

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 2 March to 9 March 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 1 March		6.15 pm	St Austin	John De Tute – Anniversary
Sun 2 March	8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Priest's Intention
		11.00 am	St Austin	Tom Butler RIP
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Stuart Bolton – Anniversary
Mon 3 March		9.30 am	St Austin	November Dead List
Tue 4 March		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Pat Brown – Birthday Intention November Dead List
Wed 5 March	ASH WEDNESDAY	9.30 am 12 noon 7.00 pm	English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention John James McNee – Anniversary Edith Hannon RIP
Thu 6 March		12 noon	St Austin	Aida Da Costa – Anniversary
Fri 7 March		12 noon	St Austin	Arthur Day – Anniversary
Sat 8 March		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Roger Jones RIP
Sun 9 March	1st Sunday of Lent	8.00 am	St Austin	November Dead List
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Peter Cichocki RIP
		11.00 am	St Austin	Peggy & John Walsh RIP
		6.00 pm	St Austin	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: 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

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

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 have been ordered and these should be in stock soon. 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 will be singing at our 11am Mass at St Austin's this Sunday. The choir is made up of children from the schools within the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust, which of course includes St Austin's, English Martyrs and St Ignatius primary schools as well as St Thomas a Becket secondary school. Please make every effort to make them feel welcome as our young people support the liturgy through music.

Film Club: We meet again on Wednesday 12 March in the Parish Centre. Doors open at 6 30 pm for a 7 pm start. Details of our film are displayed in the narthex and the Parish Centre. For more details join our WhatsApp group by texting Anne on 07963 740575. Tea/coffee and biscuits and possibly other goodies are available before the start of the film and at the interval. We hope to see you there – with a friend!

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 continued support and generosity to keep us thriving and indeed growing. If you currently use Offertory envelopes they will last up to and including the weekend of 29/30 March. We will therefore be distributing new Offertory envelopes from the weekend of 8/9 March for the coming financial year. 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. If you would like to start to using either method, please contact Niall ODonnell (niallodonn@aol.com) for assistance.

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 this weekend. There is 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.

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.

Invitation to a Mass for the African and International Community at English Martyrs on Saturday 8th March at 12:30pm. Reception to follow after Mass in English Martyrs Parish Hall.

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.

2nd Collection this week is for our local schools, both St Austin's and English Martyrs. Please give as generously as you can to support the wonderful Catholic education our children receive.

Envelopes: £590.75 Loose: £809.56 Standing Orders: £1061.97 Total: £2462.28
Thank You!