

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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Mass Programme for the Week 28 December 2024 to 5 January 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 28 December		6.15 pm	St Austin	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
Mon 30 December		9.30 am	St Austin	Fr Noble Joseph CST – Ordination Anniversary
Tue 31 December		11.30 am	English Martyrs	November Dead List
Wed 1 January	Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	12 noon	St Austin	Colin Croxall – B'day Anniversary
Thu 2 January	St Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen	12 noon	St Austin	Peter Murray RIP
Fri 3 January	The Most Holy name of Jesus	12 noon	St Austin	Deceased D'Cruz & Dos Remedios Families
Sat 4 January		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Reparation to The Immaculate Heart Kateryna Spiwak RIP
Sun 5 January	The Epiphany of The Lord	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Peter Kennedy RIP & Una Martin (sick) Jim Campbell Pro Populo Priest's Intentions

Note – No Mass at St Austin's on Tuesday evening and no Mass at English Martyrs 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: 2025 dates are: January – 6th & 20th; February 3rd & 17th; March 3rd; 17th & 31st

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.*

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

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.

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: This 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 Plenty of spaces for new members.

Thank you to all Parishioners for your generous Christmas offerings. As it traditional, these are a gift to the clergy from the Parish to thank them for their ministry over the year.

Commencement of the Jubilee Holy Year 2025: The Holy Father Pope Francis opened 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.

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.

International Mass: Advance notice that this will be on Saturday 18th of January at 12:45pm in English Martyrs Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

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.

Richard, Duke of York: As every year, a Traditional Latin Mass will be offered in the Chantry Chapel for the repose of the soul of Richard, Duke of York. This takes place on the anniversary of his death in the Battle of Wakefield on 30th December at 7pm. The Mass will be a full sung Requiem. All are very welcome.

Missals: As everyone will be aware, new missals are now in use. For personal purposes, 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 those with smartphones and tablets through www.universalis.com

Scaffolding: Whilst slow, I am delighted to report we are making progress! The repairs to the roof over the Baptistry, back of the Sanctuary and the entrance to the Theatre are now complete and we can move on to addressing the terrible damp in the Lady Chapel. This does mean 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.

Congratulations are due to Paul Granger. As many of you will know, Paul is an accomplished composer as well as being a valued member of St Austin's Choir and our Parish. We have enjoyed many of Paul's compositions over the last few years both during Mass and in recitals, but he has now cast his net further, winning a prestigious Christmas Carol competition in London. His piece was commissioned by The London Choral Sinfonia and premiered at their concert at Smith Square London on 21st December. Paul & Ann-Marie were of course invited as guests of honour to the premiere. Well done Paul!

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.

Fr Sean, Fr Noble and Fr Jude thank all parishioners for their kind words, cards and gifts for Christmas and wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Envelopes: £ 582.70 Loose: £705.80 Standing Orders: £989.25 Total: £2277.75
Thank You!