

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

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**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**



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### **Mass programme for the week 3 to 10 December 2023**

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 2 Dec		6.15 pm	St Austin	Patrick O'CONNELL
Sun 3 Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> 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
Mon 4 Dec		11.30 am	St Austin	Funeral Mass Kateryna Spiwak - RIP
Tue 5 Dec		11.30 am 12 noon 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Funeral Mass Eileen Fitzsimons - RIP Geraldine Roberts RIP
Wed 6 Dec		10.30 am 12 noon	English Martyrs St Austin's	John Bartram Ben Lanne – Priestly Vocation
Thu 7 Dec	St Ambrose	12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Margaret Tierney - RIP Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 8 Dec		10.30 am 7.00 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families Sung Mass Caroline Dalziel- A
Sat 9 Dec		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Fr Michael Nealon – A Kenneth Button – A
Sun 10 Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Stuart Morley – A Mavis Flemming - RIP

**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)

There will be Holy Rosary 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. And Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, half an hour before all weekday Masses and 10.00 to 11.00 am on Saturday. *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 December 2023 & January 2024 - 11 December 2023, 8 & 22 January 2024 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 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

**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](http://lofthousebrassband.org/shop). Tickets should also be available on the door.

**Parish Youth Group.** Remember - 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.

**Cleaning the church for Christmas:** There will be two sessions for cleaning the church: The first session to prepare our church for Christmas will be on *Saturday 16 December from 10.00 am to noon* when he will give the church a thorough clean. The second session for a final spruce up will take place on *Saturday 23 December*. Volunteers are requested to come and assist in cleaning of the church – there is plenty to do! Please come along to either session 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

**Leeds Cathedral Advent Day of Reconciliation:** Tuesday 19 December, 7.00 am to 7.00 pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the day.

#### Christmas Masses 2023:

*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:* Saturday 23 December 9.30 am St Austins  
*Christmas Eve* Saturday 6.15 pm St Austin  
 Sunday 24 December 8.00 am and 11.00 am St Austins, 9.30 am English Martyrs  
*Christmas Day Masses* Sunday 24 December 6.00 pm and 11.00 pm – Mass in the Night, both at St Austins  
 Monday 25 December 9.30 am English Martyrs, 10.30 am St Austins

**St Austin's Catholic Primary School** Our parish primary school was recently inspected by Ofsted. The school continues to be a GOOD school. Parishioners may like to read some comments from the report:- *The school celebrates the diversity of the pupils it serves. Pupils learn about the importance of tolerance and respect for all. The school provides pupils with an ambitious curriculum that enables them to learn well. Pupils behave well in school. They are calm and orderly and follow routines well. The school has 'virtues to live by.' Each virtue, such as kindness, is focused on for three weeks at a time. Children who demonstrate their living out the virtue are rewarded with a certificate at the celebration assemblies, pupils look forward to gaining their awards and spinning the rewards wheel if their class has the highest attendance.* The full report can be read by clicking on the link <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50233637>

**Candlelighters Fundraiser:** The Toddler group wish to express their heartfelt thanks for your support, it is very much appreciated. £938 was raised on the day! Further donations, including from the choir, take the total to £1088. Amazing!!! Thank you all.

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

#### Collections last weekend

**Envelopes:** £625.54      **Loose:** £650.63      **Standing Orders:** £1033.57      **Total:** £2309.74  
 Thank you