

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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1st Sunday of Advent

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Mass Programme for the Week 30 November to 8 December 2024

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 30 November		6.15 pm	St Austin	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
Mon 2 December	St Ralph Sherwin & Comps	11.00 am	St Austin	Frank Chappell – Anniversary
Tue 3 December	St Francis Xavier	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin's	Anne Lowrie & Quinn Family Patrick O'Connell & Kathleen Crawley RIP
Wed 4 December		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	NO MASS O'Brien & Elley Families
Thu 5 December		12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Ivy Mellor Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Fri 6 December	St Nicholas	12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Sat 7 December	St Ambrose	9.30 am 12 noon 6.15pm	St Austin St Austin St Austin	Reparation to The Immaculate Heart Nuptial Mass – Cajetan & Mary Uguru Kenneth Button – Anniversary
Sun 8 December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	8.00 am 9.15 am 11.15 am 5.00 pm 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Fr Michael Nealon – Anniversary & Pro Populo Bishops Intention, Thanksgiving (Pagdanganan Family) & Thanksgiving (Rosena Pogado & Pogado Family) Vespers & Benediction Caroline Dalziel - Anniversary

NOTE: SLIGHT CHANGE OF SUNDAY MASS TIMES

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.*

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

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.

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.

Catholic Post: We have taken a trial run of this publication. This is a national Catholic newspaper as opposed to the previous Diocese of Leeds newspaper of the same name. If there is sufficient interest we will be happy to continue with it. The suggested donation is £1 per copy which can be placed in the wall safe next to the stairs to the organ loft at St Austin's. At English Martyrs, donations can be placed in the box at the back of church

Repository: This is a vital source of income for the Parish and stocks a wide range of items, ranging from cards covering all occasions, bottles for holy water, candles, rosary beads etc. In addition, copies of both 'A Catholic History of Wakefield' and 'A History of St Austin's Church Wakefield' remain available priced at £10 each. More Christmas cards are on their way and will be available next weekend. It is often difficult to find quality Christmas cards of a religious nature in the shops therefore buying from church is an excellent way of supporting the Parish.

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.

Diocesan Year Book: These are now available from the repository priced at £5. We have to buy these from the Diocese hence the charge.

Advent Retreat: You are invited to start your Advent in the best possible way with the Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal at Ss Peter and Paul's Wakefield. Sunday 8th December, from 2pm until 6pm. The event will include music, talks, discussion time, refreshments, Adoration and the opportunity for Eucharistic healing. Confessions will also be available.

Thank You!! We have had a very generous anonymous donation of £1000 to the restoration fund. Bearing in mind the current roof repairs this is perfect timing. Thank you.

Leeds Cathedral Day of Reconciliation is on Tuesday 17 December 7am – 7pm. There will be priests available to hear confessions along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day.

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: 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

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.

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.

Envelopes: £ 457.70 **Loose:** £700.59 **Standing Orders:** £1067.72 **Total: £2226.01**
Diocesan Youth Service: £267.29
Thank You!