

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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2nd Sunday of Lent (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 16 March to 23 March 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 15 March		6.15 pm	St Austin	Mel Walker – Birthday Anniversary
Sun 16 March	2nd Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Pro Populo Antonio & Josefina Dos Remedios & Family RIP Geevarghese Philipose RIP
Mon 17 March	St Patrick	9.45 am	St Austin	Fr Mark CP RIP
Tue 18 March		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Joseph Gerard Pearce RIP Holy Souls
Wed 19 March	St Joseph	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	Michael O'Donnell – Sick November Dead List
Thu 20 March		12 noon	St Austin	Joan Oates – Birthday Intentions
Fri 21 March		12 noon	St Austin	Kevin Osborne – Anniversary
Sat 22 March		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Malcolm Waring – Anniversary John A North, Mary Dunford (North) & Chris North RIP
Sun 23 March	3rd Sunday of Lent	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	

Stations of the Cross & Benediction will take place at St Austin's every Friday evening during Lent starting at 7pm

Stations of the Cross will take place at English Martyrs every Tuesday during Lent starting at 10:45am

Confessions: Saturday 10.00 to 11.00 am and 5.15 to 5.45 pm

Novena: 2025 dates are: March 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.

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

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.

St Austin's School: We will once again welcome the children to join us for Mass on Monday for the Feast of St Patrick. To allow them sufficient time to walk to church safely, Mass will start slightly later at 9:45am. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be as normal. After Mass the children will stay for Stations of the Cross which all Parishioners are welcome to join.

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. **A new range of Easter Cards are now in stock**, much cheaper than the local shops. 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

BKCAT Choir: There will be another opportunity to hear the children from our local Catholic schools when they give a short concert, supported by our own choir, on Wednesday 26th March at 6.00p.m. in St Austin's Church. It would be marvellous to see a full church to encourage our young people; so please make every effort to attend. If your child is interested in joining the choir, please contact office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk or telephone 0113 244 8634

Mens Group: The next meeting will take place in English Martyrs Parish Hall on Wednesday March 19th 7.45 for 8.00pm. All are welcome.

Help Needed: In a Parish of this size there are always jobs to be done. The band of willing volunteers however dwindles with age and it would be good to share out the responsibility with some of our younger and fitter Parishioners. The plan is to create a WhatsApp group for volunteers that we could appeal to when something needs to be done. If you would be willing to offer your time on a "as and when" basis, please email Marc on the Parish address or message on the Parish mobile number.

Offertory Envelopes: At this time of Lent we ask all parishioners to review their offertory giving. The Parish faces increasing financial challenges and we rely on your continued support and generosity to keep us thriving and indeed growing. We have a number of ways in which Parishioners can contribute - either loose cash or Offertory envelopes in the collection, Standing Orders or via the Dona electronic system in the Narthex. Where parishioners use Envelopes or Standing Orders we are able to claim Gift Aid to enhance their contributions. We are starting to distribute new Offertory envelopes this weekend for use in the coming financial year. If you would like to start to use Envelopes or Standing Orders please contact Niall ODonnell (niallodonn@aol.com) for assistance.

Parish Census: It is a good few years since we undertook a Parish census and we plan to begin the process after Easter. It is vital we have up to date contact details for ALL parishioners so please ensure forms are completed as soon as possible after they are issued. We will need volunteers to hand forms out at each Mass over a couple of weekends so please let Marc know on either the Parish email or mobile if you can help.

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!!

Family Fast Day: Friday 14th March is the annual family fast day. Please donate and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. We will welcome representatives from CAFOD to each Mass this weekend to appeal directly to us.

Chrism Mass: The annual Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday of Holy Week (16 April) at Leeds Cathedral at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

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: £549.34 Loose: £864.33 Standing Orders: £1061.97 Total: £2475.64
Thank You!