



# St Austin's & English Martyrs

## NEWSLETTER

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Fifth Sunday in Easter, Year A**

Readings: Acts 6:1-7, Psalm 33(32):1-2,4-5,18-19, 1 Peter 2:4-9,

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Entrance antiphon:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous deeds; he has revealed to the nations his saving power, alleluia.

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>

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

Wednesday Word is available (<http://wednesdayword.org/> ) and other resources for children can be downloaded from the CAFOD website <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Churches Together in Wakefield

For the past few years the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative has taken place from Ascension Day (21st May) until Pentecost (31st May). It is hoped that individuals will be able to form a continuous prayer chain over this time, beginning with Tony Robinson, Bishop of Wakefield at Sandal Castle on Ascension morning until a time of joint prayer between 11am and noon on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to join in please email Nick Shields on [churcheswakefield@icloud.com](mailto:churcheswakefield@icloud.com) who will be coordinating the rota.

*St Matthew's Gospel Unlocked*

Leeds Diocese will be producing a podcast of St Matthew's Gospel using different voices from our various congregations. If you would like to volunteer (the means to record an audio file is essential), please contact Deacon Henry Longbottom on [henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:henry.longbottom@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) in the next few days.

Father, we pray:

You created us for companionship,  
O God, for the sharing of burdens,  
for the joining of celebrations,  
for the breaking of bread in fellowship,  
and so it is not unnatural  
that we should taste a particular sorrow  
when eating a meal alone.  
Sit with me and linger  
at this solitary table, O Lord.

Use my own momentary loneliness  
to work in me a more effectual sympathy  
for others who are often alone,  
and who long for the companionship  
of their God and of his people.

We praise you also knowing that these glad aches  
are a true measure of the bonds  
you have wrought between our hearts.  
Now use our sorrows as tools in your hand,  
O Lord, shaping our hearts into a truer  
imitation of the affections of Christ.

We now entrust all to your keeping.  
How we look forward, O Lord, to the day  
when all our fellowships will be restored,  
eternal and unbroken.

**Amen**

**Douglas McKelvey/www.everymomentholy.com**

Lord, we pray for all those for whom no one else will pray today.

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

Notable dates :

14<sup>th</sup> May Feast of St Matthais the Apostle

15<sup>th</sup> May Day of St Dymphna, patron saint of Mental Health Professionals

Thank you to those who have made donations to the parish since lockdown and those who continue to pay by standing order. Anyone wishing to give financial support to the Parish can do so using this link: [To donate online please click here](#) or to contribute £5 by text, please text CHURCH SAEM to 70500.

A regular standing order can be set up by contacting Niall O'Donnell on 01924 870403 or by email: [niallodonn@aol.com](mailto:niallodonn@aol.com)

Anyone wanting to join the parish email list or WhatsApp group can contact Bernard Martin on 07858257839 or [berneboy60@gmail.com](mailto:berneboy60@gmail.com)

Other information and ways to help:

Advice about the current Coronavirus situation, service updates and general information can be found on the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/>) and the Wakefield council website (<https://twitter.com/MyWakefield> & <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/> )

Please continue to support charities and local organisations if you are able. 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)

Although many medical procedures have been postponed, hospitals are always in need of blood. Donor centres are still open with new safety measures. Details on booking an appointment, local centres and, for anyone recovering from Coronavirus information about the convalescent plasma clinical trial, are here <https://my.blood.co.uk/>



Let nothing disturb you,  
Let nothing frighten you,  
All things are passing;  
God only is changeless.  
Patience gains all things.  
Who has God wants nothing.  
God alone suffices.

St Teresa of Avila

Madonna and Child, St Rombout's Cathedral, Mechelen