

The Parish of
St Austin's and English Martyrs Churches, Wakefield

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3rd Sunday of Advent (B)

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Masses this week 17 December 2017 to 25 December 2017

DAY	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 16 December	6.15 pm	St Austin's	Tony McTiernan - RIP
Sun 17 December	8.15 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's St Austin's	Priest's Intention Pro Populo For a successful operation Paul Bashforth - A
Mon 18 December	12.30 am	St Austin's	Requiem Mass Peter deTute
Tue 19 December	6.30 pm	St Austin's	Mgr D Smith – 30 th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood
Wed 20 December	9.30 am	St Austin's	Ignatius Hanna - RIP
Thu 21 December	12 noon	St Austin's	Harry Lewis - A
Fri 22 December	9.30 am 12 noon	St Austin's English Martyrs	Mary Lewis – A The World and the Church
Sat 23 December	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin's St Austin's	Laura Stephenson – return to health Mary McKay – RIP
Sun 24 December	8.15 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's St Austin's English Martyrs	Private Intention Pro Populo Private Intention Vigil Mass for Christmas Day - John Bartram – RIP Vigil Mass for Christmas Day - November Dead List
Mon 25 December	Midnight 9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's	Andrew Wright – RIP Dora and John Hough & Edward Mincher – RIP Pro Populo

Exposition: Usually half an hour before 9.30 am and 12 noon weekday Masses and after Saturday morning Mass

Novena: Monday 7.00 pm St Austin's

Day of Adoration: First Thursday of the month 10.00 am to 4.00 pm St Austin's. (10.00 am morning prayer, 11.25 am Rosary, Noon Mass followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 2.15 pm Rosary, 3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, 3.40 pm Evening Prayer)

First Saturdays Devotion: Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary. The Rosary will be recited during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.00 am. Mass of the day will be offered for this intention.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St Austin's Saturday 10.00 am – 11.00 am & 5.15 pm to 5.45 pm and on the First Friday of the Month at 7.00 pm before the Latin Mass at 7.30 pm. English Martyrs – Sunday 9.00 am.

Polish Mass: Sunday 3.30 pm St Austin's

Wednesday Word: The parish version, reflecting on next Sunday's readings is online and copies are in both churches. www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm and is also available as a link from the page of our new parish web site.

Day	Group	Church Centre	Time
Tuesday	Tuesday Chat	English Martyrs	12.30 pm
	Music Group	English Martyrs	7.00 pm
Wednesday	Wednesday Friends – Keep Fit	St Austin's	2.00 pm
Thursday	Parents and Toddlers	St Austin's	9.30 am
	Thursday Club	St Austin's	12.30 pm
	Singing for Pleasure	St Austin's	1.30 pm
	Alpha Film Series	English Martyrs	7.30 pm

Please note there will be no Day of Adoration in January. The next one will be on Thursday 1 February 2018 and on the first Thursdays of each month thereafter as usual.

Christmas Decorations in St Austin's Church: Many thanks to all those who helped with the cleaning of our church last week. This week we will be putting up the Christmas decorations on Friday 22 December at 10.00 am after the 9.30 am Mass. Your voluntary help is required again to further prepare our church for the great feast of Christmas.

On Monday 18 December St Austin's School will be holding "The Great Light" celebration for grandparents and parishioners at 10.00 am in the KS2 hall, with songs from children across the school including the choir. The songs performed will be from this year's Christmas performances from UFS to year 6. Some parking will be available and doors will open at 9.30 am.

Catholic Film Society next meeting will be on Tuesday 19 December in St Austin's Community Centre, after the 6.30 pm Mass. Doors open at 7.00 pm film commences at 7.15 pm. There will be two films "The Calling of Billy Graham" [50 mins] – his early life and "Bethlehem" [25 mins] a guided tour of the city and its history. They will be followed by drinks and nibbles as a thank you to all who have supported the Catholic Film Society during the year and anyone who may wish to come to see our presentations in the future.

Greetings Card Campaign 2017. Cards will be available to sign after 9.30 mass this week in the library alcove at English Martyrs. Send a message of hope to Prisoners of Conscience, Human Rights defenders and victims of intolerance. Many thanks to those who supported the Autumn Buffet, you raised £115 to pay for postage costs and the campaign wouldn't be possible without you. Please ask for more information if you are willing and able to post messages using social media.

Alpha will be taking a break now until 11 January 2018.

Churches Together – Carol Singing Thursday 21 December at 6.30 pm at Trinity Walk Sainsburys. Car parking is 50p after 6.00 pm. Come and sing, witness and raise money for charity.

Masses and services for Christmas and New Year: Amendment! Please note that the Children's Carol Service at St Austin's will be on SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER at 3.00 pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Thank you.

'Gaudete!' the new Christmas CD from our church choir is now on sale. At £10 each they will make an ideal gift. Full of old favourites and other less well-known gems, with music for both Advent and Christmas. The CD can be downloaded from Amazon and iTunes.

Christmas Nativity Posters are now available in both churches. Please take a poster and display it prominently in your home.

The Crib is once again in The Ridings Centre. It is on the Upper Mall near Esquire's Coffee Shop. We are very grateful to the Ridings Management for allowing the crib to be displayed. Please pay a visit when in the Ridings.

Confirmation 2018: If you are in year 7 or 8, or older, and would like to be confirmed in May 2018, please see Mgr Smith or Fr Sean ASAP as preparation begins at the end of January. We have already had an initial information meeting, but it's not yet too late!

Items for the Bulletin: Please send to priest@catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk before noon on Thursday.

Collection this week: Envelopes: £626.10 Loose: £417.99 Standing Orders: £770.00 Total: £1814.09
Suzu Fund: £103.95 There will be a second collection this weekend for donations towards Christmas Flowers.
 Thank you.