

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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Week 2 Christmas Time

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Mass programme for the week 1 to 8 January 2023

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 31 Dec		6.15 pm	St Austin	Margaret Nester
Sun 1 Jan	Mary, Holy Mother of God	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Jim Campbell
		11.00 am	St Austin	Colin Croxall
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Pro Populo
Mon 2 Jan		10.00 am	St Austin	Fr Michael Nealon
Tue 3 Jan	The Most Holy Name of Jesus	11.30 am	English Martyrs	Rose Murphy
		6.30 pm	St Austin	Margaret Nester
Wed 4 Jan		10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 5 Jan		12 noon	St Austin	Robert Anthony
Fri 6 Jan	The Epiphany of The Lord	9.30 am	English Martyrs	Maurice O'Shea
		12 Noon	St Austin	Monsignor Thompson
		7.00 pm	St Austin	Pro Populo
Sat 7 Jan		9.30 am	St Austin	Act of Reparation
		6.15 pm	St Austin	Nydia Pereira
Sun 8 Jan	The Baptism of The Lord	8.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Priest's Intention
		11.00 am	St Austin	Cyprian di Costa
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Sheila Ashton & Kevin Osborne

Confessions: Saturday 10.00 – 11.00 am and 5.15 – 5.45 pm.

Wednesday Word is on the Parish web site and at www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resource.htm

Prayers for the recently deceased: The Holy Rosary will be said at St Austin's Church after the 12 noon Mass on Fridays and at The English Martyrs church before the 9.30 am Mass on Sundays. *Please pray for the sick of our parish, for those recently deceased and for those who have no-one to pray for them*

Novena: The dates for Novena in January are: (No meeting on 26 December). 9 and 23 January 2023. At the usual time of 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to this service of prayer and peace.

First Saturdays Devotion, Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary. Every First Saturday, the Rosary will be recited after the Mass at 10.00 am, the beginning of the Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Materials for meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary are on the offertory table, please return after use. Please see the folder in the Narthex for further information regarding the full requirements and promises attached to the Devotion. Mass of the day will be offered for this devotion. For Mass donations, please speak with Elamma M

First Thursday Adoration – 9.00 am to 11.30 am. Begins with morning prayer at 9.00 am, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet at 10.15 am, and the Holy Rosary at 11.15 am. There will also be periods of silent prayer and reflection. Holy Mass will follow at 12 noon. Please note there will be no First Thursday Adoration this week. It will resume in February.

DAY	GROUP	CHURCH CENTRE	TIME
Wednesday	Keep Fit	St Austin's	2.00 pm
Wednesday	Prayer and Praise	English Martyrs	6.00 to 7.00 pm
Thursday	Parents & Toddlers	St Austin's	9.30 am
Thursday	Thursday Club	St Austin's	12.30 pm
Thursday	Singing for Pleasure	St Austin's	1.30 pm

School Children and the Sacraments: Preparation for the Sacraments for our children who are due to receive them in the following school years is now underway:

Year 3: First Confession.

Year 4: First Holy Communion.

Year 6: Confirmation.

A very sincere thank you from Fr Butler and myself for your most generous Christmas offerings which as you know are every year your gift to the priests of the parish. Once again, we are touched by your great generosity and also by the kindness shown in the many cards and gifts we have received. May God bless you all and grant you a truly happy new year. Monsignor Smith

Please Note: Friday 6 January 2023 is the Feast of the Epiphany and a holyday of Obligation. The evening Mass at 7.00 pm will be a sung traditional Latin Mass.

All the clubs are now back from their Christmas break and happy to see your return to join them.

Film Club: Our next film will be the comedy - "A Fish Called Wanda" starring John Cleese, Michael Palin, Jamie Lee Curtis and Kevin Kline. We will meet on Wednesday 4 January in the Parish Centre – doors open at 6.30 for a 7.00 pm start. Coffee/tea will be available and the bar will be open. We look forward to seeing you again for our first film of the new year. No charge but donations welcome to support the Centre. Do bring a friend.

LITTLE BITS OF GOD' MOSAIC: During the Year of the Word in 2020 a mosaic was commissioned as part of the God Who Speaks initiative entitled, 'Little Bits of God'. The mosaic is coming to Leeds Cathedral from Saturday 14th January until Thursday 9th February 2023. The mosaic will be housed in the north transept and will be accessible to be visited when the Cathedral is open outside of liturgy times. There will be resources available to explain the mosaic. The mosaic will be launched at the 12noon Mass on Saturday 14th January 2023 followed by a talk about the mosaic. The Vicariate for Education will be co-ordinating visits from both Primary and Secondary Schools. There will be some dates (yet to be confirmed) when there will be people on hand to give a 'tour' of the mosaic.

Foundation Governors: The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust is seeking to recruit Foundation Governors to join the Academy Councils of St Austin's Catholic Primary School and English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School. These management positions include responsibilities for ensuring targets for education are met, transparent financial accountability, appointments of school staff and ensuring clarity of Catholic vision, ethos and strategic direction. If you are interested in helping to maintain standards in our Catholic schools, you must be a practising Catholic and over the age of 18. Interested persons are invited to complete an application form by emailing admin@bbcat.co.uk. Further information about the Trust and its schools can be found at <http://www.bkcat.co.uk/>

Christmas Cards in the narthex: There are still several cards waiting for collection. One of them may be for you. We will leave them out for another week to give you time to pick up yours.

Lourdes Fund Raising: At the 11.00 am Mass pupils at St Thomas a Becket School will be selling cakes to fund their pilgrimage to Lourdes. Please support them if you can.

Used Postage Stamps: Looking for somewhere to put all those used stamps received over the Christmas period? Please place them in the box in the narthex. Revenue from these will be used to support the Leprosy Mission.

Bulletins: Items for the Bulletin can be emailed to office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or posted through the Presbytery door, by lunch time on a Thursday. Thank you.

**Collection last weekend, your gift to the priests.
Thank You**