



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 9th August 2026

Saturday 8th August Vigil Mass	5.15pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish
Sunday 9th August NINETEENTH 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 Peter Curran Birthday Rem Priest's Intention <i>Adoration, Vespers, Benediction</i>
Monday 10th August ST LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR FEAST	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's 12.30pm St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Yorkshire Brethren Priest's Intention
Tuesday 11th August St Clare, Virgin MEM	12.00pm St John's 6.00pm St John's 7.00pm St John's	<i>Holy Rosary</i> <i>Holy Hour with Vespers</i> Priest's Intention
Wednesday 12th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	12.30pm St Winefride's Hall 1.30pm North Bierley Cemetery	Malcolm Kemp RIP; Christine Brotherton RIP <i>Burial of ashes of Christine Brotherton</i>
Thursday 13th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	7.00am St Winefride's 8.00am St Winefride's	<i>Holy Hour with Lauds</i> Priest's Intention
Friday 14th August St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr MEM	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 15th August 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 Priest's Intention
Sunday 16th August THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SOL	8.15am St Winefride's 9.45am St Winefride's 11.15am St John's 1.00pm St Winefride's	People of the Parish Priest's Intention Priest's Intention <i>Baptism: Harley Cole Gallon</i>

Introit Psalm (67) Response: **God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house.**

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 and those who have died recently.

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

Finances

Offertory: Sun 2nd August: E: £219.52; L: £377.42. **Refreshments:** St W's: £6; St J's: £61. **Baptism:** £20.55. **Clothing Stall:** £4.50. **Car Boot Sale:** £70. Average weekly income: standing orders: £450; contactless payment machine: £150. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish matters

Next weekend is Fr Sunny's last in our parish. He takes up his duties as Parochial Administrator of St Anne's Parish in Keighley on 21st Aug. We will be inviting him back for a Mass and a party in October. In the meantime, I should like to express my gratitude to him for his hard work in our parish over the last two years and also for being such a very pleasant priestly companion in the presbytery. We wish him well as he takes on this new challenge. *Fr Paul*

One of Fr Sunny's principal ministries has been to visit **housebound parishioners**, of whom we currently have 30, and to take them Holy Communion. Fr Paul will now resume this ministry, on Wed afternoons and Fri mornings, when possible. He will aim to see each parishioner three times a year.

Bishop Marcus may be sending us another **Assistant Priest** in the future, but, if so, not immediately.

Next weekend, we will be having our monthly collection for the work of the **Franciscan Friars of the Renewal** with indigent people at St Pio Friary in Bradford. Please bring **Coffee, Chocolate Bars, Crisps** and leave them in either of our porches.

The **back room** in St J's Hall and the **store room** at St Win's Hall have become very cluttered. We will be throwing items out this week. Please label items if you think we need to retain them. Thank you.

The first week of our **Holiday Activities and Food Programme** went well. Four days remain, namely Tues & Thurs 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th Aug. **Would you be able to help as a volunteer on one of these days?** Many of the approximately 20 children who will be joining us will be pupils in our local schools and a proportion of the children are from less well-off families. Please sign up in our porches. Timetable: Tues 11th: AM: Drum session with Good Things Rhythm; Noon: Lunch; PM: Craft sessions & cookery class. Thurs 13th: Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park. Tues 18th: Day Trip to Bradford Industrial Museum. Thurs 20th: AM: Singing class with Diocese of Leeds Music; Walk to Wibsey Park; Noon: Lunch; PM: Drama, Bradford Catholic Players.

We will not be having a **Catholic Care Lunch Group** at either St W's or St J's Halls during the week beginning 17th Aug due to staff holidays.

We will be piloting a monthly, six-session **Diocesan Marriage Catechumenate** on Sat mornings in our parish this year, beginning on 28th Nov. If you are planning to get married over the next couple of years please sign up at the Parish Office. Details of this initiative are given on noticeboards.

We have signed up to begin the **CAFOD LiveSimply Award journey**. Over the coming months we will continue to develop our parish gardens and practices, in collaboration with our primary schools, St Bede's and St Joseph's College and Catholic Care, as part of what Pope Francis described as "ecological conversion."

Forthcoming events

Mon 10th Aug, 8.30am: **St W's Church Cleaning**.

Tues 11th August, 4pm: **Parish Finance and Property Committee**, Presbytery.

Sunday 16th August, 1pm-4pm: **Parish Barbeque and Games Afternoon** on the occasion of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM. We will have children's games, crafts, a bar, tea and cake later in the afternoon, blackberrying behind the church and tours of our community garden which is currently being created. Please sign up for a job on the lists in our porches. If sufficient people attend we will also have a simple Procession of Our Lady in the grounds of the church.

Sat 22nd Aug, 2-6pm: **Vintage Evening**, Film + Supper, St John's Hall; £5 per ticket, pay at door.

Wed 2nd Sep, 10.45am: **Senior Leadership Team**, Presbytery. We will finalise the Parish Action Plan and the 26/27 Programme of Events in the light of the deliberations of the PPC.

Sat 5th Sep, Dep 6am, St Win's: **Annual March for Life** in London: £40. Please book your seat with the Parish Office. 30 tickets have already gone. Join parishioners and others to uphold the rights of babies in the womb and adults nearing the end of their lives. It is a very enjoyable day with lots of social events as well as speeches. We are organising the diocesan coach. Mass at 5.30am for anybody who wants to attend. The March is especially relevant this year because it is being held just before the debate in Parliament about the newly proposed Assisted Suicide Bill.

Fri-Sat 25th /26th Sep: **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**. We intend to go down by minibus and stay overnight before the pilgrimage proper starts on the Saturday. Please express your interest by contacting the Parish Office and provisionally booking your seat. We will be publishing precise timings and the cost next week.

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

Mon 7th Oct, 7pm: **Batley Torchlight Procession**. A minibus will leave from the parish at 6pm. Price: £5. Please sign up at the Parish Office.

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 Hl.

Youth Group: Fri, 6.30pm: St J's Hl, (term time)

St W's Gardening Grp: Sats, 11am-12noon.

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

DIOCESAN, DEANERY AND ECUMENICAL NOTICES

MARCH FOR LIFE, LONDON: Saturday 5th September. A coach will leave Harrogate at 5am and pick up at St Winefride's Bradford (BD61ST), where there is plentiful parking, at 6am. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30am at St Winefride's for anybody who is available! We will also pick people up in Sheffield en route. The coach will leave Parliament Square (SW1P 3JX) at 6pm and return via Sheffield, Bradford and Harrogate. Return fare: £40. To book: office.marymotherofgod@dioceseofleeds.org.uk/ 01274 677992.

LEEDS WALSINGHAM WAY: is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Saturday 12 September at Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. Sunday 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

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

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.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD TO OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons, seeking to legalise assisted suicide. MPs vote on Friday, 11 September 2026, so please consider contacting your MP by scanning the code on the attached poster, which will take you to this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

THE ORATORY OF ST JOSEPH: Catholic Men's Group (ages 21-35). Helping young men to grow in faith, fellowship and formation in order to become the saint that God is calling them to be. Meeting on the last Thursday of the month, Hinsley Hall, 6.30pm. oratory.stjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

LEEDS CATHEDRAL – AUGUST TIMETABLE INFORMATION: Leeds Cathedral will be closed on weekdays throughout August to enable essential works on the lighting system. Mass will be held in Cathedral Hall, times will vary to the usual schedule.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027: The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

JOIN THE CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION: Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

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. email_admin@briery.org.uk

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

VACANCIES

BISHOP MARCUS AND THE DIOCESAN TRUSTEES: are still seeking volunteers as independent members to join a newly established Audit and Risk Committee. The commitment is four meetings a year. This would be a two-to-three year commitment as discussions and consultations about bringing together the Dioceses of Leeds, Middlesbrough and Hallam progress; and would be of great value in a process of unification. We are seeking those who have skills or experience in the areas of Audit, Risk, Finance and Governance. For further information please contact Carla Stockton-Jones, Trustee: carla.stockton-jones@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

CATHOLIC CARE RECRUITMENT: Community Development Worker – Huddersfield, £28,193 pro rata for 6 hours per week. Closing date 21 August 2026. Care Bank Residential Childcare Workers needed for our children's residential home in Wakefield or Keighley. Applicants must have a current and valid UK driving licence. £15.07 / Hr inclusive. Please send CV to recruitment@catholic-care.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.

