

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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23rd Week in Ordinary Time

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Mass Programme for the Week 7 September to 15 September 2024

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 7 September		6.15 pm	St Austin	Margaret North RIP
Sun 8 September	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Thanksgiving Peter Cichocki RIP Priest's Intention Priest's Intention
Mon 9 September		9.30 am 2.30 pm 6.00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin	Margaret Dunn Anniv Funeral Mass – Bridget Proctor Reception of the body of Dr Laurie Burns KC*SG RIP
Tue 10 September		11.30 am 1 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	No Mass today Funeral Mass – Dr Laurie Burns KC*SG RIP
Wed 11 September		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List Eucharistic Service
Thu 12 September	The Most Holy Name of Mary	12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Margaret North RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 13 September	St John Chrysostom	12 noon	St Austin	Special Intention
Sat 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9.30 am 6.15pm	St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Mike & Joyce Starford – 60 th Marriage Anniv
Sun 15 September	24 th Sunday 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 Peter Cichocki RIP November Dead List Priest's Intention

Confessions: Saturday 10.00 to 11.00 am and 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Wednesday Word is on the Parish web site and at www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resource.htm

Novena: Forthcoming dates are 16th and 30th September. All start at 7pm and all are 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 between 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.

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

The History of St Austin's Church – following a fascinating presentation by Dominic Gilroy on the early years of the establishment of the Catholic Church in Wakefield in the Parish Centre on 27 June, a book is now for sale entitled "A History of St Austin's Church, Wakefield 1828-1931 originally written and dedicated to Dennis McKniff but now updated by Dominic to include further interesting research. This is on sale in the Repository price £10 and all profits will be donated to St Austin's Bicentennial Restoration Fund.

Film Club: Will meet again on **Wednesday 11th September** (note date) in the Parish Centre, doors open at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Details of our next film are on display in the narthex and in the parish centre. Details can also be obtained by joining the Film Club WhatsApp group on 07963740575 and we will add your name to the distribution list. No admission charge but donations welcome for St Austin's refurbishment Fund. All welcome. Bring and friend!

Singing for Pleasure: The Singing for Pleasure group has donated £400.00 to St Austins Restoration fund. We look forward to welcoming new and old members as we resume again this week. Thank you to all members for your continuing support.

Guitar Lessons: Learn to play the Guitar the Ensemble Way. Learn to read music and play the classical guitar in a group. Adult beginners – never played before – here is your opportunity. In the parish rooms at St Austin's on Tuesday evenings, 6.30 – 8.30pm. Starting September 10th, 2024. Further information from Kevin Bolton on 07963045199.

Alpha Course: Starts at English Martyrs Centre every **Thursday, beginning 19th Sept**, 7pm – 8.30pm approx. Alpha explores Christianity in an informal, relaxed atmosphere. It's for anyone interested, whether wanting to know a little more or enjoying the company. We relax with light refreshments, watch a video and then chat in a very non-threatening way. Come and see – and bring a friend who wants to know more. See Mary Matthews or Deacon Bernard for more information.

Sacramental preparation 2024/25: Children should make their first Confession in year 3, First Holy Communion in year 4 and Confirmation in year 6. Children need to have made their first Confession before they can prepare for First Holy Communion. There will be meetings for parents as follows: for first Confession on Tuesday 10th September, for Confirmation on Thursday 12th September, and for first Holy Communion on Tuesday 3rd December, all at 7pm in St Austin's Parish Centre. Attendance is essential. Details of the preparation will be given at the meetings. First confession will be celebrated in December, Confirmation in early 2025, and First Holy Communion after Easter 2025. If you are interested in helping with any of the Sacramental Preparation courses, please speak to Fr Sean or Beccy or Cindy Hamill.

Diocesan 40 Hours Eucharistic Adoration: As part of the Year of Prayer and Preparation for next year's Jubilee of Hope, the Bishops of England & Wales will celebrate a Eucharistic Congress on Saturday 14 September 2024 at Saint Mary's College, Oscott, which will be held simultaneously with Adoration in our own parishes.

Heritage Open Days at Leeds Cathedral: The Cathedral is taking part in these free events on Saturday 7 September (2.00pm start), Wednesday 11 September (1.15pm start) & Saturday 14 September (2.00pm start), when there will be guided tours, the option to visit the bell tower and a short organ recital. All welcome

Annual Mass for Altar Servers: The Annual Mass for Altar Servers, organised by the Archconfraternity of St Stephen, will take place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 5 October 2024 at 2:30pm and will be celebrated by His Eminence Vincent Cardinal Nichols. All altar servers and their families are invited to attend. For more information: <https://www.guildofststephen.org/events/national-serversmass>

Parish Music Workshops: The Diocesan Music Department invite parish musicians to a free workshop focusing on preparing for the new translation of the lectionary. Sunday 6 October 2024, 2-4pm, Wheeler Hall at Leeds Cathedral. All welcome. Please book by contacting office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk or 0113 244 8634. The Music Department is also always happy to provide advice to parish priests and musicians when requested. Please contact the Music Office to arrange a meeting.

Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday): Next weekend there will be a **Second collection** at all Masses for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. The funds raised directly support the work of the Bishops' Department for Evangelisation and Catechesis, served by one full-time Home Mission staff member.

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.

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

Envelopes: £ 506.43 **Loose:** £790.34 **Standing Orders:** £1,116.11 **Total: £2412.88**