

The Parish of St Austin and The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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Christmas Time



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Mass programme for the week 24 to 31 December 2023

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 23 Dec		6.15 pm	St Austin	Anne Giblin
Sun 24 Dec	<i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Nativity of The Lord</i>	8.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	John Bartram
		11.00 am	St Austin	Geraldine Roberts
		5.30 pm	St Austin	Carols
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Vigil Mass of Christmas Andrew Wright RIP
		10.15 pm 11.00 pm	St Austin St Austin	Carols Christmas Mass in the Night Pro Populo
Mon 25 Dec	<i>Christmas Day</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am	English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Maurice O'Shea
Tue 26 Dec	St Stephen	12 noon	St Austin	Anne Maloney
Wed 27 Dec	St John Apostle and Evangelist	10.30 am	English Martyrs	Rev Bernard & Anne Martin Int
		12 noon	St Austin	Joyce Gilroy Int
Thu 28 Dec	The Holy Innocents	12 noon	St Austin	Charles Hepworth - A
		7.30 pm	English Martyrs	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 29 Dec	St Thomas Becket	12 noon	St Austin	Mick & Bridget Lavin
Sat 30 Dec		9.30 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		6.15 pm	St Austin	Mary Dunford (North) - A John & Margeret North Wedding Anniversary
		7.00 pm	Chantry Chapel	Richard Duke of York
Sun 31 Dec	The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	8.00 am	St Austin	Jim Campbell A
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	O'Brien & Elley Families
		11.00 am	St Austin	Pope Benedict XVI RIP
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Pro Populo

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

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 January 2024 are 8 & 22 January 2024 all at the usual time of 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to this service of prayer and peace.

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

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Richard, Duke of York – killed at the Battle of Wakefield 30 December 1460 – will be celebrated by Fr Sean Crawley on Saturday 30 December at the Chantry Chapel in Wakefield at 7.00 pm. Mass will be in the traditional rite (extraordinary form).

Parents and Toddlers have donated £100 towards the Parish Restoration Fund and the Thursday Club have donated £50. Thanks to all for these generous donations.

Our 200 club is an excellent way of supporting our parish as well as members having a good chance of winning. Most recently prizes of £200 and £50 were won. Please contact Sharon to sign up. You have to be in it to win it!

Crib offerings are for Friends of the Holy Land – a charity which gives hope to support Christians in the Holy Land. Please be as generous as you can in these troubled times.

Christmas offerings, according to approved tradition, are a gift to the clergy.

A Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas is wished to everyone.

Please note: Prayer and Praise will return on 3 January 2024, not as previously mentioned on 10 January.

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.

Used Postage Stamps: Looking for somewhere to put all those used stamps received over the Christmas period? Please place them in the box in the narthex. Revenue from these will be used to support the Leprosy Mission.

Repository: Religious Cards and Gifts. 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: £646.16 Loose: £668.94 Standing Orders: £1033.57 Total: £2348.67
 Thank you