosary Challenge invites you to pray a decade of the Rosary each weekday in October. The Mark 10 Mission has created beautiful online videos for each mystery of the Holy Rosary, led by Archbishop John. To watch the videos and learn more, please visit www.themark10mission.co.uk or The Mark 10 Mission YouTube channel @themark10mission