

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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The Epiphany of The Lord

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Mass Programme for the Week 4 January to 12 January 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 4 January		6.15 pm	St Austin	Kateryna Spiwak RIP
Sun 5 January	The Epiphany of The Lord	8.00 am	St Austin	Peter Kennedy RIP & Una Martin (sick)
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Jim Campbell
		11.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intentions
Mon 6 January		9.30 am 1.45 pm	St Austin St Austin	Mgr Thompson – Anniversary Funeral Service – Kathleen Bloom RIP
Tue 7 January		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Eucharistic Service Rosie Mc Donagh & Kathleen Lawrence - Anniversary
Wed 8 January		10:30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 9 January		12 noon	St Austin	Andrew Dargle RIP
Fri 10 January		9.30 am 12 noon	English Martyrs St Austin	Priest's Intention (school attending) Maurice O'Shea - Anniversary
Sat 11 January		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Flavins RIP Mary O'Shea – 90 th birthday
Sun 12 January	The Baptism of The Lord	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

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: 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.

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 2nd February, the Crib will remain in place for devotion until then. The church will remain decorated until the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord on 11th January.

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.

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 (12th 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 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. 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.

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.

Envelopes: £462.70 **Loose:** £758.40 **Standing Orders:** £989.25 **Total: £2210.35**

Thank You!