

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 8 February to 16 February 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 8 February		6.15 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Sun 9 February	5th 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 Hywel Evans RIP Priest's Intention November Dead List
Mon 10 February	St Scholastica	9.30 am	St Austin	Michael Matthews – Birthday Anniversary
Tue 11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families Priest's Intention
Wed 12 February		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List Eucharistic Service
Thu 13 February		12 noon 7.00 pm	St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Confirmation Service
Fri 14 February	Ss Cyril & Methodius	12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Sat 15 February	Saturday Mass of Our Lady	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Pagdanganan Family – Thanksgiving John & Anne Francis – 60 th Wedding Anniv
Sun 16 February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Peter Cichocki – RIP Pro Populo Priest's Intention

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

Confirmation: Please pray for our young people receiving the sacrament of confirmation this week.

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.

St Austin's School: It was wonderful to welcome once again the children from Upper Key Stage 2 to Mass last Monday for the Feast of St Blaise. As always, they were well disciplined and respectful through Mass and provided excellent, confident readers for the Reading, Psalm & Alleluia. Fr Noble then gave a talk in church and took insightful and well thought out questions. Many Parishioners stayed for the talk, all of whom took delight in seeing the children so engaged. We will again welcome some of the children for the Feast of St Patrick next month.

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 or next to the large black box by 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.

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. Every little helps!!

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.

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.

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.

Scaffolding: This has now been removed as repairs for this phase are complete. We have had extensive roof work done to the area above the theatre entrance and the Baptistry, both of which were allowing significant water into the building. In addition, the contractor has worked on the Lady Chapel to stop the dreadful damp that has ruined the plaster and decoration. Only time will tell how successful this has been. This has been 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.

2nd Collection this week for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund. Please give generously.

Envelopes: £446.74

Loose: £788.07

Standing Orders: £989.25

Total: £2224.06

Thank You!