



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 6th September 2026

Saturday 5th September Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention
Sunday 6th September TWENTY –THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 5.00pm St John's	People of the Parish Andrew Byrd A Jack Kenningham RIP <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 7th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Tuesday 8th September THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FEAST	12noon St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Rosary</i> Holy Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Wednesday 9th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St John's School 12.30pm St Winefride's Hall	Ints of Families of Pupils Priest's Intention
Thursday 10th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 11th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	9.15am St Winefride's School 2.30-3.10pm St Winefride's	Priest's Intention <i>Holy Hour, Divine Mercy Chaplet</i>
Saturday 12th September Weekday in Ordinary Time 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 People of the Parish
Sunday 13th September TWENTY –FOURTH 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: Sats, 4.30-5pm, St W's; Wed, 12-12.20pm, 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 30th August: **E: £; L: £. Refreshments: St W's: £; St J's: £.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

This evening we welcome **Fr Peter Morkah M.SS.CC**, the Parish Administrator of St Joseph's Church, Bradford and the former Assistant Priest here. Fr Paul is with some parishioners and many local Catholics at the annual **March for Life** in London. Thank you Fr Peter for supplying!

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

Thank you to **Kathleen Kenningam** who has joined our small team of Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to our housebound parishioners, of whom there are currently 45. Would other parishioners please join in this valuable work?

Fr Paul is committed to celebrating our **Tuesday lunchtime Mass** at St John's whenever this is possible. We will have it on the following Tuesdays before Christmas: 22/9; 6/10; 20/10; 27/10; 3/11; 17/11; 24/11; 1/12; 15/12; 22/12.

The **holy water bottles** in the porch at St John's have been donated by **Jason and Jennifer Bunn** from their Lourdes trip this year. Please take one!

For more than ten years we have used Microsoft Publisher for our **parish newsletter** but this programme will soon be discontinued. Does anybody have the skills to create a new format using an alternative programme please?

We need two **new collection counting teams**. Would some parishioners please volunteer? This will be a once-every-six-weeks commitment and training will be given. Currently Fr Paul is having to help out. Copies of the First Draft of the **Parish 2026/27 Calendar** are available in the Church porches. Please propose additions!

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.

Ongoing Faith Formation Group (for Catholics and all who want to know more): Twice monthly, Thurs, 6.30-7.30pm, St J's Hall: starts 10th Sep: *Creed I: I believe: the act of faith*.

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 & 31/10; 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.

Thinking of getting married? Sign up for: **Cleaving to Christ: Preparing for marriage in the context of our Catholic faith:** Sats, 10.15am-12.30pm, St W: 28/11; 9/1; 13/2; 13/3; 10/4; 15/5.

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

Mon 7th Sept, 8.30am: Cleaning St W's Church

Fri 11th Sep, 7pm: Diocesan Lourdes Roadshow and Quiz Night, St John's Hall: Bar and Pie and Pea Supper. Tickets on door: £5. Information will be given about how you can participate in next July's pilgrimage. Phil Marshall: 07766 148375.

W/e 12-13th Sept: Collection for Friars: Coffee, Cereal, Chocolate Bars, Crisps

Fri-Sat 25th /26th Sep: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. We will stay overnight before the pilgrimage proper starts on the Sat. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Office.

Tues 29th Sep, 7pm: Parish Pastoral Council.

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.

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.

Children and young people

Sat 19th Sep, 4pm: Introductory meeting for parents & children who wish to make their First Confession or First Holy Communion, St Win's Hall.

First Confession: Five preparation sessions for Year 3 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 3/2, 10/2, 24/2, 3/3, 10/3, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 4/2, 11/2, 25/2, 4/3, 11/3, St Win's Hall.

First Confession Penance Service: Wed 17th March, 6-7pm, St Win's.

First Holy Communion: Six preparation sessions for Year 4 pupils: Wed, 3.30-4.45pm, 28/4, 5/5, 12/5, 19/5, 9/6, 16/6, St John the Evangelist School; or Thurs 6-7.15pm, 29/4, 6/5, 13/5, 20/5, 10/6, 17/6, St Win's Hall. **First Holy Communion Masses:** Sun 20th June, 11.15am, St John's; Sun 27th June, 9.45am, St Win's.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): **Introductory meeting:** Sat 12th Sep, 4pm, St W's Hall; 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

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/ All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Sat 12 Sep at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. Sun 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: POPE LEO, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE CHOICES WE CAN MAKE: Wed 16th Sept, 7-8pm, SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Hall, Bradford Road, Burley in Wharfedale LS29 7PX. In just one hour, Fr Mark Jarmuz of the Vicariate for Education, will explain Pope Leo's teaching and its vital importance for the choices we make: mark.jarmuz@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PERGOLESİ'S STABAT MATER: –Thurs 17th Sept, 7pm, Leeds Cathedral. Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls Choir sings Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and other music by Charpentier, Monteverdi and Vivaldi accompanied by string players from Baroque in the North. Admission free, a suggested £10 donation.

ST. GEMMA'S HOSPICE WALK LEEDS: Sat 19th Sept. From Roundhay Park along Street Lane to the Hospice for a moment of reflection before heading back to the Park for the finish line. Tickets £20 adults/£12.50 children, includes a t-shirt, medal, and light up item: www.st-gemma.co.uk/events/sunset-walk

DIOCESAN SEASON OF CREATION EVENT: SPARK Social Justice and the J&P Commission Screening of The People's Emergency Briefing. Sat 19 Sept, Hinsley Hall Headingley 2pm – 4pm. www.sparksocialjustice.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL CHOIR AND THE SIXTEEN: Sun 27th Sept, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral. The Cathedral Choir performs with members of internationally-renowned choir The Sixteen and the Genesis Sixteen young artist programme, conducted by Harry Christophers. Admission free, a suggested £10 donation.

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

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.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026: SAVE THE DATES: 10 - 11th Oct, London. 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.

"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

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.

CLEAVING TO CHRIST: PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CATHOLIC FAITH: To complement the work which is already being done in many parishes, the Vicariate for Education will offer six in-person sessions for engaged couples between Nov 2026 and May 2027 (10.15am-12.30pm) at St Winefride's Hall, Bradford, BD6 1ST. Mass available at St Winefride's Church, 9.30am. To book a place (£20 per couple): education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk; 0113 261 8040.

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

DIOCESAN FAITH FORMATION EVENTS: Many Catholic adults wish to discover more about their faith. The Vicariate for Education is offering a wide range of faith development events during 2026/27, both at Hinsley Hall in Leeds and elsewhere throughout the Diocese. These are aimed at, among others, those who enjoy listening to a stimulating lecture, those who want to engage in some accompanied study and catechists wishing to develop their skills. To find out more, scroll down to "Faith Formation": www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/education/cpd-2025

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.