

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 23 February to 2 March 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 22 February		6.15 pm	St Austin	Jack McDonnell RIP
Sun 23 February	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's intention Bernard Lowrie – 80th birthday Priest's Intention Nivenka & Frank Andresco RIP
Mon 24 February		9.30 am 11.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List Funeral Mass – Hywel Evans RIP
Tue 25 February		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Priest's Intention Herbert Jackson – Birthday Anniversary
Wed 26 February		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	Rene Pogado RIP Phyllis O'Brien – Birthday Anniversary
Thu 27 February		12 noon	St Austin	Pat & Winnie McDonagh & Family
Fri 28 February		12 noon	St Austin	Constance & Austin Murphy RIP
Sat 1 March	St David, Bishop & Patron of Wales	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Reparation to The Immaculate Heart John De Tute – Anniversary
Sun 2 March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 Tom Butler RIP Stuart Bolton – Anniversary

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 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 greeting cards covering all occasions, bottles for holy water, candles, rosary beads, sacred music CD's etc. In addition, copies of books on the history of both the Church and the Parishioners of WWI are available.

Job Vacancies: St Austin's school are looking to recruit two assistants to help run the after school club starting at the beginning of Summer term. There is a sheet with full details and how to apply on the notice board in the Narthex at St Austin's. Alternatively check the school website at www.sa.bkcat.co.uk

SVP: The annual family sponsored walk in aid of the St. Vincent's Support Centre will take place in the beautiful countryside around Wetherby on Sunday 18th May 2025. All walkers new and old are most welcome. There are 2 walks, one of 3 miles and one of 9 miles to suit all ages and abilities. The shorter walk is especially suitable for primary school children and their families. Lots of additional attractions on the day including quizzes and a treasure hunt. Further details on the poster in the Narthex at St Austin's.

Offertory Envelopes: At this time of the year we ask all parishioners to review their Offertory giving. The parish faces increasing financial challenges and we rely on your support and generosity to keep us thriving. We have a number of ways in which Parishioners can contribute - loose cash or Offertory envelopes in the collection, by setting up Standing Orders or by using cards in the Dona electronic system in the Narthex at St Austin's. Where parishioners use Envelopes or Standing Orders we are able to claim Gift Aid to enhance their offerings. If you currently use Offertory envelopes they will last up to and including the weekend of 30 March 2025. We will be distributing new Offertory envelopes from the weekend of 9 March for the forthcoming financial year. If you would like to use Envelopes please contact Niall O'Donnell (niallodonn@aol.com). As always, many thanks to all who contribute so generously.

Restoration Fund: Have you thought about joining the 200 Club? This is a great way to contribute to the restoration fund as we approach the bicentenary of St Austin's Church. The 200 club for 200 years! For just £2 per month, you stand a chance of winning £200 or £50 every month. 250 members paying just £2 per month would equate to £3000 a year for the restoration fund! 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. **Current members can check they are up to date by emailing Sharon too.** There are quite a few members with payments outstanding. Every little helps!!

Ash Wednesday: If anyone still has palms from last year, could they please return them next weekend. There will be a box to collect them at all Masses. These will then be burnt to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year (5th March). Early notice of Mass times; these will be 9:30am at English Martyrs, 12 noon and 7pm (solemn) at St Austin's.

Station of the Cross & Benediction will take place every Friday evening during Lent starting at 7pm.

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.

English Martyrs Primary School invites practising Catholics to consider serving as Foundation Governors on our Academy Council. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the Catholic education of children in your Parish community while offering your time, skills, and faith in a truly meaningful way. Serving as a Foundation Governor is also a personally enriching experience – a chance to deepen your faith, expand your knowledge, and play a vital part in the life of the school. If you are interested, Fr Sean is happy to discuss the role with you. Alternatively, you can contact the Governance Team at governance@bkcat.uk for an informal chat or to express your interest.

Lent Days of Recollection: The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham will lead two days of recollection at Ss Peter and Paul's Church in Wakefield on Saturday 8 March from 10am until 4pm and Sunday 9 March 1.30pm until 5.30pm. The theme is Journeying into God: Prayer as Relationship with God, Self and Others. For more details go to <https://www.peterpaul.org.uk/> If you are attending on Saturday, please bring a packed lunch.

World Youth Day: Anna Gilroy, one of our altar servers, is hoping to attend this event in Rome later this year. There will be various events in the coming weeks to help fund raise but in the interim, if anyone could help, her donations page is https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/annagilroyrome25?utm_id=2&utm_term=NzPWvyqkD.

200 Club: Congratulations to our February winners £200 goes to Anne Woodhouse and £50 to Anne and John Francis.

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: £487.78 Loose: £803.41 Standing Orders: £1100.03 Total: £2391.22

Thank You!