

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

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3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

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Masses this week 16 December to 23 December 2018

DAY	Feast	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 15 December		6.15 pm	St Austin's	Hubert Barber – 13 th Anniversary
Sun 16 December		8.15 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 3.30 pm 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's English Martyrs English Martyrs St Austin's	Pro Populo Priest's Intentions Pat Scarff – A Christingle Service BKCAT Choir Carol Service Mr Robert and Mr McGrath
Mon 17 December		9.30 am	St Austin's	Ann O'Boyle – Int
Tue 18 December		12 noon 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin's	NO MASS Mass of Candidacy - David Drugan - RIP
Wed 19 December		9.30 am	St Austin's	Thanksgiving for Fr Smith's 31 years of priestly service
Thu 20 December		12 noon	St Austin's	Harry Lewis – A
Fri 21 December		10.45 am 10.45 am 7.00 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's	Requiem Mass – Hannelene Thornton – RIP End of term school Mass - November Dead List Nine Lessons and Carols
Sat 22 December		9.30 am 3.00 pm 6.15 pm	St Austin's St Austin's St Austin's	The World and the Church Children's Carol Service Mary Hepworth – A
Sun 23 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 Intentions Pro Populo Dr John and Betty O'Brien William and Clare - WA

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/resource.htm. This is also available as a link from our parish web site.

Day	Group	Church Centre	Time
Wednesday	Wednesday Friends – Keep Fit	St Austin's	2.00 pm
	Intercessory Praise	English Martyrs	6.30 to 7.30 pm
Thursday	Parents and Toddlers	St Austin's	9.30 am
	Thursday Club – Bingo and Biscuits!	St Austin's	12.30 pm
	Singing for Pleasure	St Austin's	1.30 pm
	RCIA	St Austin's	7.00 pm
	SVP 20 December 2018	St Austin's	7.00 pm

The Great Light Celebration – a selection of Christmas music and verse performed by the children of all year groups for the parishioners of St Austin's and Ss Peter & Paul's will be held in St Austin's School on **Monday 17 December** at 10.00 am. Seasonal refreshments will be served. The children and staff look forward to welcoming you to this annual event. For further details, please contact the school office on 01924 339435.

Mass of Candidacy: Bishop Marcus will admit three of our parishioners as candidates for the permanent Diaconate at Mass on Tuesday evening, 18 December. Everyone is welcome.

Nine Lessons and Carols – followed by mince pies, Panettone and mulled wine at St Austin's on Friday evening, 21 December, at 7.00 pm. Once again everyone is welcome.

Church Cleaning – Christmas 2018: The cleaning session to prepare **St Austin's Church** for Christmas will be on **Friday 21 December 2.00 to 4.00 pm** to give the church a thorough clean. Then on **Monday 24 December** we will be decorating the church commencing at **10.00 am**, hopefully finishing by lunchtime. Volunteers (if only for an hour) are requested to come along and assist in these important tasks, there is plenty to do and Many Hands Do Make Light Work!

Volunteers are also needed after Mass on **Sunday 23 December** to help clean **English Martyrs** and put decorations up. Also, in English Martyrs Church, help is needed with church cleaning in general. This normally happens every other Thursday morning around **9.00 am** and would only take an hour out of your day. If you can help please see Sarah Masters, Anne Lowrie or Angela Caines.

Christmas Services: A schedule is available in both churches. Please take a copy for yourself and your neighbours and friends and remember to check for details of events in our Parish up to Christmas and the New Year.

Christmas Posters: Please take and display in the windows of your home to make others aware of the true meaning of Christmas.

The Crib has once again been put on display in The Ridings Centre on the Upper Mall. We thank the management of The Ridings for their continued support allowing this old tradition to be maintained. Please take a few minutes to visit and view this wonderful scene.

Gaudete! The Christmas CD featuring the choir from St Austin's Church. Lots of traditional favourites along with something new that will come as a welcoming offering for Christmas. CDs at £10 are available from the shop in the Narthex, from the Choir after 11.00 am Mass on Sunday, by phone on 01924 364135 or at staustinschoir@blueyonder.co.uk.

Christmas Breaks: Thursday Club, Singing for Pleasure and RCIA have now finished until 10 January next year. Parents and Toddlers and Wednesday Friends will both finish this week and will recommence on 9th and 10th January 2019 respectively.

Each week the bulletin outlines the range of parish groups using St Austin's Parish Centre and the centre at English Martyrs Church. The timings and frequency of the meetings do sometimes change so please check details carefully. We have a number of other groups who use St Austin's Centre on a weekly basis but we are usually able to accommodate any bookings that are required.

If you require details about hire at St Austin's please contact Paul Blackburn on 01924 374248.

If you require details of hire at English Martyrs, please contact Bernard Lowrie on 01924 372928.

Confirmation for children in **years 6 & 7**. St Austin's church **Thursday 28th February**. A meeting for parents was held on Tuesday 11 December, forms are still available until the deadline for enrolment on Sunday **13 January**. Classes will take place each Sunday afternoon in St Austin's Theatre 2.30 to 5.00 pm from 20 January to 24 February 2019.

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

Collection last week: Envelopes: £947.80 Loose: 476.65 Standing Orders: £760.00 Total: £2184.45
Suzy: Christmas Flowers: £175 Thank you.