

# THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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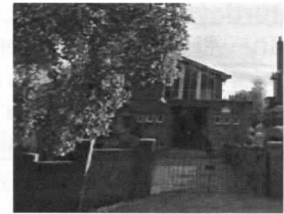
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## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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## Mass Programme for the Week 21 December to 29 December 2024

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 21 December		6.15 pm	St Austin	Harry Lewis - Anniversary
Sun 22 December	4 <sup>th</sup> 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 Pro Populo
Mon 23 December		9.30 am	St Austin	Noble Ejakpovi & Other Intentions
Tue 24 December		11.30 am <b>5.00 pm</b> <b>11.00pm</b>	English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Andrew Wright Anniversary Maria & David Willis, Joyce Gilroy Intentions & Aida Da Costa Birthday Anniversary
Wed 25 December	<b>The Nativity of The Lord</b>	<b>9.30 am</b> <b>10.30am</b>	English Martyrs St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families Patrick O'Connell & Kathleen Crawley RIP
Thu 26 December	St Stephen	12 noon	St Austin	Jim & Sheila Ashton RIP
Fri 27 December	St John	12 noon	St Austin	Eileen Morton RIP
Sat 28 December	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Angelina Rosalejos – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Charles Hepworth Anniversary
Sun 29 December	The Holy Family	8.00 am 9.30 am  11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs  St Austin St Austin	Margaret Tuck RIP Sheila (RIP) & Francis Whitworth – Wedding Anniversary Pro Populo Barry Lodge RIP

**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](http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/resource.htm)

**Novena:** Last one of the year will be 23<sup>rd</sup> December. Start at 7pm and all are welcome. 2025 dates are: January – 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>; February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; March 3<sup>rd</sup>; 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>

**Please note – there will be carols led by our Parish musicians before the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve starting at 4:30pm (Mass at 5pm) and before the Mass in the night starting at 10:15pm (Mass at 11pm)**

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](mailto: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.

**Thank you** to St Austin's Players for a donation of £1000 to the church restoration fund. This will help with essential repairs to the roof.

**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.

**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. All donations can be left in bags in the large black box near the confessional.

**200 Club:** Congratulations to our December winners. Richard Melican (no 243) wins £200 and David & Maria Wright (no 249) win £50. Just in time for Christmas! The 200 club is a great way to contribute to Parish funds. For just £2 per month, you stand a chance of winning £200 or £50 every month. Our aim is 250 members paying just £2 per month, 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](mailto:sekatema@outlook.com) Plenty of spaces for new members.

**Commencement of the Jubilee Holy Year 2025:** The Holy Father Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, marking the beginning of the Jubilee Year, the theme for which is Pilgrims of Hope. In every Diocese across the world, the beginning of the Jubilee Year is to be marked by the celebration of Mass in each Cathedral on 29 December 2024. Bishop Marcus will celebrate the 11:00 Mass at Leeds cathedral on that day.

**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.

**Christ is Alive Catholic Charismatic Renewal:** There will be a cross-over night on New Years Eve at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Chapeltown, Leeds, LS7 4BZ, UK from 10.30 pm 2024 - 1.00 am 2025. Join us as we bade farewell to 2024 and herald 2025 with Holy Mass by 00.05 am of 01/01/2025. All are invited.

**Christmas Offerings:** As it traditional, the Christmas offerings are a gift to the clergy from the Parish to thank them for their ministry over the year.

**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](http://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](http://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.

**Fr Sean, Fr Noble and Fr Jude wish all parishioners a happy and holy festive season with every blessing for Christmas.**

**Envelopes: £ 467.25    Loose: £931.95    Standing Orders: £989.25    Total: £2387.85**  
**Second Collection for Christmas Flowers: £306.42**  
**Thank You!**