

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

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**4<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**



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### **Mass programme for the week 28 January to 4 February 2024**

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 27 Jan		6.15 pm	St Austin	Patricia Eaton RIP
Sun 28 Jan	Fourth Week in Ordinary Time	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Bernard & Anne Martin Michael Donoghue RIP Priest's Intention
Mon 29 Jan		9.30 am	St Austin	Paulina Talon RIP
Tue 30 Jan		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families Cyril Critchley Sick
Wed 31 Jan	St John Bosco	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	John Rayner Birthday A November Dead List
Thu 1 Feb		12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Maria Dimitry Int Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 2 Feb	Presentation of The Lord	10.00 am 11.30 am 7.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin	Funeral Service – Annie McGinley RIP Jane & Michael Clarke Int Bridget Doherty & Family Int
Sat 3 Feb		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Mass of Reparation Carole Ann West & Colette Kendall RIP
Sun 4 Feb	Fifth Week in Ordinary Time	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention David Brook A Anne Atkinson Sheila Ashton & Kevin Osborne 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)

**Novena:** The Novena dates for February and March 2024 are, 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. All at the usual time of 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome to this service of prayer and peace.

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.*

**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

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** The annual citywide Unity service will be at St Mary Magdalene's Church, Leeds Road, Outwood, Wakefield WF1 2DT today Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 4.00 pm. All are welcome.

**200 Years of St Austin's:** A fascinating presentation on the history of St Austin's Church by Dominic Gilroy given on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January in the Parish Rooms was enjoyed by a large number of parishioners who learned about the early days of the parish from 1823. A slide presentation accompanied by poster displays gave an insight into those times and the obstacles which were overcome to build the church 200 years ago. A book on the history of the Catholic church in Wakefield, written and researched by Dominic from the Reformation onwards, was also on sale. His presentation was very well received and requests were made to learn more about the history and growth of the Catholic church in Wakefield. Donations and profits from the book sale amounted to £160 – thanks for this generosity. But more especially thank you to Dominic for providing a fascinating evening enjoyed by so many and looking forward to the next time. Dominic's book will be available for sale shortly.

**Astar Dance school** will be holding the winter Dance Schools competition in the Parish Centre (rooms and theatre) on the weekend of **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February**. Please note the Centre will be closed for these two dates.

**Ash Wednesday** is on 14 February. Please bring back last year's palms and place them in the box at the back of church by Sunday **4<sup>th</sup> February**. The palms will then be burnt to make this year's ashes.

**Baptism Preparation Sessions:** We are setting up a series of baptism preparation sessions in the parish. Each session will cover the reason for baptism in scripture; the teaching of the Catholic church regarding the sacrament; what the church requires for a baptism to take place; and what happens on the day. The first session will take place on Saturday **10<sup>th</sup> of February**. Other dates are Saturday **13<sup>th</sup> April** and Saturday **1<sup>st</sup> June**. All commence at 2.00 pm in St Austin's Parish Centre. Also please note that we do not normally conduct baptisms during Lent which this year begins on 14 February and ends on 30 March. More information is available from Fr Chris on [Christopher.butler@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:Christopher.butler@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Film Club:** Our next film is "Mrs Harris Goes to Paris" starring Lesley Manville which tells the story of a widowed cleaning lady in 1950s London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress and decides that she must have one of her own. After the works, starves and gambles to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris which will change not only her own outlook but the very future of the House of Dior. Doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start in St Austin's Parish Centre on Wednesday **7<sup>th</sup> February**. No charge but donations encouraged for St Austin's Restoration Fund. All very welcome.

Calling all amateur sleuths. **St Austin's Players** are presenting **Murder on the Overnight Express**, a Murder Mystery drama by Patricia Gay on Friday **9<sup>th</sup> February** at 7.30pm in St Austin's Theatre. Door and cash only bar open from 7pm. Tickets are £12 and include a pie and peas supper which must be preordered. To book your place ring Joanna on 07740 679963. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Service of prayer for peace in the Holy Land** will be held at Wakefield Cathedral on Sunday **11<sup>th</sup> February** at 3.30 pm and will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome to this service which was organised by Bishop Tony, Fr Sean and others. For more information, please see the poster and leaflet in the narthex.

**Repository:** We have repositories in both churches which sell a range of cards, booklets and religious and devotional artefact to aid personal prayer and help celebrate various sacramental and seasonal events.

**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: £735.49

Loose: £703.22

Standing Orders: £933.69

Total: **2372.40**

Thank You