

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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29th Week in Ordinary Time

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Mass Programme for the Week 19 October to 27 October 2024

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 19 October		6.15 pm	St Austin	Alberto Pereirade Magalhaes- B'day Anniv
Sun 20 October	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin St Austin	Margaret North RIP Phoebe Campbell – Thanksgiving John & Amelia D'Cruz RIP Rosary & Benediction Pro Populo
Mon 21 October		9.30 am	St Austin	November Dead List
Tue 22 October	St John Paul II, Pope	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Margaret North RIP
Wed 23 October		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List Eucharistic Service
Thu 24 October		12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 25 October		12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Sat 26 October	Mass of Our Lady	9.30 am 6.15pm	St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Lionel (Leo) Osmund – B'day Anniv
Sun 27 October	30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Norman Hazell – 2nd Anniv. November Dead List Rosary & Benediction 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 28th October, 11th & 25th November, 9th & 23rd December. 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.

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.

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

History of St Austin's Church: Thanks to all who have supported the historical displays and talks over the past 9 months and for those who have purchased copies of 'A Catholic History of Wakefield' or 'A History of St Austin's Church Wakefield'. Together we have raised £700 so far for St Austin's Bicentennial Restoration Fund – Thank you! Both books are still available at the repository for £10.

Food Collection: Fr Sean recently had a conversation with a friend of his who works for Wakefield Council. They are working with people who are struggling for food and other basic necessities and they don't have the means to support them. I would like to begin an ongoing collection of non-perishable food and toiletries which can then be sent to organisations which help those in need. Please just bring anything you would like to offer to Mass.

St Austin's Players: Tickets are now on sale for our latest production, Last Tango in Little Grimley and Last Panto in Little Grimley, two one-act comedies by David Tristram. 21st, 22nd and 23rd November in St Austin's Theatre. Tickets are £10 and are available by ringing Irene on 07790481061, visiting our website: www.staustinsplayers.co.uk, filling in a flier or scanning the QR code on the poster or flier. Doors open at 7pm for at 7:30pm start.

Fr Chris Butler: Fr Chris will be returning for his postponed farewell Mass and presentation on Wednesday 30th October. Mass at St Austin's at 6.30pm followed by buffet. All welcome!

Parish Centre: The Parish Centre at St Austin's will be closed on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th October when we are pleased to welcome back Astar Dance School for their Autumn Dance School competitions.

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme has been essential to funding the repairs and improvements of listed churches for many years and St Austin's is, of course, a listed building. The Scheme allows for the recovery of VAT on these important projects. The Scheme is reviewed annually as part of the Government's Budget process and is to be reviewed in March 2025. If the Scheme is not renewed, this will have a considerable financial impact on the viability of any listed church projects - and we of course are planning repairs and renovations to mark the Bicentennial of St Austin's in 2028. It is vital that we communicate to the Government the importance of this Scheme. The Bishops' Conference Patrimony Committee have set up an e-campaign so that people can easily send a (pre-written) letter to their local MPs in support of continuing the Scheme. There is very little time to mobilise this before the Budget on 30 October 2024. We are asking as many parishioners as possible to send letters to their MP. The link below will automatically populate your MPs details based on your postcode. Parishioners can choose to use generic text in the link or they can easily personalise the letter. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme/>

Sacramental preparation 2024/25: The courses of preparation for children in year 3 (or older) for first Confession, and for children in year 6 (or older) for Confirmation have now begun. There will be a meeting for parents of children in year 4 (or older) who are to make their first Holy Communion next spring in St Austin's Parish Centre on Tuesday 3rd December, 7pm. Your child must have already made their first Confession to be enrolled on this course. Details of the course will be shared at this meeting. Attendance is essential.

St Austin's Choir are looking to recruit new singers. The main role of the choir is to provide music for the 11am Mass each Sunday and the major feasts of the year. In addition, the choir also performs concerts and recitals at various venues around the UK. Sight-reading is not essential – just a willingness to learn new and old repertoire. No formal audition. Just come to rehearsals on Sundays at 7:45pm. For more information, visit the website, email info@staustinschoir.com or tel: 07909092383. Come and join a friendly and welcoming choir!

November Dead List: Envelopes are now available for the November Dead List. Please write the names of those you wish to be remembered at November Dead List Masses throughout the year ahead and enclose them in the envelope together with your offering. They can be returned to the priest or the presbytery.

Notre Dame Sixth Form College, Leeds, Open Day: For those in years 10 and 11 and their parents. Saturday 23rd November, 9:30am – 1pm. Further details and registration: www.notredamecoll.ac.uk.

Blessing of Graves: Fr Sean will be at Wakefield Cemetery (Sugar Lane, New Side) for the annual blessing of graves on Sunday 3rd November, 2:30pm. All welcome

11am Altar Servers Parents' Meeting: I would be grateful if the 11am altar servers and their parents could attend a very short meeting in the sacristy after the 11am Mass today. Thank you!

Changes to the timetable: There will be no Prayer and Praise on 30th October to allow for attendance at Fr Chris's farewell Mass.

African & Caribbean Mass & Healing Service: Leeds Cathedral, Sunday 27th October 2024. 1:00pm: Healing Service, Exposition and Rosary; 1.30pm: Holy Mass. There will be reception after mass at wheeler hall.

Envelopes: £ 599.70 Loose: £772.61 Standing Orders: £1,116.11 Total: £2488.42

Thank you! Second collection this weekend for World Mission Sunday.

