

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

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (A)**

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**Masses this week 15 to 22 December 2019**

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 14 December		6.15 pm	St Austin's	Gavin Cowell – sick person
Sun 15 December		8.15 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's St Austin's	Pro Populo Priest's Intentions Mary Conboy – 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday Hubert Barber – A [14 Dec]
Mon 16 December		9.30 am	St Austin's	Patrick Scarff – A
Tue 17 December		12 noon 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin's	O'Brien and Elley Families November Dead List
Wed 18 December		9.30 am	St Austin's	Dr John and Betty O'Brien
Thu 19 December		12 noon	St Austin's	Mgr D Smith 32 years of priestly service
Fri 20 December		12 noon	English Martyrs	Derek Shaw - RIP
Sat 21 December		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin's St Austin's	Special Intention – KM Harry Lewis – A
Sun 22 December		8.15 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's St Austin's	Mary Lewis – A Kathleen Keough – 1st A Pro Populo Eileen Keenan and Wow Wow

**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 **Exposition** and after Saturday morning Mass. 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](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resource.htm). This is also available as a link from our parish web site.

Day	Group	Church Centre	Time
Tuesday	Nibble and Natter	English Martyrs	8.30 to 11.00 am
	Mass followed by Tuesday Chit Chat	English Martyrs	12 noon
Wednesday	Intercessory Prayer and Praise	English Martyrs	6.30 pm
	Wednesday Friends – Keep Fit	St Austin's	2.00 pm
Thursday	Parents and Toddlers	St Austin's	9.30 am
	Thursday Club – Bingo, Biscuits and Banter	St Austin's	12.30 pm
	Singing for Pleasure	St Austin's	1.30 pm

**Darren Jones:** Darren was ordained to the Diaconate at Oscott College on Monday 9 December. Darren was with us for a few weeks in January as part of his training, please keep him in your prayers.

**Vespers** will be sung on **Sunday 15 December at 5.00 pm** by St Austin's Choir.

**Funeral Service** for Thomas Devine, conducted by Mgr Smith, will be held on Monday **16 December** at the Howarth Funeral Service Chapel at 11.00 am.

**Churches Together in Wakefield's** annual Carol Singing at Trinity Walk – **Thursday 19 December 6.30 to 8.00 pm.** Meet at Sainsbury's Trinity Walk. Please come and sing - and witness - all proceeds to charity. Parking free after 3.00pm

**Decorating the Church for Christmas** will take place on **Friday 20 December after the morning Mass at about 10.00 am** and hope to be finished by 12 noon. If you can help this would be most appreciated.

**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight – Friday 20 December at 7.00 pm.** This will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. Enjoy singing some traditional carols with your fellow parishioners and sharing some Christmas refreshments afterwards. All very welcome.

**The Wakefield Hospice Service, Sunday 22 December:** It is our turn to lead the service at 2.30 pm in the Hospice chapel. As it is near Christmas, it will include Carols and Christmas readings. The service lasts about half an hour and is followed by tea and biscuits. Everyone is welcome.

**Wheelchair:** In response to our appeal, a generous parishioner has donated a wheelchair for use in the Parish Centre. Very many thanks for this kind gesture.

**200+ Club:** December winners are £200 to David Jones (no. 17) and £50 to Sarah Number (no. 52) Happy Days! Collection and pay out at all Masses this weekend – God willing. Thank you to all who support and help give £3000 per year to our parish. *New members needed please @ £24 per year. See Bernard with his red book at the back of church.*

Please save your postage stamps from your Christmas envelopes for the Leprosy Mission and place them in the boxes provided at the back of both churches

A Schedule of the **Advent and Christmas services** has been prepared. Please take a copy for yourselves and anyone who might be interested in attending our services.

**The Crib** is once again on display on the Upper Mall of the Ridings Centre. Please draw attention to this when you pass by pausing a while.

**Gaudete:** The CD recorded by our choir is now on sale for £10.00 in the shop or available from the choir. It features Christmas music from throughout the ages and includes many well-known carols.

**Christmas Posters** are available. Please take one and display prominently in your homes for others to see.

**Pilgrimage to Rome/Pallazola – 30 August to 6 September 2020:** Mgr Smith will lead this Pilgrimage as spiritual director. The cost is £1,395 per person (sharing in Rome and a single room at the villa) with a £100 supplement for a single room throughout. The Pilgrimage includes four nights in Rome and three nights in the villa of the English College by Lake Albano, opposite the Pope's summer palace, and includes a full programme of excursions and activities. For more information please contact Joan Gossner on 242610 or speak to Mgr Smith. (please note Joan's correct number)

**Many Thanks** for the donation of £75 from St Austin's Toddler Group and £100 from the Thursday Club both for the use of the parish centre.

**Items for the Bulletin:** Please send to [priest@catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk](mailto:priest@catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk) before noon on Thursday marked "Item for Bulletin".

**Collection Last Week: Envelopes: £795.77 Loose: £595.80 Standing Orders: £874.00 Total: £2265.57**

**Suzy: £121.12 [w/e 9.12.19 £87.13] Retiring collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers**

**Thank You.**