



# St Austin's & English Martyrs

## NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Second Sunday in Easter, Year A

Readings: Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 117, 1 Peter 1:3-9, Gospel: John 20:19-31

Entrance antiphon:

Rejoice to the full in the glory that is yours, and give thanks to God who called you to his kingdom, Alleluia.

Fr David sent this message to the parish Whatsapp group on on Easter Sunday  
***"A very Happy Easter to everyone. We celebrated the Easter Vigil Mass this evening in an empty church but knowing that we were all united in prayer for one another. May the blessings of the Risen Lord descend upon us all and keep us safe from harm. God bless you all. Fr David."***

prayer and worship:

Links to homilies by Fr David and masses streamed from St Anne's Cathedral are available here: <http://catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk/bulletins--news>

If you are unable to watch live content, transcriptions and English translations of recent speeches and sermons by Pope Francis are available here:  
<http://www.gcatholic.org/documents/papal-speeches.htm>

Prayers are offered each morning, by our priests, for the parish family and our specific intentions ( <http://catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk/post/prayer-intentions> )

The Wednesday Word is still available for families (<http://wednesdayword.org/> ) as are Biblical colouring-in sheets for children <https://spckpublishing.co.uk/>

notable dates :

23<sup>rd</sup> April Feast of St George

25<sup>th</sup> April Feast of St Mark the Evangelist

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Father, we pray:

...for all those who work to heal us, keep us safe, provide our food, keep life going, grant them your strength & hope. May we support them and protect them.

**In Your mercy Lord ....hear our prayer.**

...for the sick and worried and lonely. We ask that you bring them comfort and healing. May we recognise the needs of those around us in distress, and be willing to share your gifts with them to the best of our ability.

**In Your mercy Lord ....hear our prayer.**

... for the faithful, clergy and laity. May we be the living stones that build Your church; an example of your love in the world.

**In Your mercy Lord ....hear our prayer.**

**200+ Club:** Our 200+ Club is proceeding as normal. Those who have paid regularly over the years but have not been able to pay yet this year are included. Cheques for £24 to St Austin's 200 Club may be posted to the Presbytery or contact Bernard Martin 07858257839 or [berneboy60@gmail.com](mailto:berneboy60@gmail.com)

**April winners are £200 to Lisa Bartram and £50 to Jean Taylor**

If you do not already have a standing order with the parish and would like to support it financially, Online Giving is now accessible through the Diocesan website at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/supporting-your-parish>. The Online Parish Offertory yellow box allows you to select a chosen Parish or fund from a list. This is also available via the Diocesan Website homepage

Other information:

Advice about the current Coronavirus situation can be found on the government website (<https://www.gov.uk/>), NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/>) and the Wakefield council website (<http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/>)

Please continue to support charities and local organizations if you are able. Donations to foodbanks are still possible at large supermarkets. Wakefield Council website has a list of volunteering opportunities, including phoning people in isolation, dog-walking, and delivering shopping/medicine [bit.ly/2X5IJf3](http://bit.ly/2X5IJf3)



Notre Dame cross after the fire ©Philippe Wojazer/Reuters 2019

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1.3*