

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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2nd Sunday of Advent

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Mass Programme for the Week 7 December to 15 December 2024

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 7 December		6.15 pm	St Austin	Kenneth Button – Anniversary
Sun 8 December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	8.00 am	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
		<u>9.15 am</u>	English Martyrs	
		<u>11.15 am</u>	St Austin	
		5.00 pm	St Austin	
Mon 9 December	Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00 pm	St Austin	
		9.30 am	St Austin	Margaret Barraclough RIP
Tue 10 December	Our Lady of Loreto	<u>9.30 am</u>	English Martyrs	Anne Lowrie RIP
		6.30 pm	St Austin's	Denis Clare RIP
Wed 11 December		9.30 am	St Austin	Pauline Ramsden – Sick
		10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 12 December		<u>11.00 am</u>	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Maureen Denton RIP
		7.30 pm	English Martyrs	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Fri 13 December	St Lucy	12 noon	St Austin	Margaret North – Birthday Anniversary
Sat 14 December	St John of the Cross	9.30 am	St Austin	Fr Jude Mukoro – Ordination Anniversary
		6.15 pm	St Austin	Hubert Barber - Anniversary
Sun 15 December	2 nd Sunday of Advent	8.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo O'Brien & Elley Families Ejarkpovi's Family Vespers & Benediction Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	
		11.00 am	St Austin	
		5.00 pm	St Austin	
		6.00 pm	St Austin	

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 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.

Christmas: Mass times are confirmed as below:

St Austin's – Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil; 11pm (Midnight Mass) with carols at 10:15pm; Christmas Day 10:30am

English Martyrs – 9:30am

There will be a service of Carols & Readings on Friday 20th December at 7pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

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. **New stock of Christmas Cards has arrived!!** 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, stationery, books, pyjamas etc. These can be left in bags in the large black box near the confessional.

200 Club: Congratulations to our lucky November winners. £200 to Michael O'Neill (No 5) and £50 to Maureen Doonan (No 152). You have to be in it to win it!! Plenty of spaces for new members – contact Sharon on sekatema@outlook.com

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.

Ministry of Reading: We are actively seeking new volunteers to add to the reading rota for Mass. Coaching and guidance is available to anyone who would like it. Do you have a strong, clear voice and could assist in this essential Ministry? Please add your details to the list in the Narthex at St Austin's or speak to any of the priests after Mass at either church.

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.

Church Cleaning for Christmas: Volunteers are requested to come and assist in cleaning of the church - there is plenty to do! Please come along to either session to help, even if you only have an hour to spare. Many hands make light work! We will give the Church a thorough clean on **Saturday 14th between 10am -12 noon**; and then a quick final spruce up on **Saturday 21st at 10am**. Please help if you can, it is so important that God's House is shown at its best for this great feast of the Church.

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 week or so 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: £ 562.71 Loose: £894.64 Standing Orders: £1068.88 Total: £2526.23

Thank You!