

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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Second Sunday of Advent



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Mass programme for the week 10 to 17 December 2023

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 9 Dec		6.15 pm	St Austin	Kenneth Button – A
Sun 10 Dec	2 nd 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
Mon 11 Dec	St Damasus	9.30 am	St Austin	Holy Souls
Tue 12 Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	
Wed 13 Dec	St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin's English Martyrs	
Thu 14 Dec	St John of the Cross	12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Trish Campbell Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 15 Dec		10.00 am	English Martyrs	Funeral Mass – Margaret Wilson RIP
Sat 16 Dec		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Margaret Wilson RIP
Sun 17 Dec	3 rd 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 Pro Populo Aida da Costa Geraldine Roberts

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

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. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be 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	4.30 pm

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

Candlelight Carol Service: A *9 Lessons and Carols* service, with plenty of opportunity to sing, will take place on Monday 18 December at 7.00 pm followed by a Christmas buffet in the parish centre. Please do come if you can to this traditional Christmas service.

Carol Singing: Churches Together in Wakefield invite everyone to their annual carol singing at 5.30 pm outside Sainsbury's (Trinity Walk) on Wednesday 13 December. Details are on the notice at the back of 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.

200 Club: Congratulations to our October winners - £200 Joan Helmsley and £50 Anna Ainsworth.

Wednesday Keep Fit and Thursday Singing for Pleasure have now closed for the Christmas Holiday and will be back on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th January.

Christmas Masses 2023:

Sunday 4th 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

200 Years of St Austin's, Wakefield – Date for your Diary: St Austin's Church was opened on 4 March 1828 but the planning began much earlier in 1824. As we start to prepare for our 200th anniversary we will be holding a small display and presentation on **Thursday 25 January 2024** doors open at 6.30 pm for refreshments and the display with the presentation from 7.00 to 7.30 pm. Free entry but any donations encouraged and will go toward the St Austin's Church Restoration Funds. Everyone is welcome.

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: £603.20 **Loose:** £515.70 **Standing Orders:** £1033.57 **Total:** £2152.47

Second Collection this weekend for Christmas Flowers

Thank you