

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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3rd Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

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Mass Programme for the Week 14 December to 22 December 2024

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 14 December		6.15 pm	St Austin	Hubert Barber - Anniversary
Sun 15 December	3 rd 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	Pro Populo O'Brien & Elley Families Ejakpovi's Family Vespers & Benediction Priest's Intention
Mon 16 December	Dedication Day	9.30 am	St Austin	Dr John & Betty O'Brien
Tue 17 December		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin's	November Dead List Steven Robert Welsh RIP
Wed 18 December		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Anne Martin – 70 th Birthday (with school)
Thu 19 December		12 noon 7.30 pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Thanksgiving – Yeomans Family & Barrie RIP Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament
Fri 20 December		12 noon 7.00 pm	St Austin St Austin	Deceased Family of D Cormack Service of Lessons & Carols
Sat 21 December		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Harry Lewis - Anniversary
Sun 22 December	4 th 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 Kathleen Keough – Anniversary Mary Hepworth Vespers & Benediction Prop Populo

PLEASE NOTE NO MASS AT ST AUSTIN'S ON WEDNESDAY MORNING

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: Last one of the year will be 23rd December. 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.*

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 in St Austin's Church followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Centre.

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.

Christmas: Mass times are:

St Austin's – Christmas Eve 5pm Vigil with carols from 4:30pm; 11pm (Midnight Mass) with carols from 10:15pm; Christmas Day 10:30am;

English Martyrs – 9:30am Christmas Day

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

Donation: Many thanks to the Parents & Toddlers Group who have kindly donated £100 to the Church Restoration Fund. They have plenty of space for new members, all ages from 4 weeks to 4 years are welcome. Why not pop down after Christmas and join the fun?

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: The 200 club is a great way to contribute to Parish funds. For just £2 per month, you stand a chance of winning £50 or £200 every month. Our aim is 250 members paying £24 per year which would mean a donation to the Parish of £3000 every year!! Please consider joining by filling in a form at the back of church or emailing Sharon on sekatema@outlook.com Plenty of spaces for new members.

Christingle Service: English Martyrs school will be leading this in the church on Friday 20th December at 2pm. All welcome.

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.

Churches Together in Wakefield will be singing carols outside Sainsburys at Trinity Walk on Thursday Dec 19th, for an hour from 6pm. Everyone welcome!

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: We continue to battle the leaks in the roof and therefore the scaffolding will have to remain for another few weeks. We fully appreciate how difficult this makes access to the Parish Centre and are doing everything possible to get work completed. This is a very expensive process and any donations to the restoration fund would be greatly appreciated.

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: £ 547.71 Loose: £649.51 Standing Orders: £989.25 Total: £2186.47

Second Collection this week for Christmas Flowers

Thank You!