

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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Third Sunday of Advent



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Mass programme for the week 17 to 24 December 2023

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 16 Dec		6.15 pm	St Austin	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
Mon 18 Dec		9.30 am 1.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List O'Brien & Elley Families (School Mass – all Welcome)
Tue 19 Dec		11.30 am 12 noon 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	NO MASS TODAY Funeral Mass – Patricia Eaton RIP Hubert Barber
Wed 20 Dec		10.30 am 12.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Vincent Donlan RIP Funeral Mass – Anna McKenna RIP
Thu 21 Dec		12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Harry Lewis - A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 22 Dec		10.30 am	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Irene Meregere RIP
Sat 23 Dec		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Mary Hepworth – A Anne Giblin
Sun 24 Dec	4 th Sunday of Advent <i>Christmas Eve</i>	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm 10.15 pm 11.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin St Austin St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo John Bartram Geraldine Roberts Carols Vigil Mass of Christmas Andrew Wright RIP Carols Christmas Mass in the Night Pro Populo

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

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.

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 November winners - £200 Rebecca Watson and £50 Anne Marie Granger

Wednesday Prayer and Praise and Thursday Club have now finished for Christmas. Parents and Toddlers will have their last session on Thursday and will then close for Christmas. Wednesday Club and Wednesday Prayer and Praise will both be back on 10th January, Parents and Toddlers, Thursday Club and Singing for Pleasure will all return on Thursday 11th January. *All the groups wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.*

Kevin Rafferty says: I would like to thank all those people who thought of me for my Birthday. People were very thoughtful and I was so pleased to get your messages – Thank You. I wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas. *Kevin>*

Christmas Masses 2023:

<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Sunday 24 December 8.00 am and 11.00 am St Austins, 9.30 am English Martyrs
<i>Christmas Day Masses</i>	Sunday 24 December 6.00 pm (Vigil of Christmas), 10.15 pm Carols, 11.00 pm – Mass in the Night, 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: Last Chance - 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: £514.50 **Loose:** £801.84 **Standing Orders:** £1033.57 **Total:** £2349.91
Thank you