

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

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**1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent [A]**



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**Masses this week 1 to 8 March 2020**

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 29 February		6.15 pm	St Austin's	John de Tute - A
Sun 1 March		8.15 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's St Austin's	Maurice O'Shea Priest's Intentions Pro Populo Felix Gagabuan - RIP
Mon 2 March		9.30 am	St Austin's	O'Brien and Elley Families
Tue 3 March		6.30 am	St Austin's	<b>Lectorate Mass</b> November Dead List
Wed 4 March		9.30 am	St Austin's	Elizabeth Falvey - RIP
Thu 5 March		12 noon	St Austin's	Eric Ellis - intention
Fri 6 March		12 noon 7.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin's	November Dead List <b>Latin Mass</b> – Pte John [Jack] James McNee killed in action 75 years ago today at Frikkersdries, the Netherlands, as part of the Market Garden Campaign. He was 28 years old and left a wife and 2 children – his daughter is a parishioner at St Austin's
Sat 7 March		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin's St Austin's	Mass of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Anne and Tye – Golden Wedding Anniversary
Sun 8 March		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 Arthur Day – 28 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary [7.3.20] Kathleen McGrain - RIP

**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.

**Novena:** Monday 7.00 pm St Austin's

**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	Wednesday Friends – Keep Fit	English Martyrs	6.30 pm
	<del>Intercessory Prayer and Praise</del>	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

The Bishop is coming to the Parish on Tuesday evening 3 March to celebrate Lectorate Mass and to confer the Ministry of Lector on three parishioners who are training for the permanent diaconate. The Ministry of Lector is one of what were formerly known as the minor orders which all those progressing to ordination must receive. Please remember in your prayers our three candidates: Marius Bilski, Simon Akhirebu and Bernard Martin.

**Lenten Services:** Until Holy Week, **Stations of the Cross & Benediction** will be said at 7.00 pm in St Austin's on Wednesdays and on Fridays before the lunch time Mass at English Martyrs.

**Dancing a Little with the Mystics** commencing Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at St Austin's Parish Centre at 10.00 to 11.15 am, led by Fr Chris. The initial meeting will explore mindfulness in the wisdom of St Ignatius of Loyola.

**Lectio Divina:** On Thursday evenings 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm at English Martyrs Parish Centre, commencing Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, led by Fr Chris.

**Refugee Support - Community Sponsorship:** Pope Francis has challenged us that "Every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary of Europe takes in one refugee family". Do you want to take up his challenge and transform refugees' lives? We are holding an information evening about Community Sponsorship – a way of welcoming and resettling refugees in our community and responding to the Holy Father's call – on Tuesday 10 March at 7.00 pm in St Austin's Parish Centre. Come and join us to find out more.

**Volunteer Readers:** If you are interested in becoming a volunteer reader in school, please look out for the letter coming soon. This is a great way to give back to your school, to help the children in the community and to do something worthwhile with your spare time. *English Martyrs Needs You!*

**Film Club:** We have decided to take a break for Lent, therefore, there will be no film in March or April. But we look forward to seeing you all again on Wednesday 6 May when we will show "Brooklyn". More details nearer the time.

**The late Andrew Banks RIP:** The interment of Andrew's ashes will take place in Outwood Cemetery on Monday 9 March at 3.00 pm. Mgr Smith will conduct the service. If you wish to attend, you would be welcome to do so.

**Parish Forum Meeting** will take place on Tuesday 17 March at 7.30 pm in St Austin's Parish Centre. **(Please note change of date)** If anyone has an item for the agenda will they please forward it to [priest@catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk](mailto:priest@catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk)

**Collections:** On the weekend of 14/15 March, Niall and Barbara will be distributing the new Offertory Envelopes to existing users. Where parishioners use envelopes and are taxpayers, the Parish can reclaim the tax paid on any contributions at no additional cost to the donor – you simply have to sign a Gift Aid form to allow us to take the necessary action. If you would like to start using envelopes or, better still, wish to set us a standing order, please see Niall or Barbara who will be able to assist you or alternatively please contact Niall on [niallodonn@aol.com](mailto:niallodonn@aol.com).

**200+ Club:** Annual payments (preferred) of £24 are now due. Cheques payable to St Austin's 200 Club please. Cash or cheques in a labelled envelope with name and number (if known). Bernard will be available to collect at as many Masses as possible this weekend and next. Envelopes may also be posted through the presbytery door. E-banking is fine. Ask or email [berneboy60@gmail.com](mailto:berneboy60@gmail.com) for details. Thank you for your support which enables c. £3000 to be given to the parish each year. New members very much needed – see Bernard or information sheet in the narthex.

*March winners* are £200 to Sharon Katema (264) and £50 to Peter Milner (80). You have to be in it to win it.

**2020 Re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary:** In 1381, King Richard II dedicated England as the "Dowry of Mary", offering our nation and its people as a gift or a dowry, for Our Lady to keep under her protection and guidance. This year, on Sunday 29 March, England will be re-dedicated as the Dowry of Mary as we seek Our Lady's special protection and prayers in our own turbulent times. Directly before the re-dedication, there will be a Triduum of Prayer from 26-28 March, where all will be invited to recite the Litany of the Saints and Martyrs of England, pray the Rosary and go to Confession. History shows us that when the people pray and surrender to God's will for their lives, society is transformed. All Catholics are encouraged to respond to this invitation to give ourselves, as the people of this country, to Mary, the first disciple of Our Lord, so that all the people of England may share in the joy of the Gospel. For more information about the re-dedication, please visit . More details to follow.

**Pilgrimage to Rome/Palazola 30 August to 6 September 2020.** Mgr Smith will lead the Pilgrimage as spiritual director. The cost is £1,395 per person (sharing in Room & a single room at the villa) with a £100 supplement for a single room throughout. The Pilgrimage includes four night in Rome and three nights in the villa of the English College by Lake Albano, opposite the Pope's summer palace. The Pilgrimage includes a full programme of excursions and activities. If you are interested, please contact Joan Gossner on 242610 or speak to Mgr Smith.

**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: £852.50 Loose: £693.50 Standing Orders: £874.00 Total: £2420.00+ Suzy: £112.77 (w/e 23.2.30)**  
**Thank You.**

There will be a second collection this weekend for Lenten Alms