

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

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## The Baptism of The Lord

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## Mass Programme for the Week 11 January to 19 January 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 11 January		6.15 pm	St Austin	Mary O'Shea – 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday
Sun 12 January	<b>The Baptism of The Lord</b>	8.00 am	St Austin	Sobrina Harrison
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Campbell Family
		11.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intentions
Mon 13 January	St Hilary – Bishop & Doctor of the Church	9.30 am	St Austin	Timothy Griffin RIP
Tue 14 January		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Eucharistic Service Peter Murray RIP
Wed 15 January		9.30 am <b>1.45 pm</b>	St Austin English Martyrs	N Burgin, M McEnerney, P & E Parker, M & P Dooley RIP <b>Funeral Service – Gerald O'Rourke RIP</b>
Thu 16 January		12 noon	St Austin	Rev Fr Francis Maple OFM Cap
Fri 17 January	St Anthony - Abbot	12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Sat 18 January	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Patrick Reddington – Anniversary Priest's Intention
Sun 19 January		8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Colin Croxall - Anniversary Pauline pilmer - Sick Priest's Intentions Priest's Intentions

**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:** 2025 dates are: January 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>

There will be Holy Rosary at St Austin's after the 12 noon Mass on Fridays and at English Martyrs 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.*

**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.

**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](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

**Men's Group:** The next meeting will take place at English Martyrs Hall on Wednesday 15th January 7.45 for 8.00.

**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.

**History of Catholic education in the City of Wakefield:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January sees the third in our series of talks to celebrate the forthcoming 200th Anniversary of St. Austin's church. This will focus on St. Austin's School and the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul. These dedicated women helped educate generations of Wakefield's children for over a hundred years and had a huge impact on many in the city. Display opens 6:30 with a presentation at 7:00 in the parish centre at St. Austin's church. The evening will also see the launch of the republished history "The Men of St. Austin's Wakefield Who Served in World War 1". Copies available on the night, from Amazon, or St. Austin's repository after 30th January.

**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](mailto:sekatema@outlook.com). Plenty of spaces for new members.

**Catholic Post:** We are now in the second month of our trial run. 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.

**Season of Christmas:** As this does not end in the Church's calendar until the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Crib will remain in place for devotion until then.

**Ministry of Reading:** We are still 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.

**Catholic Care Vacancy:** Mental Health Outreach Support Worker, £24,404 - £25,584 pro rata. 23 hours per week. Based in Leeds. For further details and how to apply please visit <http://www.catholic-care.org.uk/recruit/latest-vacancies/> or email your CV to [recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk)

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity there are two Lunchtime Services at 12.30 followed by a light lunch. The first is on Monday 20th in St Austin's Church Rooms and the second on Wednesday January 22nd at St James' Church Thornes, Denby Dale Rd, WF2 8EB. The United Service will take place on Sunday 26th at 4pm at Sandal Methodist Church, 253 Barnsley Road WF1 5NU.

**Open information session on the Diaconate:** Are you inquisitive about the Ministry of a Deacon? Then you are invited to attend an open Information session at Hinsley Hall on Saturday 8 February, 10.30am – 12pm. For more information and to register please contact [david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:david.arblaster@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**Christmas Cards:** There are still a few in the narthex which have not been collected. Please do have a look after Mass in case there are any for you, or people that you know that you could pass on. The area will be cleared after Sunday evening Mass next weekend (12<sup>th</sup> Jan) with any uncollected being sent to recycling.

**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](http://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](http://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. Obviously all works to a listed church building have to be co-ordinated with the Diocese of Leeds and we should have authority for the next stage this coming week. This does of course 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.

**Envelopes: £222.70    Loose: £282.23    Standing Orders: £989.25    Total: £1494.18**  
**Thank You!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week – Lourdes Fund**