

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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Feast of Christ The King

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Mass Programme for the Week 23 November to 1 December 2024

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 23 November		6.15 pm	St Austin	Patricia Eaton – 1 st Anniversary
Sun 24 November	Christ The King	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Peggy Massarella RIP Anne Lowrie & Cassidy Family Pro Populo Priest's Intention
Mon 25 November	St Catherine of Alexandria	9.30am	St Austin	November Dead List
Tue 26 November		11.30 am	English Martyrs	Ann Lowrie & Smith Family
Wed 27 November		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	Betty Scott RIP Thanksgiving – Monica Akhirebhu
Thu 28 November		11am 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Irene Loughlin RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 29 November		12 noon	St Austin	Mary Massarella RIP
Sat 30 November	St Andrew	9.30 am 6.15pm	St Austin St Austin	November Dead List John Bartram RIP
Sun 1 December	1 st Sunday of Advent	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	Priest's Intention Anne Lowrie & Valley Family Mary O'Shea – 90th Birthday Vespers & Benediction Priest's Intention

NOTE: NO EVENING MASS AT ST AUSTINS ON TUESDAY THIS WEEK

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 25th November, 9th & 23rd December. All start at 7pm and all are welcome.

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.

Silence before Mass. Please ensure mobile phones are switched off and, as far as possible, observe a period of silence. This is a precious time for people to pray and prepare spiritually for the Holy Mass.

Bulletins: Items for the Bulletin can be emailed to office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or posted through the Presbytery door, before 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

Visitation by Bishop Marcus: This will be on Sunday 8th December. Bishop Marcus will celebrate Mass at English Martyrs at the slightly earlier time of 9:15am and at St Austin's at the slightly later time of 11:15am. All other Masses are unchanged.

Fr Chris Butler: His induction Mass as Parish Priest will take place at St Urban's, Grove Rd, Headingley on Tuesday 26th November at 7pm. All are welcome. A coach will leave St Austin's at 5:45pm and return from Headingley at 9pm. Cost just £10 per person. Please let one of the priests know if you would like to reserve a space or alternatively email office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.co.uk or message/WhatsApp the Parish mobile – 07714 944587

Repository: New stock items and Christmas Cards are now available Saturday 16th November. Please support your parish. Copies of both 'A Catholic History of Wakefield' and 'A History of St Austin's Church Wakefield' also remain available priced at £10 each.

Charity Collection: Thank you to everyone who continues to donate to this worthy cause. The donations, managed by Wakefield MDC are shared between CAP and a local domestic abuse charity. The focus for the next few weeks has changed to Christmas gift ideas for boys and girls, such as games, sweets, stationary, books, pyjamas etc. These can be left in bags in the large black box near the confessional.

English Martyrs Primary School & Nursery are having an open Day for Nursery & Reception 2025 starters on Tuesday 26th November at 9.30am. This is a great opportunity to visit our school to see all that it has to offer your little one. The Open Day is a flexible, drop-in event. Attendees are free to arrive anytime within the 1.5-hour duration.

Restoration Fund: We are very fortunate in the Parish to have our own "composer in residence" - Paul Granger. The choir often sing Paul's music at Mass and in recitals. He has produced a CD of his sacred music which is now in the repository priced at just £5. Paul is kindly donating a percentage of profits to the restoration fund.

Brass for YAS: Lofthouse 2000 Brass Band charity Christmas concert for the West Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity. St Austin's Theatre Saturday 30th November 7.30pm. Tickets £8, See notice board for details. Tickets from lofthousebrassband.org.uk or pay on the door. A great evening of music is guaranteed!

Advent Sycamore reflections: There will be an opportunity to reflect on four themes during Advent Thursday evenings at English Martyrs Centre from 7pm, beginning on 28th November. We begin with a cuppa and nibbles with film and a chat. The focus of these sessions is on our search for God in life, in prayer, and how God reaches out to us in history and through the Bible. All very welcome.

Assisted Suicide: Postcards from a disability campaign group called "Not Dead Yet UK" are available at the back of church. These postcards ask MPs to vote against the legalisation of assisted suicide in the parliamentary vote on 29th November. Please do take one and send it to your MP.

First Holy Communion: There will be a Parent Meeting on Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm. Children need to be in Year 4 and above. In addition, your child must have completed their first confession (sacrament of reconciliation) in order to be enrolled on the course. Attendance at this meeting is essential.

Film Club: we will meet again on Wednesday 4 December for our Christmas film and party afterwards. Details of the film are on notices in the narthex and parish centre and are also available from the Film Club WhatsApp group to which everyone is invited to be included. Please text Anne on 07963 740575 and she will include you in the chat. We will decorate the centre that morning from about 10 30 am and you would be more than welcome to help. In any case we look forward to our Christmas film and party afterwards to which you are all welcome but wear something RED. Please note the earlier start time of 6 30 pm. No charge – but donations welcome for St Austin's bicentennial refurbishment fund.

Missals: As everyone will be aware, new missals will be used from the beginning of advent. For personal use, a Sunday missal is available now through the Catholic Truth Society www.ctsbooks.org The daily missal is not available until April 2025. There are daily readings etc available to smartphones and tablets through www.universalis.com

St Austin's School: The next open day tours for prospective parents will Wednesday 27th November at 11am and Thursday 28th November at 9:30am and 1:30pm. Please contact school to book a place or for more information.

Scaffolding: Unfortunately this will be in place for another couple of weeks whilst urgent roof repairs are completed, along with work to eradicate the dreadful damp in the Lady Chapel. We appreciate this makes both disabled access and access for anyone with prams or pushchairs to the Parish Centre difficult; and will ensure it is removed as soon as possible after the works are completed. It is of course important to ensure the Church is watertight before we consider any work to celebrate the bi-centenary.

Parking: The car park behind the Presbytery is very small but over used. If visiting the church offices or rooms, please park on Wentworth Terrace. Any parking charges can be reimbursed. There is also free parking on the street next to the College Inn. We rent out spaces in our car park to local residents which raises vital income for the Parish. More importantly, it is vital that the clergy can exit the car park at all times without delay, for example for an urgent hospital call.

Envelopes: £ 522.75 Loose: £736.97 Standing Orders: £1067.72 Total: £2327.44

Thank You!

Second Collection this weekend – Diocesan Youth Service