

## **The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield**

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### **Christmas Day**

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### **Mass programme for the week 25 December to 1 January 2023**

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 24 Dec	<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.15 pm 11.00 pm	St Austin St Austin	Andrew Wright & John Bartram Intentions of John Cuttell
Sun 25 Dec	<b>Christmas Day</b>	9.30 am 10.30 am	English Martyrs St Austin	Maurice O'Shea Return to Health
Mon 26 Dec	St Stephen	10.00 am	St Austin	Herbert James and Clare Jackson
Tue 27 Dec	St John, Apostle	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Sheila and Lucy Taylor Mary Hood – return to health
Wed 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents	10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 29 Dec	St Thomas Becket	12 noon	St Austin	Diamond Wedding Thanksgiving Margaret and Barry Long
Fri 30 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	12 Noon <b>7.00 pm</b>	St Austin <b>Chantry Chapel</b>	Charles Hepworth Edward, Duke of York
Sat 31 Dec		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Patrick Scarff Margaret Nester
Sun 1 Jan	Mary, Holy Mother of God	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Maurice O'Shea Return to Health (Mary Hood) Colin Croxall Pro Populo

**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](http://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.

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 Offerings:** Your offerings on Christmas Day, as always, are your gift to the priests of the parish. We are always most grateful for your kind generosity at this time.

**Edward, Duke of York:** The traditional Latin Mass which is normally celebrated in St Austin's on Fridays at 7.30 pm will, this week, be celebrated at 7.00 pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December at the Chantry Chapel. A requiem Mass will be said for the repose of the soul of Edward, Duke of York, who was killed nearby at the end of the Battle of Wakefield on 30<sup>th</sup> December 1460.

**Please Note:** Friday 6 January 2023 is the Feast of the Epiphany and a holyday of Obligation. The evening Mass at 7.30 pm will be a sung traditional Latin Mass.

**Christmas Greetings:** *I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody in the parish and in both churches who have worked so hard to prepare for the Christmas celebrations. It is always easy to forget someone, but I would like in particular to say how grateful I am to our musicians, our altar servers, our sacristans and to the little band of enthusiastic volunteers who clean and decorate the churches, arrange the flowers etc etc. It would be great next year to see more and younger volunteers to help with all these tasks. Many thanks, on behalf of Fr Butler and myself for all your cards and gifts. We would both like to wish you all a very happy Christmas with every blessing. Mgr Smith*

**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 14<sup>th</sup> January until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or posted through the Presbytery door, by lunch time on a Thursday. Thank you.

#### Collection Last Weekend

Envelopes: £482.45

Loose: £511.94

Standing Orders: £1042.00.

Total: £2036.39

Thank You