

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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The Presentation of The Lord

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Mass Programme for the Week 1 February to 9 February 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 1 February		6.15 pm	St Austin	Cyprian Da Costa - Anniversary
Sun 2 February	Presentation of The Lord (Candlemas)	8.00 am	St Austin	Philomena Manuel RIP
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Private Intention
		11.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intentions
Mon 3 February	St Blaise	9.30 am	St Austin	Mary Hood
Tue 4 February		9.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Anne Atkinson – Anniversary Peter & Kataryna Spiwak - Anniversaries
Wed 5 February	St Agatha	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	John Ainsworth RIP Peter Cichocki RIP
Thu 6 February	Ss Paul Miki & Companions	12 noon	St Austin	Thornton Hezelgrave RIP
Fri 7 February		12 noon	St Austin	Patrick O'Connell & Kathleen Crawley RIP
Sat 8 February	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Mary Meehan – Anniversary Priest's Intention
Sun 9 February	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	Prop Populo
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Hywel Evans RIP
		11.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		6.00 pm	St Austin	November Dead List

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: February 3rd & 17th; March 3rd, 17th & 31st

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 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.

St Austin's School: We will again welcome some of our schoolchildren from St Austin's to Mass on Monday at 9:30 for the Feast of St Blaise. It would be wonderful to see as many parishioners as possible support them in prayer.

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.

Film Club: Our next meeting will be on the revised date of Wednesday 12 February in the Parish Centre, doors open at 6:30 pm for a 7pm start. Details are on posters displayed in the narthex and in the Centre and also on our WhatsApp group. If you are not on the chat text 07963 740575 and Anne will include you. All are welcome. No charge but donations welcome for the St Austin's Bicentennial Fund – 2028 is not far away. Bring a friend.

200 Club: Our lucky winners for January are Andre Da Costa who wins £200 and Anna Ainsworth who wins £50. Congratulations! 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 final month of our trial run. This is a national Catholic newspaper as opposed to the previous Diocese of Leeds newspaper of the same name. 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. Over half of the copies were left in January so we are unsure whether to continue with this when the trial ends. If you have strong views either way, please let Marc know – office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Fri 4 - Thurs 10 July 2025. Bookings are now open. The theme is 'With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope', to coincide with the Jubilee Year of Hope. The Jubilee is a major celebration in which pilgrims are invited to immerse themselves in God's infinite mercy. Early booking strongly recommended. In anticipation of higher than usual numbers, transfers will be offered to and from Stansted Airport once the Leeds flight is full. Please book via the Tangney website or by phone directly with Tangney Tours. Further information is available on the Diocesan website.

Catholic Truth Society: We have fully restocked the display board with new booklets in the Narthex at St Austin's. These are all individually priced and money should be placed into the wall safe at the bottom of the staircase.

History of St Austin's: Thank to you to Dominic Gilroy for a wonderful presentation. It was fabulous to see so many studying the display boards showing school class photos from the past and identifying parents and grandparents (and in some cases themselves). Dominic's talk and slideshow had a large audience captivated and was very well received. The display boards will remain up for this weekend so anyone can pop down to Rooms 1 & 2 to have a look. Everyone is looking forward to the next instalment – watch this space!

St Austin's Players are presenting Dig for Vengeance, an explosive village melodrama by Patricia Gay on Friday 21st February at 7.30pm in St Austin's Theatre. Door and cash only bar open from 7pm. Tickets are £15 and include a pie and peas supper which must be preordered. To book your place ring Joanna on 07740679963. A great social evening for everyone.

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

Lepra Appeal: The 2nd collection last Sunday raised the magnificent sum of £704.58. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

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.

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: £738.77 Loose: £973.85 Standing Orders: £989.25 Total: £2701.87

Thank You!