

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 15 February to 23 February 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 15 February		6.15 pm	St Austin	John & Anne Francis – 60 th Wedding Anniv
Sun 16 February	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	November Dead List
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Peter Cichocki – RIP
		11.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Mon 17 February		9.30 am	St Austin	Mr Moncy RIP
Tue 18 February		11.30 am	English Martyrs	Joe O'Brien – Return to Health
		6.30 pm	St Austin	November Dead List
Wed 19 February		9.30 am	St Austin	Patrick O'Connell & Kathleen Crawley RIP
		10.30 am	English Martyrs	November Dead List
Thu 20 February		11.45 am	St Austin	Requiem Mass – John & Peggy Walsh RIP
Fri 21 February		12 noon	St Austin	Roy Wade RIP
Sat 22 February	The Chair of St Peter, the Apostle	9.30 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		6.15 pm	St Austin	Jack McDonnell RIP
Sun 23 February	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Bernard Lowrie – 80th birthday
		11.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Nivenka & Frank Andresco RIP

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

Groups: As above, our parents & toddlers, Thursday club and singing for pleasure groups all take a break for half term 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.

Confirmation: It was marvellous for Bishop Marcus to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation with our young Parishioners from St Austin's, English Martyrs and St Ignatius. Please continue to pray for all our young people.

Men's Group: The next meeting will take place at English Martyrs Hall on Wednesday 19th February 7.45 for 8.00pm

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 forth coming financial year. If you would like to use Envelopes please contact Niall ODonnell (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. 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.

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.

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=NzPWvvyqkD.

Thanks to Singing for Pleasure for their generous donation of £400 to the Restoration Fund. Bearing in mind the expensive roof repairs recently completed, this is a very timely and welcome gesture. In addition, we have had a very generous donation from an anonymous parishioner. Thank you.

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: £444.71 **Loose:** £747.83 **Standing Orders:** £1100.03 **Total: £2292.57**
2nd Collection Lourdes Fund: £442.35

Thank You!