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 8th October 2026

Saturday 7th November **Vigil Mass**	5.15pm St Winefride's	November Dead List RIP
Sunday 8th November **THIRTY-SECOND 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 Mark Fielding A, Christopher Higgins and Anne Marie Bird RIP Catherine Patricia Walker LD *Adoration, Vespers, Benediction*
Monday 9th November **THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA** FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	*Holy Hour with Lauds* November Dead List RIP
Tuesday 10th November **St Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church** MEM		
Wednesday 11th November **St Martin of Tours, Bishop** MEM		
Thursday 12th November **St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr** MEM		
Friday 13th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time**		
Saturday 14th November **Weekday in Ordinary Time** **Vigil Mass**	9.00am St John's 10.00am St John's 5.15pm St Winefride's	*Holy Hour with Rosary* November Dead List RIP November Dead List RIP
Sunday 15th November **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's	*Adoration, Vespers, Benediction* People of the Parish November Dead List RIP

Confessions: Sats, 4.30-5pm

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 1st Nov: **E: £257.65; L: £354.07. Refreshments: St W's: £8.50; St J's: £11.50. Candles: St W's: £316.77.** Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. You may also pay through our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

If you would like members of your family to be added to the **2026 Nov Dead List**, please simply take an envelope from the porch, write on it the names of the families to be remembered, include a Mass stipend & place it in the collection basket. Masses will be celebrated for the repose of the souls of all who are on the List during Nov.

Ask the priest Board: 1. **Q:** Can we reintroduce queueing for Holy Communion rather than kneeling at the altar rail as this is distracting when people are crossing in front of those who are waiting? **A**: We will have a parish vote in the New Year and submit the matter to the Parish Pastoral Council which requested the current experiment. 2**. Q:** Can you make sure St W's Church is open every morning? **A:** Yes. Apologies. This has not happened on several occasions recently. May we have some volunteers to open and lock the church when Fr Paul is absent?

Thank you: Gill Emmottt and Jean Kennedy for becoming Sacristans at St John's.

Gianna Baby Bank – Christmas Advent Appeal 2026: Individuals and families are invited to collect essential baby items throughout Advent to support local families in need. Donations of new or good-quality pre-loved items suitable for babies aged 0–12 months are warmly welcomed. Thank you for your generosity and support! Please deliver to either church.

Forthcoming events

We welcome the **Bradford Catholic Girls' Choir** to our 11.15am Mass this morning.

w/e 7-8th Nov: **Donations for the Friars:** Cereal, Choc/Snack Bars, Crisps, Sugar. Leave in porches.

Sun 15th Nov, 9.45am and 11.15am: **Family Masses** to which families of the pupils in our parish schools are especially invited.

Wed 18th Nov, 9.45am: Service to mark the **Sixth Anniversary of the Catholic Care Community Market**, St Win's Hall.

Wed 9th Dec, 6pm: **School Carol Service**, St Win's Church.

Sun 13th Dec, 2-4pm: **Advent Family Craft Workshop:** crafts, baking, games, a film, singing Advent hymns and some prayer, St Win's Hall.

Tues 16th Dec, 5.30pm: **School Carol Service**, St J's Church.

Sat 12th Dec, 11am: **SVP Mass of Anointing with Lunch**, St J's Church & Hall.

Internet banking and standing orders

Parish bank details: HSBC; Diocese of Leeds Mary, Mother of God; Sort Code: 40-27-15; Account Number: 51343998.

Adult Faith Formation

Faith Formation Group (for Catholics and all who want to know more): Thurs 19th Nov, 6.30-7.30pm: The Catholic Mission to Yorkshire in the Reformation: the heroism of the martyrs.

Journey in Faith (for those who wish to become Catholics), Sun 8th Nov 6.30pm, St John's Church Hall: "The Holy Spirit and the Church."

Baptism Classes: (two sessions for parents preparing for the Baptism of their first child): Sats, 10.45am to 12noon, St J's Hall: 14/11 (2nd of 2).

Catholic Men's Group: Fris, 6pm: Adoration; 6.30pm Mass, 7pm Talk and discussion, St W's; 8.30pm: Pub, for the thirsty. Launch 13th Nov.

Marriage Preparation Course: Six monthly sessions beginning on Sat 28th Nov, 10.45am. Please enrol by contacting the Parish Office.

Children and young people

Tues 20th Oct, (4:45–6pm) **Junior Oratory** (7-10 yr olds): (games and activities) Tues 17th Nov, (4:30–6pm) **Junior Oratory** (7-10 yr olds): (games and activities) St W's Hall. Price: 50p per session. Then 24th Nov, and 1st & 15th Dec.

NB We have increased the frequency of our sessions in response to participants' requests.

Catechesis for the Sacrament of Confirmation (for children in Years 6-8): Next session: Fri 27th Nov, 6-7.30pm. Then 11/12 in St Wins Church; 8/1; 22/1, St W's Hall. Mass of Confirmation: Wed 27th Jan, 6pm, St W's. Immediately after Confirmation we will begin a **Senior Oratory** for 11-to-14-year-olds at the same time on Friday evenings. Fris, 6-7.30pm: 5/2; 5/3; 7/5; 11/6; 9/7, 6-7.30pm:

We will also have a monthly group for older young people, **the Upper Room Group** (15-19 year olds), on Fridays (6.30-8.30pm) St J's Hall. The next one will be on 20th Nov.

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

ANNUAL SERVICE AT KILLINGBECK CEMETERY NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sun 8th November 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. The service, led by Canon Patrick Wall, Dean of East Leeds, will be in the chapel with readings, hymns, and rosary. Weather permitting, we will walk around the clergy circle reciting the rosary.

DURUFLÉ'S REQUIEM: Sun 8th Nov, 3pm, Leeds Cathedral, Leeds Cathedral Senior Girls, Boys and Scholars Choirs sing Duruflé's Requiem and other music by Vierne, Byrd and Victoria in a special concert for Remembrance Sunday. Admission free, with a suggested £10 donation.

ICON 'QUEEN OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY': on display in Leeds Cathedral from Fri 13th to Tues 17th Nov. It was written in Lithuania in 2018. It has been on pilgrimage since then travelling through Europe and visiting Franciscan Holy places also Friaries, Convents and Fraternities. The Franciscan Family is illustrated in the 3 cameos at base of the Icon St Francis of Assisi St Clare of Assisi and St Elizabeth of Hungary (patroness of OFS). Under the small images are Relics from each Saint.

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY CARERS PROJECT DAY OF REFLECTION: "Awakening Peace Within: A Day of Reflection for Carers" Sat 14th Nov 10.00am-2.00pm, St Joseph's Parish Hall, Wetherby. The morning will offer carers the opportunity to reflect on God's presence in their daily lives and how they can find peace within themselves. The event will end with a shared lunch To attend email Michelle at carersproject@growingoldgracefully.org.uk.

THE HUDDERSFIELD UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY: is delighted to invite all students to our monthly Holy Mass at the University, Mon, 16th Nov, 6:00 pm, Community Hall, Jo Cox Building. Weekly Meetings every Wednesday for prayer, reflection and spiritual growth. Other Activities and Social Events- providing opportunities to meet new people, build friendships and enjoy a sense of community. Come along, connect with others, and be part of our welcoming Chaplaincy community. We look forward to seeing you!

FILM PRESENTATION LAND OF CANAAN: SPARK Social Justice is presenting this beautiful film about growing and sustaining olive groves in Palestine. It will be shown on Friday 20 November at St Chad's parish hall on Otley Road in Headingley. The film starts at 7pm. See sparksocialjustice.org.uk for more details and how to book tickets.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE PAST PUPILS' DAY: Satu 21 Nov. Mass at 11:30am, followed by lunch (£15). To book your place, reply with dietary requirements by 13 Nov to James Jackson: jjackson@sbsj.co.uk & 01274 941941

'WE HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH' - AN ADVENT REFLECTION: Sat 21st Nov at The Briery, Ilkley. Join us in preparation for Advent for a day of reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy. £35pp to include a two-course home-cooked lunch and all refreshments. Contact admin@briery.org.uk or 01943 607287

JOIN YOUTH 2000 FOR A HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Fri 27th Nov, 7.15pm, St Mary's Church, LS18 4AG. Holy Mass, 6.30pm. Confessions available. Young adults (ages 18-35) are invited! Whether you regularly spend time in Adoration or this will be your first time, we'd love to see you.

'LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS' – PRE-ADVENT RETREAT WEEKEND: 27th-29th Nov at The Briery, Ilkley. Take some time out before the busy-ness of the season starts for a chance to prepare for the joy of Christmas during this retreat led by Fr Chris Thomas, and enjoy the peace and rich hospitality offered at The Briery. £230pp fully inclusive (£110 non-residential): admin@briery.org.uk or call 01943 607287

HEALING SERVICE - The next Healing Service will be on Tue 1st Dec at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Horsforth. This is a beautiful opportunity to pray for healing for yourself or others, whether physical, psychological, or spiritual. Remember Jesus is alive, and miracles can and do happen! Everyone is welcome, including non-Catholics and those of no faith - all that is needed is an openness to Jesus.
RESIDENTIAL MARRIAGE COURSE: Do you want to understand the Church's teaching on Matrimony, and its vision for the Sacrament, more deeply? This course explores the theology of Marriage, based on Scripture and structured around the Rite itself. With time for personal reflection/exercises, sharing in couples/as a group, this weekend serves as a standalone or as an accompaniment to other in-person or online courses. 8 – 10 Jan 2027.to book: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/marriage-preparation/

'ALMA MATER FUND' AND ABORTION RECOVERY AND CARE HELPLINE: (administered by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) provides financial/practical support to university students facing crisis pregnancy, enabling them to continue their education while embracing motherhood. The 'Abortion Recovery and Care Helpline' (ARCH), started by women who experienced abortion and struggled in the aftermath, provides free, confidential, compassionate and non-judgemental support for those who may be carrying similar emotional and psychological effects. https://spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/ & www.archtrust.org.uk/

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.