

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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Third Sunday of Advent

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Mass programme for the week 11 to 18 December

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 10 Dec		6.15 pm	St Austin	Kenneth Button
Sun 11 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent	8.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	John Whitworth
		11.00 am	St Austin	Betty Stott
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Mon 12 Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe	9.30 am 1.00 pm	St Austin St Austin	Margaret O'Brien - RIP Requiem Mass – Ann Bell
Tue 13 Dec	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	11.30 am	English Martyrs	Return to health (MH)
Wed 14 Dec	St John of the Cross	10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 15 Dec		12 noon	St Austin	Hubert Barber - RIP
Fri 16 Dec		12 Noon 7.30 pm	St Austin St Austin	Terry Davis – RIP Irene Loughlin – RIP
Sat 17 Dec		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intentions Margaret Nester - RIP
Sun 18 Dec		8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intentions Pro Populo Patrick Black – RIP Intentions of John Cuttell

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

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 4: First Holy Communion. Year 6: Confirmation.

Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve: Mass commencing 6.15 pm and Midnight Mass commencing 11.00 pm. The choir will be singing Christmas Carols from 10.15 pm – all at St Austin's.

Christmas Day: Mass at English Martyrs commencing 9.30 am. Mass at St Austin's 10.30 am.

Men's Group: The next meeting of the Parish Men's Group will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 7.45 to 9.15 pm at English Martyrs' Church Hall. All are welcome.

Wednesday, Keep Fit will finish for Christmas on 14 December and will resume on 4 January 2023.

Thursday, Parents & Toddlers and Thursday Club will finish for Christmas on 15 December and will resume on 5 January 2023.

Singing for Pleasure finished for Christmas on 8 December and will also resume on 5 January 2023.

All Wednesday and Thursday groups wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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.

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/>

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: £631.44 **Loose:** £679.25 **Standing Orders:** £1042.00. **Total: £2352.69**

Heartfelt Thanks to the Parents & Toddlers for their donation of £200 for church funds.

There will be a second collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers

Thank You