

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

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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## Mass Programme for the Week 25 January to 2 February 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 25 January		6.15 pm	St Austin	Keith & Mark Swetman - Anniversaries
Sun 26 January	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Priest's Intention Ejakpovi Family Priest's Intentions
Mon 27 January		9.30 am <b>11:00 am</b>	St Austin St Austin	Special Intentions <b>Funeral Service – Pietro Gueli RIP</b>
Tue 28 January	St Thomas Aquinas	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families Priest's Intention
Wed 29 January		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	Cyril Critchley - Anniversary Eucharistic Service
Thu 30 January		12 noon	St Austin	Mary Eary
Fri 31 January	St John Bosco	<b>12.30 pm</b>	St Austin	John Rayner – Anniversary No Exposition
Sat 1 February	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart Cyprian Da Costa - Anniversaries
Sun 2 February	<b>Presentation of The Lord (Candlemas)</b>	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Philomena Manuel RIP Private Intention Pro Populo 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

**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:** The Crib will remain in place for devotion until the Feast of the Presentation of The Lord.

**Schoolchildren:** It was fabulous to welcome some of the pupils of St Austin's School to Mass last Monday. They were both respectful and well disciplined during Exposition and Mass and are a credit to their parents and their teachers. This is part of a drive to enhance the link between the school the church by both Fr Sean and John Molyneux the Headteacher. The children also had a talk by Fr Jude in church and a tour of the sacristy. The next Mass they attend will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 9:30 and it would be marvellous to see as many Parishioners as possible join them to celebrate Mass.

**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 see the list in the Narthex at St Austin's or speak to any of the priests after Mass at either church.

**We Are From.....** a new song cycle for the Wakefield district by Charlie Wells. This will be premiered in St Austin's Theatre on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, featuring words, music and soundscapes from across the region. This event, only lasting about 45 minutes will be attended by The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Wakefield (Councillor Darren Byford). All parishioners are welcome. Doors open at 7pm for tea/coffee with the performance starting at 7:30pm.

**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)

**Lepra Appeal:** There is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection this week to support the vital work of the St Joseph's Leprosy Centre in India and Bangladesh. There is a poster explaining more about their work at both churches.

**Thank you** to the Thursday Club for their generous donation to the restoration fund.

**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 have now received the authority for the next stage. 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.

**Urgent Parking Update:** Scaffolding has now been erected at the rear of the Presbytery to begin repairs to the roof. Hopefully this will be completed within a week or so. There is therefore ABSOLUTELY NO PARKING in the small car park – there is literally only enough space for the clergy and the 2 rented spaces.

**Offerings & Donations:** To make donating easier, the Parish bank details are: Sort Code: 40-27-15, Account no: 51018566, Account name: Diocese of Leeds St Austins Wakefield. As a reference, please either use "Offering" or "Restoration". It is also possible to donate via the contactless machine in the Narthex at St Austin's. With very grateful thanks for your generous donations to the parish.

**Envelopes:** £500.90    **Loose:** £756.32    **Standing Orders:** £989.25    **Total:** £2246.47

**Thank You!**

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