

# THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (C)

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## Mass Programme for the Week 6 April – 13 April 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 5 April		6.15 pm	St Austin	John & Peggy Walsh RIP
Sun 6 April	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	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 Ginley & Mullen Family Neil Duffy – RIP
Mon 7 April		9.30 am	St Austin	Scaria Varkey
Tue 8 April		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List David Chappell RIP
Wed 9 April		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	Danuta Kwasniewicz RIP November Dead List
Thu 10 April		12 noon	St Austin	Arthur Taylor – 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Fri 11 April		12 noon <b>1.15 pm</b>	St Austin <b>St Austin</b>	Thanksgiving & Uchechukwu Ruth <b>Funeral Service – Stephen McHale</b>
Sat 12 April		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Deceased members of O'Brien family Wilfred Parkin RIP
Sun 13 April	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord</b>	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Peter Cichocki RIP Terence Auty – Anniversary Priest's Intention

**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: 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April; 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May; 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> June. All start at 7pm, everyone welcome.

**Masses of Holy Week:** Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm. Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight. Confessions available after Mass.

Good Friday – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3pm. Confessions available afterwards. Stations of the Cross at both St Austin's & English Martyrs at 7pm with confessions available afterwards

Holy Saturday – Confessions at 10am with the Easter Vigil Mass starting at 8:30pm. **No 6:15pm Mass that day.**

**Lenten day of reconciliation:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April between 7am – 7pm at Leeds Cathedral with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

**Bulletins:** Items for the Bulletin can be emailed to [office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or posted through the Presbytery door, before lunch time on a Thursday. Thank you.

**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

**Easter Break:** Parents & Toddlers, Thursday Club and Singing for Pleasure take a break for 2 weeks for Easter. All will return w/c 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**Parish Retreat:** We will be hosting a Lenten retreat day in this Jubilee Year here at St Austin's, on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April in the Parish Centre. The retreat will begin with refreshments at 10:30, include spiritual talks, Mass, exposition and rosary. The retreat should end at around 3pm. A light lunch will be provided. To allow us to plan catering, there will be a list at the back of each church to enable you to sign up. We will invite our fellow Parishioners from St Ignatius too.

**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.

**Church Cleaning:** The Big Clean of the church in preparation for Easter Sunday will be on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April 2025 commencing 10am, after morning Mass, and hope to finish by Noon. All will be welcome to come and assist in making St Austin's Church look her best. A second date will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 10am, for a final clean and tidy up after the important services of Holy Week and hope to finish by noon.

**Help Needed:** We are still looking for more volunteers to offer help on an ad hoc basis. Please text, WhatsApp or email your details to Marc on the contact numbers overleaf.

**Offertory Envelopes:** Where parishioners use Envelopes we are able to claim Gift Aid to enhance their contributions. If you would like to start to use Envelopes (or Standing Orders) please contact Niall O'Donnell ([niallodonn@aol.com](mailto:niallodonn@aol.com)) for assistance. If you have not received your envelopes for this year, please contact Marc in the Parish office.

**English Martyrs Primary School and Nursery:** The children have been learning about the Jubilee Year in School and have had chance to walk through their very own Holy Door. In the final week of term, school received the Jubilee Logo. The Diocese has created a canvas featuring the logo of the Jubilee. This will have its own 'pilgrimage' starting and finishing at Leeds Cathedral. English Martyrs will be adding our school logo to the canvas before Father Sean collects it to take to St Austin's - one of the Diocesan Jubilee churches.

**Mens Group:** The next meeting will be Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7:45pm in English Martyrs hall. All are very welcome.

**Film Club:** Next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 April in the Parish Centre – doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. Details of our film are displayed on posters in the narthex and the Centre and on our Film Club WhatsApp group. If you wish to join our WhatsApp group text 07963 740575. Refreshments will be served before the film starts and at the interval. No charge but donations welcome for the St Austin's Bicentennial Restoration Fund. All very welcome to spend a little time with your fellow parishioners in a convivial atmosphere.

**Healing Service** at Leeds Cathedral on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm by Fr Joseph Edatu VC. All are welcome.

**200 Club:** Have you thought about joining? Or re-joining if you are a past member? Old and new members are welcome as the new financial year starts in April. 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 could win either £200 or £50 every month. If we had 250 members paying just £2 per month, this would equate to a donation of £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](mailto:sekatema@outlook.com) Cheques (£24 for the full year) or cash and forms can be put in an envelope marked "200 Club" and posted through the presbytery letter box or handed to Marc or any of the priests.

**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!

**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.

**Catholic Care** – the annual appeal takes place this weekend. There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection and literature outlining the work they do is at the back of both churches. You can also donate via the machine in the narthex at St Austin's.

**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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** this week is for Easter Flowers.

**Envelopes:** £536.13    **Loose:** £892.45    **Standing Orders:** £1061.97    **Total: £2490.55**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Care £543.45**

**Thank You!**