

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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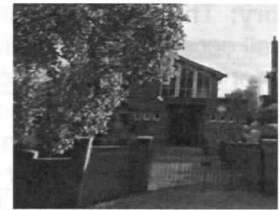
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Easter Sunday

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Mass Programme for the Week 20 April – 27 April 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 19 April		8.30pm	St Austin	Christine Gudgin, John Bartram & Danuta Kwasniewicz
Sun 20 April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Pro Populo David Chappell RIP
Mon 21 April		12 noon	St Austin	Thanksgiving & Uchechukwu Ruth
Tue 22 April		11.30 am 2.15 pm 6.00 pm 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin St Austin St Austin	Jim Campbell RIP Funeral Service – Neil Wilkinson RIP Reception of the body of David Chappell RIP David Willis
Wed 23 April		10.30 am 1.00 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Peter Cichocki RIP Funeral Mass – David Chappell RIP
Thu 24 April		12 noon	St Austin	Michael Angelo Mongan - Anniversary
Fri 25 April		12 noon	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Elizabeth Cahill RIP
Sat 26 April		9.30 am 1.30 pm 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Nuptial Mass – Peter Brookes & Bridgit Fanning 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

Confessions: Saturday 10.00 to 11.00 am

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.

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.

**Fr Sean, Fr Noble and Fr Jude wish all parishioners
a happy and holy Easter season**

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

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.

David Chappell RIP: David's family would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and kind words following his peaceful passing on 27th March. David will be received into church at 6pm on Tuesday 22nd April with his Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 1pm. All our welcome.

Men's Group: The postponed Men's Group meeting will take place in English Martyrs Hall on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.45pm for 8.00pm. All are 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 email or call Marc in the office for a form for completion. This must be done as soon as possible.

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. The first of these Jubilee Masses will be on Easter Thursday (24 April) at 7.00pm at St Joseph's in Castleford. Other 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

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!

Easter Offerings: As it traditional, the Easter offerings are a gift to the clergy from the Parish to thank them for their ministry over the year.

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!

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.

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: £563.02 Loose: £1073.25 Standing Orders: £1061.97 Total: £2698.24

Thank You!