

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

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**2nd Week of Lent [A]**

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**Masses this week 8 to 15 March 2020**

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 7 March		6.15 pm	St Austin's	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
Mon 9 March		9.30 am	St Austin's	Margaret McIntyre - RIP
Tue 10 March		6.30 pm	St Austin's	November Dead List
Wed 11 March		9.30 am	St Austin's	Dr Ramon Ruiz - RIP
Thu 12 March		12 noon	St Austin's	Julie Mulroy - RIP
Fri 13 March		12 noon	English Martyrs	Mary Matthews - 80 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Sat 14 March		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin's St Austin's	November Dead List Carol Ann West - RIP
Sun 15 March		8.15 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin's English Martyrs St Austin's St Austin's	November Dead List Priest's Intentions Pro Populo Andrew Crawley - 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	St Austin's	2.00 pm
	Intercessory Prayer and Praise	English Martyrs	6.30 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

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

**Dancing a Little with the Mystics and Lectio Divina** will not take place this week. It is planned that they should continue the following week. The first will take place in St Austin's Parish Centre after Mass on Friday 20 March and the second will take place in the English Martyrs Centre on Thursday 19 March at 7.00 pm.

**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. Anyone wishing to attend will be very welcome.

**Refugee Support - Community Sponsorship:** Pope Francis has challenged us that "Every parish, 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.

**Significant Historical Date:** 13 March is the seventh anniversary of Pope Francis's election.

**Collections:** This 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.

**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)

**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!*

**Parish Centre Bookings:** This is a very busy place, managed by volunteers and used extensively by parochial and non-parochial groups alike. It is also a valuable source of income for the parish. It works very well with your co-operation! Everyone is very welcome to use the Centre but please do remember to let Paul Blackburn know [tel: 01924 374248] so that clashes can be avoided and arrangements made to ensure you have the space you need. Many thanks.

**Coronavirus:** After consultation with all our neighbouring parishes. I find that the distribution of Holy Communion under both kinds and the shaking of hands has been suspended in order to ease peoples' concerns regarding the spread of infection. I think therefore that it will be best if we follow suit until the situation improves. As you know everyone receives the whole Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, under either kind and when receiving the one kind only. Also, non-contact signs of peace and greetings are still perfectly possible.

**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. 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 the website [www.dowrytour.org.uk](http://www.dowrytour.org.uk)

**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: £761.60 Loose: £762.82 Standing Orders: £874.00 Total: £2398.42**

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There will be a second collection this weekend for SVP.