

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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Second Sunday of Advent

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Mass programme for the week 4 to 11 December

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 3 Dec		6.15 pm	St Austin	Peter de Tute - RIP
Sun 4 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intentions
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Pro Populo
		11.00 am	St Austin	Paul George
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Frank Chappell - RIP
Mon 5 Dec		9.30 am	St Austin	Birthday Intentions – A O'C
Tue 6 Dec		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Fr John Nunan (Sick) Private Intention
Wed 7 Dec	St Ambrose	10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 8 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	St Austin	Caroline Dalziel
Fri 9 Dec	St John Diego Cuahthatoatzin	12 Noon 7.30 pm	St Austin St Austin	Bernard Gaughn Private Intentions (JG)
Sat 10 Dec		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Beatriz Gagabuan Kenneth Button
Sun 11 Dec		8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo John Whitworth Betty Stott Priest's Intention

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 December and January are: 12 December (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 or Mary O'C**

First Thursday Adoration – 9.00 am to 11.30 am. Begins with morning prayer at 9.00 am, followed by Devine 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.

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 6: Confirmation.

Year 4: First Holy Communion. There will be an initial meeting for parents of children who are hoping to make their First Holy Communion next summer, on Tuesday 6 December at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre. It is very important that you attend.

Meg Hunter-Kilmer will speak at Ss Per and Paul's Wakefield on 4th & 5th December at 7.00 pm. Meg has written three books: "Saints Around the World," "Pray for Us," and "A Year in the Word." Her talk on Sunday 4th is titled "*Making Room for the Christ Child*" and on Monday 5th is "*Walking to Bethlehem with the Saints*". She recommends bringing your bible to the talks. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. Go to www.peterpaul.org.uk and www.piercedhands.com for more details.

Henry VI talk: Richard Atkinson will give a talk on 6 December at 7.45 pm in the hall at Ss Peter & Paul, Sandal, following their 7.00 pm Mass. Henry VI's supporters fought at the Battle of Wakefield in 1460 and were victorious yet he was deposed as King the following year. On the 601st anniversary of his birth, we will look at this complex King and ask whether he was an ineffectual ruler or a great man worthy Sainthood, denied this honour through Yorkist campaigning and Henry VIII's fallout with Rome. All welcome, entry is free but donations welcome.

Film Club: It's Christmas party time! Our film will be Irving Berlin's "*Holiday Inn*" starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire with some wonderful music and dancing including "*White Christmas*" a seasonal favourite. Complimentary sherry/orange juice, mince pies and chocolates will be available for you all and everyone is welcome. Please come and join us on Wednesday 7 December – doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start. The only condition on entry is that you wear something **RED**.

We are very pleased to welcome back **Lofthouse 2000 Brass Band** to St Austin's Theatre. A concert on Saturday 10th December at 7.30pm is in aid of YAS (Yorkshire Ambulance Service). Tickets are £7.50 and available from Lofthouse Band and can be purchased online (see poster in the narthex for details). Tickets may be available on the night depending on the number sold. Please contact Paul Blackburn (01924 374248, Mobile 07963740575) if you don't have online access and would like a ticket. All welcome

Churches Together in Wakefield will be Carol Singing on 15 December outside Sainsbury's, Trinity Walk from 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm at the latest. In aid of the DEC Ukraine Appeal. Parking will be free from 3.00 pm

The Big Church Cleaning for Christmas: The cleaning session to prepare our church for Christmas will be on **Saturday 17 December** from 10.00 am to noon when we will give the church a thorough clean. There will be no Adoration after Mass this day. On **Wednesday 21 December** we will be decorating the church for Christmas from 10.00 am and hope to finish by lunchtime. **Volunteers** are requested to come and assist in either (or both) of these sessions – there is plenty to do!!! Please come along to help, even if you only have an hour to spare. Many hands make light work! It is so important that God's House is shown at its best for this great feast of the Church.

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.

Christmas Cards are now on sale in the Repository. **Carmelite Spirituality for Advent.** We have a limited number of copies of "*Upon the Mountain*" an introduction to prayer in the Carmelite tradition for £6.99. Please support our parish by purchasing your cards and other spiritual stock from our own shop!

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

Envelopes: £476.26 **Loose:** £611.72 **Standing Orders:** £1042.00. **Total: £2129.98**

There will be a second collection next weekend for Christmas Flowers

Thank You