

The Catholic Churches of St Austin's and English Martyrs Wakefield



Parish Directory of Groups, Meetings and Activities

"For where two or three meet in my name, I am there among them." (Matt 18:20)

Welcome to the Parish of St Martin de Porres in Wakefield. The Parish was formed in 2008 as the result of the Diocesan reorganisation of the Parishes of St Austin's and English Martyrs into one new Parish. Now the churches combine to provide a vibrant and welcoming faith community.



St Austin's Catholic Church
Wentworth Terrace



English Martyrs Catholic Church
Dewsbury Road

This Parish Directory has been created to help publicise more widely the great range and variety of activities that take place in our Parish. Perhaps you will find something of interest to you or someone you know. You may have a skill set that we do not know about, and could bring something new to the Parish. If this is the case then please contact Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley to discuss your ideas.

Parish Priest: Mgr David Canon Smith



Mgr David Canon Smith was born in Goole and became our Parish Priest in February 2016. He was previously at St Mary's in Halifax where he was Parish Priest for 16 years. Before that he was Parish Priest in Knottingley and curate in Halifax and Brighouse. He trained for the priesthood at Valladolid in Spain and was ordained a priest in 1987.

Assistant Priest: Fr Sean Crawley



Fr Sean Crawley was born in Leeds. He joined us from the Parish of St John Mary Vianney in North Leeds, in September 2017, where he had been Curate for two years. He trained for 7 years for the priesthood at the Venerable English College in Rome and before that at the Royal English College in Valladolid, and was ordained to the sacred priesthood on 25 July 2015.

Worship

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday - 6.15 pm Vigil Mass at St Austin's - with organ, hymns and sung Mass parts.

Sunday - 8.15 am at St Austin's - with instruments, hymns and sung Mass parts.

Sunday - 9.30 am at English Martyrs - a family Mass and a Children's Liturgy, with instruments, hymns and sung Mass parts.

Sunday - 11.00 am at St Austin's - a traditional Mass with organ and St Austin's Choir. There is also a Children's Liturgy.

Sunday - 3.30 pm at St Austin's - Mass in Polish

Sunday - 6.00 pm at St Austin's - with organ, hymns and sung Mass parts.

Weekday Mass Times:

● **St Austin's Church:**

9.30 am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

12 noon on Thursdays.

There is a Latin Mass on the 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm.

● **English Martyrs Church:** 12 noon on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Exposition: *Weekday Masses are usually preceded by half an hour of reflection and meditation before the Blessed Sacrament. There is also Exposition on Saturday at St Austin's Church between 10.00am and 11.00am.*

*****Please check the weekly bulletin for possible changes to Mass times*****

Novena at St Austin's Church: Monday 7.00 pm

Day of Adoration at St Austin's Church: First Thursday of the month (except January) 10.00 am to 4.00 pm; (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 and 3.40 pm Evening Prayer).

Contact – Geraldine Roberts

email: labradorbob@taltalk.net

First Saturdays Devotion at St Austin's Church:

Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the 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 Church**

Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am and 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

First Friday of the Month at 7.00pm before the Latin Mass at 7.30pm.

- **English Martyrs Church**

Sunday 9.00am.

If you are in hospital

If, during the course of your stay in hospital, you have not seen the Chaplain and wish to do so, please ask the ward sister to contact him directly.

Pinderfields General Hospital is serviced by St Austin's Catholic Church in Wakefield. Tel: 01924 372080

Pontefract General Hospital is serviced by St Joseph's Catholic Church in Pontefract. Tel: 01977 702297

Dewsbury District Hospital is serviced by St Aidan's Catholic Church in Mirfield. Tel: 01924 492950

NB - Requests for a Chaplain in an emergency must be made through the hospital switchboard.

Small cards are available in the Narthex of both of our churches. These state quite clearly that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Catholic Chaplain. Please print your name, sign and date before keeping it safely in your wallet or purse. If your friends or family members would like a card please take one to be filled in appropriately. On the back of these cards the contact details of our parish are printed, these could be useful at any time.

Liturgical Music in our Parish

St Austin's Church:

Music for the Vigil Mass on Saturday 6.15pm

The singing is led by Irene de Tute on the organ with support from a guitarist; the congregation are encouraged to join in the whole liturgy. We are always happy to welcome new people, so if you can sing or play a musical instrument, come along and join us. We would love to see you. Contact Irene on 01924 372623 or come along and meet us at Saturday Evening Mass.

8.15am Sunday Morning Mass

New members are welcome to join our team of singers and instrumentalists who support the Liturgy at this Mass, come along and meet us.

Contact Brian Hamill – Tel: 01924 365779

email: brianhamilluk@yahoo.co.uk

St Austin's Choir at 11.00am Sunday morning Mass

The choir provides the music liturgy for the 11.00 Mass on Sunday morning and at all the major feasts and celebrations throughout the year, and can be available to sing at weddings and funerals on request. The choir is a mixed, mainly adult choir. Singing a wide range of musical styles; the choir's repertoire covers music from the last thousand years. Liturgical music includes plainchant Masses, polyphonic Masses and modern English settings.

Choir Director - Patrick Ganley mob: 07909 092383

English Martyrs Church:

9.30am Sunday Morning Mass

This is a family Mass with instruments, hymns and sung Mass parts. New members are welcome to join our team of singers and instrumentalists who support the Liturgy at this Mass.

Contact Jody Ineson - Tel: 01924 380923

email: jmmineson@yahoo.co.uk

Parish Committees

Parish Safeguarding Team:

Barbara Johnson dragen@talktalk.net 07816 782118
David Slingsby dslingsby@gmail.com 07963 565531
Eileen Worton eileenworton14@gmail.com 07761 386512

Leeds Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Hinsley Hall)
Suzanne Mitchell Tel: 0113 2618069 mob: 07515 598523

If you are unable to contact anyone from our safeguarding team or Suzanne, and you feel it is an urgent matter, you could contact Wakefield Social Care Direct on 0345 8503503 to speak to Wakefield MDC Social Services about your safeguarding concerns.

Parish Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cannon Law requires all parishes to have a group to assist the Parish Priest with the overview of the parish premises and finances. This group meets quarterly in the presbytery.

At the time of publication the committee members are:

Chair: Niall O'Donnell
Contact - Tel: 01924 870403 email: niallodonn@aol.com

Mgr David Canon Smith
Fr Crawley
David Chappell
Paul Blackburn
Patrick Ganley
Marc Auty
Bernard Lowrie
Peter Gallivan
Bernard Martin

Parish Centres Management Teams

St Austin's Parish Centre - Bookings:

Paul Blackburn – Tel: 01924 374248

English Martyrs Parish Centre - Bookings:

Bernard Lowrie - Tel: 01924 372928 mob: 07960 224487

email: bernardlowrie@blueyonder.co.uk

Parish Forum:

The Parish Forum meets three times a year, with additional meetings as required. Meetings alternate between St Austin's and English Martyrs Parish Centres. The meetings are usually held on a Thursday evening between 7.30pm and 9.00pm. These are open meetings and everyone is welcome to come along and participate. Items to be considered for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to Mgr Smith in advance of the meetings, which are advertised in the Parish Bulletin.

Chair – David Willis

Vice Chair – Beccy Hamill

If you plan to visit the Presbytery late in the evening please telephone first. For security reasons, the priests may not answer the door to unexpected callers.

Parish Social Life and Community Building

Listed below are our Parish Groups and Meetings.
Everyone is welcome to come along and participate.

Catholic Clothing Guild

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month 1.30pm – 4.00pm at St Austin's Parish Centre.

We aim is to provide warm and useful clothing for people who cannot provide it for themselves. Approaches are welcome from individuals or agencies who work with people in need. Come along and join us. Contact: Irene de Tute
Tel: 01924 372623 mob: 07790 481061

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meeting: 2nd Wednesday of the month 1.30pm – 4.00pm at St Austin's Parish Centre.

We meet to socialise, raise funds through our weekly singing group to donate to Church and other charities, as well as promoting Catholic Teaching.

Contact: Eileen Worton – Tel: 01924 375278

mob: 07761 386512 email: eileenworton14@gmail.com

Catholic Film Society

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday of the month at St Austin's Parish Centre at 7.00pm
The Catholic Film Society was set up to share and discuss, through suitable films, the treasures of the Catholic Church. Everyone is very welcome.

Contact: Agnes Hoban - Tel: 01924 820288

email: agnesphoban@talktalk.net

Children's Liturgy

- St Austin's: During 11.00am Sunday Mass
- English Martyrs: During 9.30am Sunday Mass

Simply come along and join in (school term time only)

English Martyrs Music Group

The Group uses music and singing to support the congregation in worship at the 9.30am Sunday Mass and other celebrations and ceremonies throughout the year. We play a range of musical styles to suit the event. Instrumentalists or singers of any age or experience are welcome. Contact Jody Ineson
Tel: 01924 380923 email: jmmineson@yahoo.co.uk

Film Club

The Film Club was established solely to create an environment where parishioners can meet socially. The café and licensed bar is open before the film and again at the interval. Film Club has the added benefit of attracting people from outside our parish community who feel welcome. There is no charge but donations are appreciated to support the Parish Centre and to cover the licensing costs. Everyone is very welcome.

Meeting: First Wednesday of the month in St Austin's Parish Centre. Doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start and we usually finish about 9.30 pm.

Intercessory Praise Group

Meeting: Wednesday 6.30pm – 7.30pm at English Martyrs Parish Centre. Our group meets to devote an hour each week to offer prayer and praise for our Priests and parishioners, asking Our Lord for His blessing for each one of us.

Contact: Mary Matthews mob: 07982 967365

Men's Group

Meeting 2nd Friday of the month 7.45pm – 9.00pm at St Austin's Parish Centre.

Contact Brian Hamill Tel: 01924 365779
email: brianhamilluk@yahoo.co.uk

Novena Group

Meeting: Monday 7.00pm – 8.00pm in St Austin's Church in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, the Patron of our Diocese.

Contact - Joyce Gilroy Tel: 01924 372619

Parish Toddler Group

Meeting: Thursday, term time only.

9.15am – 11.15am at St Austin's Parish Centre.

A chance for parents, grandparents and carers to socialise while the children play and make friends.

Cost: £1.50 including refreshments and children's raffle.

Contact: Michelle Watson

mob: 07910 901990 email: michelle.watson@runbox.com

St Austin's Choir

Rehearsals: Sunday 7.45pm – 9.30pm in St Austin's Church.

The Choir provides music for the Liturgy at 11.00am Sunday Mass and all major feast days.

Contact - Patrick Ganley

mob: 07909 092383

email: info@staustinschoir.com

St Austin's Players

The society was founded in 1990 by Mrs Catherine Barber, and it proved such a success that it continued and is still going strong today. We usually present two performances each year. Our programme is varied and includes musicals, pantomimes, variety shows and plays. We have adult and youth (7yrs +) members and encourage everyone to be involved on stage and behind the scenes. We also present Murder Mystery evenings for fund raising events. If you are interested in being involved in any capacity please get in touch. The details are below. The society is a member of NODA.

Visit our website: www.staustinsplayers.co.uk

Secretary: Rebecca May - mob: 07960 755062

St Vincent de Paul Conference (SVP)

Meeting: 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month 7.30pm at St Austin's Parish Centre.

Contact - Mike Starford email: mikestarford@aol.com

Singing for Pleasure

Meetings: Thursday 1.30pm – 3.00pm at St Austin's Parish Centre.

People coming together to sing for pleasure.

No previous singing ability required.

Contact - Mrs Cath Morley Tel: 01924 894883

Thursday Club

Meeting: Thursday 12.30pm – 2.00pm at St Austin's Parish Centre.

We meet each week after the 12 noon Mass. Everyone welcome to share refreshments, play bingo and catch up with friends.

Contact: Pat Hancock Tel 01924 825158

UCM – Union of Catholic Mothers

Meeting: Alternate Mondays 6.30pm to 8.30pm at English Martyrs Parish Centre. A group who meet for prayer, engage in charity work and support the church community.

Contact: Vanessa Hunter (President) mob: 07758 573796

Sarah Masters (Secretary) mob: 07786 526936

email: sarahjmasters77@googlemail.com

Wednesday Friends

Meeting: Wednesday 2.00pm – 3.00pm at St Austin's Parish Centre.
Fitness, Fun and Friendship.

Ways in which you can play an important part in preparing the church for Worship and Liturgy

Sacristans

- St Austin's Church: Joan Gossner
- English Martyrs Church: Bernard Lowrie

Altar Servers

If you are in Year 4 or above at Primary School or at High School, and have made your First Confession and your First Holy Communion, why not come along and join our committed team of young people who serve on the altar at our Liturgies and Masses.

Contact Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley

Children's Liturgy Group

We would welcome volunteers to join our team in presenting a Children's Liturgy during the 9.30 am Sunday Mass at English Martyrs Church and at the 11am Sunday Mass at St Austin's Church.

Church Cleaning Teams

Teams of parishioners come together to clean, dust and vacuum our churches regularly. This is a very important and necessary job and many hands make light work. If you would like to help please contact one of the people listed below:

- **St Austin's:** Friday or Saturday. There are 7 teams with 2 or 3 people in each team. Each group is on a rota to clean the church once every seven weeks, at a time arranged to suit the team.

Contact - Agnes Hoban - Tel: 01924 820288

email: agnesphoban@talktalk.net

- **English Martyrs:** Alternate Thursdays starting at 9.00am

Contact – Rose Mary Williamson – Tel: 01924 384113

Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers help the Priest to distribute Holy Communion during Mass and can also take Communion to the sick and the housebound. They are also able to conduct Eucharistic Services in the absence of a Priest.

Contact Mgr Smith

Eucharistic Minister Rota Co-ordinators:

- **St Austin's:** David Slingsby email: dslingsby@gmail.com
- **English Martyrs:** Anne Lowrie - Tel: 01924 372928
mob: 07851 259121 email: lowrieanne@hotmail.co.uk
Bernard Lowrie - mob: 07960 224487
email: bernardlowrie@blueyonder.co.uk

Flower Arrangers

Groups of volunteers take it in turn to ensure that both churches are furnished with fresh flowers each week. This is done on a Friday or Saturday to suit the people involved. Special displays are arranged for Easter and Christmas. New volunteers are always welcome to help.

Contact Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley

- **St Austin's** contact: Barbara Johnson 01924 825074 or Agnes Hoban 01924820288

Readers

If you would like to assist by helping with the Liturgy of the Word at Mass we would be happy to welcome new readers to our team. If you are interested please speak to Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley.

- **St Austin's** contact: Paul Blackburn Tel: 01924 374248
- **English Martyrs** contact: Anne Lowrie - Tel: 01924 372928

Welcoming Teams

We are looking for volunteers to increase our teams of people whose responsibility is to welcome both parishioners and visitors to our Sunday Masses at both churches. Duties include handing out Mass leaflets, hymn books, answering questions and greeting parishioners and visitors with a friendly face.

Contact Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley if you feel you could help.

Formation and Study Courses

At various times during the year courses and meetings are organised, to which you are very welcome to attend. These are generally advertised in the weekly Parish Bulletin and on the church notice boards. Below you will find a list of sessions which normally take place during the course of the year.

Sacramental Preparation:

First Confession

For children in Y3 or above at Primary School

First Holy Communion

For children in Y4 and above at Primary School

- **St Austin's** contact: Beccy Hamill
- **English Martyrs** contact:
 - Sarah Masters: - mob 07786 526936
 - Stacey Gibson - mob: 07939 844356
 - email: gibson.7@hotmail.co.uk
 - Vanessa Hunter - mob 07585 573796

Confirmation

For children in Y6 at Primary School and above

Contact: Angela Caines

Marriage

Contact: Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley

Baptism Preparation Course

In preparation for your child's Baptism. This will usually include a home visit. Baptism dates will be booked at the course. To book a place on the course speak to one of the Priests after Sunday Mass.

Becoming a Catholic

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

This is designed for adults who are considering whether the Catholic Faith is the way forward for them, and have not yet taken the step of being received into the Church. The programme is based around faith sharing, the scriptures and prayer. It starts in October and prepares candidates for confirmation and reception into the church during the Easter Vigil Mass the following Easter. Where appropriate candidates will also be prepared for Baptism.

Contact Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley

Bible Study Reflections

Led by Mgr Smith and Fr Crawley during Lent and Advent.

Alpha Courses

Alpha is a parish based course for evangelisation. It provides a common expression of proclamation, service and witness. It introduces people to the person of Jesus Christ and helps them develop a personal relationship with Him through the power of the Holy Spirit, in the midst of His Church. It is based on welcome, hospitality and sharing in open conversation and prayer.

Alpha Courses meet in either St Austin's Parish Centre or English Martyrs Parish Centres on Thursday evenings between 7.00pm and 9.00pm and are advertised in the Parish Bulletin when they run.

For information about any of the above Formation and Study Courses, contact Mgr Smith or Fr Crawley

Mission and Outreach



The Wednesday Word School and Parish Editions

First piloted in St Austin's Catholic Primary School in 2006, The Wednesday Word is a simple mid-week habit of prayer and reflection on the Word of God for parishioners and Catholic families. Linked to the celebration of Sunday Mass, this is a way to share the Gospel and the teaching of the Catholic Church, rooting the partnership between home, school and parish in the Word of God. The children's version is distributed through our Primary Schools and the Parish version is available every week in the Narthex of both churches. Copies of the children's version are available each week in the Narthex of both churches for those children who do not attend one of our Catholic Primary Schools.

Chaplaincy at St Thomas à Becket Catholic High School Children's Rosary Groups in our Catholic Primary Schools

Faith sharing in homes

Home visiting

Hospital ministry

Hospice service

Minnie Vinnies – SVP for children of school age

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

Visiting Care Homes

Unity Week Services (January) **and Holy Week Ecumenical Services** at English Martyrs Church with other Christian denominational churches in Lupset, with Churches Together Wakefield

Bookshop

We have small repositories situated in the Narthex at both churches, which sell a range of cards, booklets and religious and devotional artefacts to aid personal prayer and help celebrate various sacramental and seasonal events

Justice & Peace Group (English Martyrs)

Events, including the annual Amnesty International Greetings Card Campaign, talks and fund-raising and attempt to raise awareness of a range of subjects by providing information and dates of local events. We have links with the Diocesan Justice & Peace Group. Ideas for additional events are welcome.

Contact: Jody Ineson Tel: 01924 380923

email: jmmineson@yahoo.co.uk

Links with other agencies and organisations

Some recent links include:

- BKCAT (Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust)
YOUTH CHOIR
- CAP (Christians against Poverty)
- The Catenians – contact: MikeStarford@aol.com
- Catholic Care
- Church Together in Wakefield - Good Friday Walk and Witness
- The Refugee Women's Group
- St Austin's Catholic Primary School Choir
- St Catherine's food bank
- The Suzy Fund

Examples of other events organised in the Parish

Examples of some of the organised parish events, include:

- ❖ Attendance at Batley Torch Light Procession (October)
- ❖ Carol Service
- ❖ Christingle service
- ❖ Choir Recitals
- ❖ Murder Mystery Evenings (St Austin's Players)
- ❖ Music and Drama evenings
- ❖ Parish Dinners
- ❖ Parish Excursions
- ❖ Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherly
- ❖ Parish Mission
- ❖ Parish Retreat
- ❖ Placing of the crib in the Ridings at Christmas each year
- ❖ Plays, pantomimes and musicals (St Austin's Players)
- ❖ Retreat for altar servers
- ❖ Various other fund raising activities by Parish groups
- ❖ WWI Memorial Service and restoration of the Parish War Memorial
- ❖ 200+ Club
- ❖ Summer Fun Fridays and Autumn/Spring Days. These seasonal social events at English Martyrs Parish Centre support the community and family life of the congregation and raise money for the parish and other good causes.

Our Parish is served by three Catholic Schools, two Primary Schools and one High School, which are all Voluntary Academies, and are members of the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust (BKCAT).



Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust: Within the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust, our academies are communities where our children and young people are given a clear vision for life, a vision which is rooted in the person and teachings of Jesus Christ and which is faithful to the mission of the Catholic Church

- **BKCAT (Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust)
YOUTH CHOIR**

A Diocesan Schools' Singing Programme, led by choral director Charlotte Kitson is facilitated in Catholic Primary Schools across Wakefield, including both of the Primary Schools in our Parish.

The BKCAT choir is open to all young parishioners even if they are not at one of the Catholic schools.

For more details:

Visit: www.dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

or contact Patrick at: info@staustinschoir.com

or the Diocese of Leeds Music Department Administrator, Charlotte Harrison,
on 0113 244 8634

or email: office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk



St Austin's Catholic Primary School

Back Duke of York Street

Wakefield WF1 3PF

Tel: 01924 339435

Headteacher: Mr K Flood

email: headteacher@sa.bkcat.co.uk



English Martyrs Catholic Primary School

Dewsbury Road

Wakefield WF2 9DD

Tel: 01924 299244

Headteacher:

email: headteacher@englishmartyrs.bkcat.co.uk



St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School

Barnsley Road

Wakefield WF2 6EQ

Tel: 01924 303545

Headteacher Mrs C Baxendale

email: info@beckets.bkcat.co.uk



St Austin's & English Martyrs

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Catholic Church**
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**English Martyrs
Catholic Church**
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Every effort has been made to ensure that the information contained in this booklet is accurate at the time of its publication. If you feel that there are any errors or omissions please contact Mgr Smith so that these can be corrected in the next edition.

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