

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

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent**



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### **Mass programme for the week 25 February 2024 to 3 March**

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 24 Feb		6.15 pm	St Austin	John de Tute A
Sun 25 Feb	Second Sunday of Lent	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 Rene Pogado RIP Pat & Winnie McDonagh & Deceased Family
Mon 26 Feb		9.30 am 12 noon	St Austin English Martyrs	Phyllis O'Brien Birthday A Funeral Mass – Teresa Gordon RIP
Tue 27 Feb		11.30 am 12 noon 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Funeral Service – Stefan Gorol RIP Anne & Thomas A
Wed 28 Feb		9.30 am 9.45 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs English Martyrs	Angela Pearson RIP Stations of the Cross Anne Cooney Intentions
Thu 29 Feb		12 noon 7.30 pm 5.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin	Anthony Goodwin Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Reception of the body of Thomas Reynolds RIP
Fri 1 Mar	St David	<b>11.00 am</b> 11.00 am 7.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin	Funeral Mass Thomas Reynolds RIP World Day of Prayer Service Stations of the Cross and Benediction
Sat 2 Mar		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Mass of Reparation Priest's Intention
Sun 3 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Peter Noble Intentions Arthur Mmotosh 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](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resource.htm)

**Novena:** The Novena dates for March 2024 are 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> March. All at the usual time of 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcome .

**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

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.*

**World Day of Prayer** is on Friday 1 March 11.00 am at English Martyrs Church. This is a service for everyone, therefore everyone is welcome. The theme this year is "I beg you, bear with one another in love."

**Parish 200 Club:** Thank you to all members, new and old, who signed up and even paid-up last week. Someone mentioned that there used to be a waiting list to join the 200 club! Hopefully, we will have another waiting list soon and boost our parish funds. I will be in the Narthex again this weekend, God willing. *Sharon.*

**Film Club:** Our next film will be "Six Minutes to Midnight" released in 2020 which tells the story, based on fact, of a British finishing school for the daughters and goddaughters of the Nazi elite, in the late 1930s, just before the outbreak of the Second World War and is the story of what happens to them. We will show this film on Wednesday 6 March in the Parish Centre – doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start. No charge but donations welcome for St Austin's Refurbishment Fund. Everybody welcome.

**St Austins Choir are looking to recruit new singers.** The main role of the Choir is to provide music at the 11.00 am Mass each Sunday and at all the major liturgical feasts throughout the church year. In addition to the Choir also performs in concerts and recitals at various venues around the UK. There are places available in each of the four sections. Sight reading is not essential – just a willingness to learn new and old repertoire. Extra rehearsals and rehearsal sound files can be arranged to help with learning. There is no formal audition and if you are interested in joining the choir you are welcome to come and rehearse with us at church on Sunday evenings at 7.45 pm. Come and join a friendly and welcoming choir!. For more information visit our website, email [info@staustinschoir.com](mailto:info@staustinschoir.com) or telephone 07909 092383. Alternatively please speak to any of the priests in the parish.

**Offertory Giving:** At this time of the year we ask all parishioners to review their Offertory giving. The parish faces increasing financial challenges and we rely on your support and generosity to keep us thriving. We have a number of ways in which parishioners can contribute, loose cash or offertory envelopes in the collection, Standing Orders or via the Dona electronic system in the Narthex. Where parishioners use envelopes or standing orders, we are able to claim Gift Aid to enhance their contributions. If you currently use offertory envelopes they will last up to and including the weekend of 31 March. We will be distributing new offertory envelopes from the weekend of 2/3 March for the coming financial year. If you would like to use envelopes, please contact Nial on [niallodonn@aol.com](mailto:niallodonn@aol.com) or Barbara on 01924 825070. As always, many thanks to all who contribute so generously.

**The Youth Club** will meet again on Friday 15 March from 6.00 to 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre. All ages welcome from 7 years upwards. Do come – make friends, play games and eat pizza! If you have not been before please pick up one of the white envelopes marked "Youth Club" in the narthex and complete the enclosed documents before you arrive. All very welcome – don't miss out!"

**Lay Chaplain Vancy:** St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School seeks to appoint a practicing catholic to join the team as Lay Chaplain. Salary Grade7SCP19 to SCP 23 £29,777 - £32,076 (pro rata for term time plus 5 days). **Closing date 26/02/24.** Interview date: 18/03/24. For more details visit <https://careers.bkcat.co.uk/job.515638>.

**St Austin's Restoration Fund:** £1000 donation has been received. Many thanks for this extreme generosity.

**A Catholic History of Wakefield.** Copies of this book, which was launched at the recent 200 years of St Austin's event in January, are now available for sale direct via Amazon priced at £10 with all author royalties going to St Austin's Restoration Fund. Alternatively, you can order your copy by adding your name to the list in the Repository shop at the back of St Austin's church or by emailing [dpfgilroy@hotmail.com](mailto:dpfgilroy@hotmail.com).

**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:** £538.16      **Loose:** £675.28      **Standing Orders:** £933.69      **Total:** 2147.13  
**Thank You**