

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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2nd Week of Lent



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Mass programme for the week 5 to 12 March 2023

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 4 Mar		6.15 pm	St Austin	Carole Ann West
Sun 5 Mar	Second Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Priest's Intentions Norma Kent Priest's Intentions
Mon 6 Mar		9.30 am	St Austin	Arthur Day
Tue 7 Mar		11.30 am	English Martyrs	Victor Ratcliffe – sick person
Wed 8 Mar		10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 9 Mar		12 noon 1.00 pm	St Austin St Austin	Mark Atkinson Requiem Mass Angela Richardson
Fri 10 Mar		12 noon	St Austin	O'Brien and Elley Families
Sat 11 Mar		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Maureen Stella Lawson Priest's Intention
Sun 12 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Justin Hammond Pro Populo Priest's Intention Vocations to the Priesthood

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 Novena dates for March are: 6 & 20 March, all 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 10.00 am Mass, 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 12.00 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
Thursday	Alpha	English Martyrs	7.00 pm

Lent 2023: During Lent there will be stations of the Cross and Benediction every Wednesday evening at 7.00 pm in St Austin's Church. There will also be Stations of the Cross before the 11.30 am Mass on Tuesdays at English Martyrs. Please do whatever you can to make this Lenten season special by prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Anna Gilroy is a St. Austin's parishioner who serves regularly at the Saturday evening Vigil. She is a student at St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School. Anna is hoping to attend the World Youth Day in Portugal this summer visiting Lisbon and Fatima, with others from the Leeds Diocese. She is fundraising to help cover the cost and will be doing a sponsored walk-up Pen-y-Ghent on Saturday 27th May 2023. If you would like to sponsor you can scan the QR code, access the page at bit.ly/3Y8s1Gx or catch her at the Vigil Mass. In addition there will be a coffee morning on Saturday 18 March after the 9.30 am Mass. Home-made buns will be on sale, along with a raffle and tabletop sale with a selection of new items for perhaps Easter or birthday gifts. You can also buy daffodils for Mother's Day on 19 March! Petition papers, and envelopes for parishioners to place their petitions, which Anna will place at the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, will be available. Please do come along and support our young faithful parishioner.



Natter Matters: If you fancy meeting up with a few ladies, on alternative Mondays between 6.30 and 8.00 pm in English Martyrs Parish Centre, please come along on Monday 6 March to find out more. A good opportunity to see the newly refurbished centre.

Supporting your Parish: New boxes of offertory envelopes will be distributed in the coming weeks to those who use them. They remain a practical way to make your offerings by cash or cheque and allow us to reclaim tax on donations made by UK taxpayers. Standing orders are the best and easiest way to ensure your parish benefits from whatever regular giving you can afford, as it means we don't have to handle and organise collection of cash. We can provide a form to set up a standing order or provide the bank details of the parish account if you wish to set it up online or via an App. If you would like to use envelopes or Standing Orders and wish to sign a Gift Aid Form please speak to Niall O'Donnell on 01924 870403 or Barbara Johnson who will be happy to assist you. Using Envelopes or Standing Orders enables donors to Gift Aid contributions – the Parish can reclaim tax on donations made by UK taxpayers which means that we benefit by claiming back 25p from HMRC for every £1 you donate. Parishioners also have the option to use the card reader machine in the Narthex at St Austin's to make their offerings. As always, many thanks for your generous and sustained financial support.

200 Club: Calling all old and new members. The Parish 200 Club will be resuming from April 2023. All existing members wishing to re-join, will be able to join and keep their old numbers. The 200 Club provides additional and much needed funds for our Parish, plus you will also stand a chance of winning £200 and £50 each month. The membership amount remains unchanged at £24 annually or £6 per quarter, payable to the St Austin's 200 Club bank account. Please email Sharon for account details on sekatema@outlook.com. Or say hello after the 11.00 am Mass at St Austin's. Whilst I would encourage members to pay by bank transfer, cash is always acceptable too. For those wishing to pay by cheque please place your cheque in an envelope clearly marked Parish 200 Club and pass to either Mgr Smith or Fr Butler. Further details of when I will be collecting will be included in future bulletins. Thank you for all you do to support Our Parish. *Sharon.*

DIocese OF LEEDS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023: 6 nights from £745. 7-13 July 2023 by air from Leeds/Bradford Airport. To book please contact Tangney Tours, tel 01732 886666, www.tangney-tours.com & follow links for Lourdes, Leeds. (Pilgrim's Mass, Saturday 20 May 12.00pm at Holy Name Church, Otley Old Road, LS16 6HW. Light buffet and social in the hall afterwards, also medical checks.)

Repository: We now have new stock in the Repository and Easter Cards are now on sale. Please support your church.

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: £540.40 **Loose:** £723.51 **Standing Orders:** £984.42 **Total:** £2248.33

There will be a second collection after Mass this weekend for CAFOD (Family Fast Day and appeal)

There will be a second collection after Mass next weekend for Catholic Care

Thank you