

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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Mass Programme for the Week 27 April – 4 May 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 26 April		6.15pm	St Austin	Albert Fozzard – Birthday Anniversary
Sun 27 April	Divine Mercy Sunday	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Dr Laurie Burns RIP Maria & David Willis Priest's Intention
Mon 28 April	St George	9.30 am	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Baby Liam
Tue 29 April	St Catherine of Siena	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Eucharistic Service Thanksgiving & Uchechukwu Ruth
Wed 30 April		10.30 am	English Martyrs	Tom & Helen McLoughlin – Sp Intention
Thu 1 May	St Joseph the Worker	12 noon	St Austin	Rosaleen J Lane - RIP
Fri 2 May	St Athanasius	12 noon	St Austin	John & Amelia D'Cruz, Family & Friends
Sat 3 May	Ss Philip and James	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart Priest's Intention
Sun 4 May	3rd Sunday of Easter	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Peter Cichocki – RIP Priest's Intention Pro Populo

Please note – as both Fr Sean and Fr Jude are away, there will be no Mass at St Austin's on Wednesday.

Solemn Requiem Mass for Pope Francis: Bishop Marcus will offer Holy Mass to pray for the repose of the soul of His Holiness Pope Francis, Tuesday 29 April 5.30pm at Leeds Cathedral. The venerable tradition of praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father, followed by "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord..." is encouraged, as is the recitation of the Rosary for the repose of the soul of the deceased Pope.

Confessions: Saturday 10.00 to 11.00 am & 5.15 to 6.15pm

Novena: 2025 dates are: 28th April; 12th & 26th May; 9th & 23rd June. All start at 7pm, everyone welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday: This year at **English Martyrs** including blessing and veneration of the image, chaplet and benediction. All welcome, Sunday 27th at 2:50pm. Confessions available from 2:15pm.

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.

HOLY YEAR. As you know this year has been designated a Jubilee or Holy Year. In our deanery there will be special Jubilee Masses in each of the parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to go to some or all of these Masses and so become 'pilgrims' in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses are: Tuesday 27 May - St Austin's Wakefield; Tuesday 17 June - Sacred Heart Hemsworth; Tuesday 15 July - St John's Normanton; Tuesday 9 September - St Michael's Knottingley. All Jubilee Masses start at 7.00pm

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

Help Needed: Thanks to those who have volunteered, but we are still looking for more people to offer help on an ad hoc basis. Please text, WhatsApp or email your details to Marc on the contact numbers overleaf.

African & Caribbean Mass & Healing Service: This will take place at Leeds Cathedral on Sunday 4th May. Healing service, Rosary & Exposition from 1pm with Mass at 1:30pm in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Leeds. All welcome.

Celebration of Married Life: There will be a special Celebration Mass on Saturday 17th May at Leeds Cathedral. This is for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please see one of the priests after Mass, email or call Marc in the office for a form for completion. This must be done as soon as possible.

Congratulations to all at English Martyrs school for the fabulous report following their visit from the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. This highlighted what the school does well, the pupils' exceptional behaviour, enthusiasm and engagement with the mission of the school; their leadership of actions linked to Catholic social teaching, through various faith groups which enables them to clearly 'put God's love into action. Also, the impact of the prayer life of the school where pupils can clearly articulate how the various ways of praying affects them; and positively impacts their life and relationship with God. The outstanding pastoral care of staff, pupils and families: relationships with all stakeholders, especially parents, are hugely appreciated and reflect the ethos of consistently going above and beyond. A fabulous report!!

Restoration Project: Thanks also to those who donate, whether large or small to the restoration project but prefer to remain anonymous. Every little helps! We have started to pull together reports on restoring and refurbishing the church in time for our bi-centenary in 2028. More details will be shared in due course but the costs are likely to be several hundred thousand pounds! Donations are vital!

Parking Tickets: We are aware that a number of Parishioners received parking tickets on Wentworth Terrace on Good Friday. We have written to the 3 local councillors for our ward (Councillors Isherwood, Pickersgill and Rhodes) asking them to review this and use their influence within the council so that appeals may be treated sympathetically. We have also asked them to review the parking policy in time for Good Friday 2026. We can of course not guarantee that our request will be considered but it is worth a try.

200 Club: A huge thank you to everyone who has joined, or re-joined the 200 club, helping to raise vital funds for the restoration of our church. Sharon will be at all Masses this weekend to collect annual subs (just £24 per year) or answer any questions for those still thinking about it. **There is still time to be included in the April draw!** If she doesn't catch you, joining forms are available at the back of church and can be posted through the presbytery letterbox, along with payments (either cash or cheques) in an envelope marked "200 Club". Payments can also be made online by bank transfer direct to the 200 Club account. More details from Sharon on sekatema@outlook.com

Mass Intentions: A polite reminder to ensure you send in any Mass intentions in plenty of time. Typically we need at least 2 weeks notice to try and ensure Mass for your intention is said on the day you ask. Please be aware that only one Mass intention can typically be offered at each Mass, so if a date/time is already taken, the intention will have to be offered on alternative day. There is no limit to how early intentions are submitted so don't delay!

Altar Servers: The cottas worn by our altar servers have been freshly washed and ironed in time for Easter. Can all parents of our servers please remind their sons and daughters that these should be hung on a hanger after each Mass, so we keep them looking their best for as long as possible.

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.

Offerings & Donations: We recognise the financial challenges that all face but the Parish continues to 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. **If required Parishioners can also donate direct to the Parish Bank Account at Sort Code 40-27-15 account number 51018566 account name Diocese of Leeds St Austins. As a reference, please use "Offering" or "Restoration".** Where possible we also encourage Parishioners to use envelopes or standing orders to help us maximise offerings as we can, in many cases, claim Gift Aid tax relief at no additional expense to the donor. If you would like to start to use Envelopes or Standing Orders or obtain any information about Gift Aid please contact Niall ODonnell (niallodonn@aol.com) for assistance.

Fr Sean, Fr Noble and Fr Jude would like to thank everyone for their generous Easter offerings.

2nd collection for Holy places - £629.99

Thank You!