# PARISH CHURCHES of OUR LADY OF LOURDES & St. WILLIAM and St MATTHEW

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| **Sunday 22nd May 2022**  **Sixth Sunday of Easter** | | | |
| Saturday 21st | 4.00pm  6.00pm | People of The Parish  People of The Ukraine | **St Matthews**  **St Williams** |
| Sunday 22nd | 9.30am  11.00am  2.00pm | Fr C McGinn (An)  Alex Barusevicus  Children of The Parish | **St Matthews**  **St Williams**  **St Matthews** |
| Monday 23rd | 10.00am | Parish Dead List | **St Matthews** |
| Tuesday 24th | **NB** | **NO MASS – Full Day School Governor Duties** |  |
| Wednesday 25th | **NB** | **NO MASS** |  |
| Thursday 26th  **The Ascension Of ThE Lord** | **NB 10.30am**  7.00pm | Fr Michael Gallon (YB)  Confirmation Mass For The Parish | **St Matthews**  **St Williams** |
| Friday 27th | 10.00am  12.00 Noon | Special Intention (MDL)  Funeral Service Carol Anne Simpson | **St Williams**  **St Williams** |
| Saturday 28th | 4.00pm  6.00pm | People of The Parish  Mollie Monaghan | **St Matthews**  **St Williams** |
| Sunday 29th | 9.30am  11.00am | Paul White and Josie Meehan **St Matthews**    Kathleen Patefield **St Williams** | |

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILITION - This will be available Saturday 3.15pm to 3.45pm St Matthews**

**5.15pm to 5.45pm St Williams**

**Or by appointment with Fr Michael**

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| **Your prayers are asked for:-** |
| * All those who have died recently, Carol Anne Simpson * All those whose anniversaries occur about this time Fr C McGinn * All those who are sick. |
| **COLLECTIONS:** |
| Parish Offertory Collection previous weekend.  £ 649.40  Priests Training Fund £ 99.50 |
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| **Many thanks for your continued support and generosity** |

**Sacramental Celebrations 2022**

**22nd May First Holy Communion Mass 11.00am St Williams This is for the children at St Williams Primary and other Schools.**

**22nd May First Holy Communion Mass 2.00pm St Matthews This is for the children of St Matthews Primary.**

**These Masses are only for those who have completed the preparation course in full.**

**Thursday 26th May 7.00pm St Williams Mass of Parish Confirmations with Fr Michael Hughes**

**Readers at Mass and Eucharistic Ministers. We are fortunate that we have a number of people who are prepared and offered to fulfil these roles in the parish. We are thankful for their service. However, there are still places available for those who would consider volunteering. We are in particular need for some new readers at St Williams both at the 6pm and 11am.**

**Gentle reminder – as you are all aware during the height of the Global Covid 19 Pandemic we adapted and relaxed aspects of ways we celebrated Mass and the receiving of the Blessed Sacrament, please can we now remind you that when you receive the Blessed Sacrament in your hands you consume this before walking back to your seat as this is the accepted and respectful practice. Thank you**

**Parish Piety Stalls**: both of our stalls at St Williams and St Matthews are now open for business. There is a wide range of cards, books and items of devotion for sale. We also have a wide range of gifts for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Charitable work of the Parish.** Failed Asylum Seekers who are not permitted to work do not receive any state finance and are totally dependent on charity, are supported by Abigail House. This enterprise houses the Asylum Seekers and provides a small weekly allowance.

On the first weekend of each month there is a food collection at the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St Matthews.

**200 Club**.  –

Christine Jackson will be at the following masses to collect any subscriptions due or enroll anyone wishing to join:  St Matthews – 21st & 22nd May. The May draw will take place on the 28th May.

**Catholic Care.**

New Lunch Delivery Service every Thursday. A two course meal delivered straight to your door (Bradford Area only) for just £3.00 per person. Deliveries are made between 12.30pm and 1.30pm each week by our friendly delivery drivers. To book your lunch please contact Jean on 07960 983384 or Michelle on 07739 97500

**Grounds person needed.**

St William’s Church needs a part time worker to maintain the property areas, remove perimeter weeds, care for hedges and plants. The clearance of discarded litter is involved.

The summer hours are 2 hours per fortnight and there will be a Schedule of Works to follow.

Please speak with Fr. Michael in the first instance.

**DIOCESE OF LEEDS NOTICES**

**SR MILDRED MCNAMARA RIP:** We would like to inform you that Sr Mildred McNamara, Sister of Mercy, died in Lima, Peru on Fri 29th April 2022 and was buried in Campo Fe Cemetery, Lima on Sat 30th April.  May she rest in Peace.

Millie had been ill for some time and for the last four years had been cared for by the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their convent and by the devoted Rojas family who had been at Millie’s side day and night all this time.

Millie first went out to Peru in 1969 at the very beginnings of the Leeds Diocesan mission along with three other sisters Srs Mercy, Carmela and Assumpta.  Millie worked at establishing health centres in the poorest areas of Lima and setting up ‘comedores’ or kitchens to help feed the poor.  She lived in the shanty areas of the city herself and was known by everyone in the barrio.  She will be missed by many, many people and her memory will be kept alive for many years to come, no doubt.

A month’s mind mass is being arranged in Lima for 6th June – which would have been Millie’s 71st anniversary of her first profession of vows.  Srs Colette and myself are travelling out there for this Mass and to thank all those who have supported Millie in Peru over these last difficult years.

**CATHOLIC CARE** is hosting a welcome session for people interested in becoming a parish representative at their Head Office, 11 North Grange Road, Headingley, Leeds LS6 2BR (next to Hinsley Hall) on Tuesday 7th June at 6pm. Please confirm your attendance to [rachel.wilkinson@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:rachel.wilkinson@catholic-care.org.uk)

**BOOK CLUB:** A reminder that the ZOOM Book Club will take place on Tuesday 31 May 7-8pm: **Silence and Honey Cakes: The Wisdom of the Desert, by Rowan Williams** (£7.99), led by Mrs. Helen Edwards. To book a place, please email: [gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:gregory.stacey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** 1-7 July 2022. Tagney Tours booking forms available in all parishes. You can also book online: [www.tagneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/leeds-lourdes](http://www.tagneytours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/leeds-lourdes) or call: 01732 886666. New volunteer carers and registered nurses welcome. Full training given. Please email Anita for more information about volunteering - [anita.bodurka@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:anita.bodurka@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). Please book as soon as possible.

**JONATHAN TULLOCH “A Life in Nature” –** Saturday 11th June from 10am-4pm.  Times and Tablet columnist, Jonathan Tulloch, will be inviting you to come close to nature and all her glory.   Offerings £37 per person.  To book a place please call the Briery on 01943 607287 or email: [briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com)

**CHURCH HALL: Important notice: As many of you are aware there is a major problem with the floor of the Church Hall at St Williams. This means that the Coffee morning after Sunday Mass will continue until the contractors commence work on the hall. The Tuesday Lunch Club until further notice has relocated to St Johns Cooper Lane Mass is at 11.50am followed by lunch. The diocese are aware of the problem and we are looking to resolve this issue as soon as possible.**

PARISH WEBSITE. We now have a new website on stblaisebradford.org.uk so please visit it as it will become a source of information on parish news, contacts and events. If you have any suggestions as to how we may improve the site then please contact Fr Michael.

**PARENTS - PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILDREN GO INTO THE SACRISTY OR CHURCH HALL UNACCOMPANIED DURING MASS LADIES – PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR HANDBAGS UNATTENDED IN CHURCH!!**