

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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Palm Sunday

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Mass Programme for the Week 13 April – 20 April 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 12 April		6.15 pm	St Austin	Wilfred Parkin RIP
Sun 13 April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord	8.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Peter Cichocki RIP
		11.00 am	St Austin	Terence Auty – Anniversary
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Mon 14 April		9.30 am	St Austin	Amelia Pde M Osmund – B'day Anniversary
Tue 15 April		11.30 am	English Martyrs	Winefride Walsh RIP
		6.30 pm	St Austin	Margaret (Maggie) Eva RIP
Wed 16 April		9.00 am	St Austin	Thanksgiving & Uchechukwu Ruth
		10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Sservice
Thu 17 April	Thursday of The Lord's Supper	7.00 pm	St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families
Fri 18 April	The Celebration of the Passion of The Lord	3.00 pm	St Austin	
Sat 19 April	Holy Saturday	8.30 pm	St Austin	Christine Gudgin, John Bartram & Danuta Kwasniewicz
Sun 20 April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Priest's Intention
		11.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		6.00 pm	St Austin	David Chappell RIP

Confessions: Saturday 10.00 to 11.00 am

Novena: 2025 dates are: 14th & 28th April; 12th & 26th May; 9th & 23rd June. All start at 7pm, everyone welcome.

Holy Week: In addition to Masses and Celebration of The Lord's Passion as above, there will be Watching at the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday at St Austin's following Mass until midnight. Confessions will also be available after Mass. On Good Friday, confessions will be available after the Celebration of The Lord's Passion. Stations of the Cross at both St Austin's & English Martyrs will take place at 7pm with confessions available afterwards. On Holy Saturday, confessions will be at 10am as normal at St Austin's with the Easter Vigil Mass starting at 8:30pm. No 6:15pm Mass that day.

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.

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.

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: Some of our groups are taking a break for Easter. All will return w/c 21st April.

Ecumenical Events: Stations of the Cross will take place at English Martyrs church on Monday 14th April at 7pm. This is with worshippers from St George's church in Lupset and St James' in Thornes. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the hall. There will then be services at St James' on Tuesday and at St George's on Wednesday both at 7pm, again with refreshments afterwards. The annual Ecumenical Walk of Witness will take place on Good Friday April 18th, meeting outside the West Door of Wakefield Cathedral at 9.30am and concluding with a short Service at about 10.30.

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.

Church Cleaning: The Big Clean of the church in preparation for Easter Sunday will be on Saturday, 12th 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 19th April 2025 at 10am, for a final clean and tidy up after the important services of Holy Week and hope to finish by noon.

Parish Retreat: A wonderful event, thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, with an excellent buffet lunch. It was marvellous to see Parishioners socialising and praying together. Further events will be planned for later in the year.

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 email or call Marc in the office for a form for completion. This must be done as soon as possible.

Film Club: Thanks to all involved in the film club for a generous donation to the restoration fund of £500.

Restoration Project: Thanks also to those who donate, whether large or small to the restoration project but prefer to remain anonymous. In addition to the film club, we have had over £600 this week alone. 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!

Congratulations to Chantelle D'Costa (£200) and Richard Melican (£50) as March winners of the 200 Club. Could it be you in April? See below on how to take part.

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 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.

Assisted Suicide Bill: The Committee Stage has now ended. The Bill is now weaker and less safe than it was before. 300+ amendments that sought to strengthen safeguards in the Bill and protect vulnerable groups were rejected by Bill supporters, including protection for people with disabilities and domestic abuse victims. The next reading of the Bill is Friday 25 April. Please take action - collect a postcard from the back of church and post it to your MP today!

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.

Envelopes: £545.00 Loose: £507.03 Standing Orders: £1061.97 Total: £2114.00
2nd Collection for Easter flowers £266.78

Thank You!