

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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34th Week in Ordinary Time



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Mass programme for the week 26 November to 3 December 2023

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 25 Nov		6.15 pm	St Austin	Peter de Tute - A
Sun 26 Nov	The Feast of Christ the King	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Private Intention Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Mon 27 Nov		9.30 am	St Austin	Stanford Tonderayi - RIP
Tue 28 Nov		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families November Dead List
Wed 29 Nov		10.30 am 12 noon	English Martyrs St Austin's	Eucharistic Service Adeyemi Jayeola - RIP
Thu 30 Nov	St Andrew	12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Jan Jachymiak Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 1 Dec		12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Sat 2 Dec		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Mary O'Shea Patrick O'Connell
Sun 3 Dec	1 st Sunday of Advent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Neil Hall – RIP Peter Cichocki Pro Populo Frank Chappell - A

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 November is 27th November 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 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 12.00 noon.

DAY	GROUP	CHURCH CENTRE	TIME
Wednesday	Keep Fit	St Austin's	2.00 pm
Wednesday	Prayer and Praise	English Martyrs	6.30 to 7.30 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

November Dead List: Envelopes are still available for your deceased relatives and friends to be remembered throughout the year in Masses for our dead. Please put the names of those you wish to be remembered together with your offering in an envelope and give it to one of the priests, post through the presbytery letter box or use the weekly collection bags.

Kevin Rafferty will be 90 years of age on 30 November. He now lives in Wetherby but for most of his adult working life he and Maureen [RIP] were Staunch supporters of St Austin's Church and he was Headteacher of St Austin's School. He will be remembered for his dedication to all things St Austin by many and as he reaches his 90th birthday a sheet of paper is available in the narthex for you to send him your good wishes and any anecdotes you may remember, particularly of his Scouse wit, and this will be sent to him along with a card. St Austin's is still very close to his heart and he will be thrilled to maintain this long link.

Community Awareness Programme (CAP) is holding a Christmas Fair at 2 Market Street, Wakefield on Saturday 2 December 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. All are welcome. See poster at the back of church.

First Holy Communion Meeting – a preparation meeting for first holy communion in the parish will take place on Tuesday the 5th of December commencing at 7pm in St Austin's parish centre. Those receiving this sacrament will be in year 4 or above who have already made their first confession or are preparing to do so. More information is available from the priests or Beccy Hamill via rhamill.saem@gmail.com

Film Club It's party time! In the season for love and laughter, our festive film will be "The Muppet Christmas Carol". Kermit the Frog, Miss Piggy and others join forces against Scrooge, played by Michael Caine in the merry magical version of Charles Dickens' classic tale. We will show this film on Wednesday 6 December in the parish centre – doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start. We will be putting up the Christmas decorations in the centre from 10.30 that morning so all are welcome to give a hand. After the film we will all enjoy a shared supper. All contributions welcome. Do come and join in the fun but you have to wear something RED!

Lofthouse 2000 Brass Band will hold a Christmas Concert in St Austin's Theatre, Saturday 9 December at 7.30 pm. Tickets £8 from lofthousebrassband.org/shop. Tickets should also be available on the door.

Singing for Pleasure have made another very generous donation of £400 towards St Austin's Restoration Fund. Truly magnificent. Thanks to all who support this group.

200 Club is a fun way of contributing to parish funds but it needs YOU to make it a success. For £2 a month or £24 a year, as a group we can give to the parish an extra £3,000 but only if we all pay our subs. If you are able, please sign up for an extra number or encourage a friend or a loved one to join. Thank you in advance.

Parish Youth Group. The next event will be Friday 15 December from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the parish rooms. The youth group is open to your people aged 7 and above. Each session is an opportunity to build friendships, social skills and confidence as well as offering occasions to learn key skills of cooperation, teamwork and self-expression. We plan for a mix of fun activities including games, crafts and social time as well as enjoying pizza and drinks. If you have not attended before, please look out for the white envelopes at the back of Church marked "Youth Group." These contain some information about the group and the essential forms that are required to be completed for safeguarding purposes. We look forward to meeting you all.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. You can donate to CAFOD's appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid, including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. "Thank you for your prayers"

Repository: Christmas Cards are now on sale at all weekend Masses. Please support your church repository.

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.

Collections last weekend

Envelopes: £598.55 **Loose:** £523.34 **Standing Orders:** £1033.57 **Total:** £2155.46

Thank you