

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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7th Sunday of Easter (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 31 May – 8 June 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 31 May		6.15pm	St Austin	George Wade RIP
Sun 1 June	7th Sunday of Easter	8.00 am	St Austin	Tony McCormack RIP
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Priest's Intention
		11.00 am	St Austin	Mr & Mrs Kentigern Nnaji – 15th Wedding Anniversary
		5.00 pm	St Austin	Rosary & Benediction
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Mon 2 June		9.30 am	St Austin	Brenda Auty - Sick
Tue 3 June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions	11.30 am	English Martyrs	Priest's Intention
		12 noon	St Austin	Funeral Mass – John Francis RIP
		6.30 pm	St Austin	Eric Hepworth – Anniversary
Wed 4 June		9.30 am	St Austin	Roy Wade
		10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 5 June	St Boniface	12 noon	St Austin	Belarmino Ocampo RIP
Fri 6 June		12 noon	St Austin	John Francis RIP
Sat 7 June		9.30 am	St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart
		6.15 pm	St Austin	Joseph Senkiw RIP
Sun 8 June	Pentecost	8.00 am	St Austin	Pro Populo
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	November Dead List
		11.00 am	St Austin	Henry Wohlert
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention

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

Novena: 2025 dates are: 9th & 23rd June. All start at 7pm, everyone welcome.

HOLY YEAR. As you know this year has been designated a Jubilee or Holy Year. In our deanery there will be a series of special Jubilee Masses in some of the churches. 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 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

Blessed Sacrament Procession & Solemn Vespers: As we continue our Jubilee 'Pilgrims of Hope' celebrations St Mary's Batley will be hosting a Blessed Sacrament Procession beginning in the grounds of St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy and finishing with Solemn Sung Vespers in St Mary's Church. This will be a very special occasion where we mark this important Jubilee year. Refreshments afterwards in the school hall. All welcome. Sunday 6th July at 3.00pm.

Please remember the sick of the Parish in your prayers, along with the families of those recently deceased.

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

Jubilee Mass. Both Mass and refreshments in the Parish Centre were well attended and it made for a joyous occasion to celebrate the feast day of St Austin. It was also wonderful to welcome Parishioners and visiting clergy from across the Deanery to celebrate Mass with us. Please make every effort to attend the other Jubilee Masses as they occur.

Pope Leo XIV: There will be Mass to celebrate the installation of Pope Leo on Tuesday 10th June at 7pm followed by a glass of prosecco in the Parish Centre. Other light refreshments available! All are welcome.

Pentecost Praise: An invitation to join the intercessory praise group on Pentecost Sunday, 8th June 3pm to 4pm at English Martyrs Church, to celebrate the birthday of the Church with prayers and joyful songs of praise, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. All are very warmly welcome.

Charitable Donations: Following a pause, we would now like to restart the donations to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The large black box in the Narthex is available for donations of non-perishable items etc.

Priestly Vocations: Following the Bishop's recent Pastoral letter, this is a reminder that any man who is even remotely thinking about a vocation to the priesthood is invited to meet with Bishop Marcus and the Vocations Promotion Team. Hinsley Hall, Pentecost Sunday, 8 June, 2pm lasting about an hour, including prayers/talks/Q&A. Under 18s must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Queries to Fr Simon Lodge (simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk /01274 872984). Please email Miss Anne Cooke (bishop.secretary@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) if you are attending.

Marriage Preparation: If you, or someone you know are intending to get married in our Parish, please note you should make contact with one of the Priests **at least 6 months** before you intend to marry. This is even more important if you intend to complete your marriage preparation within the Parish but then marry abroad.

First Friday: Our friends at St Ignatius offer refreshments after Mass on the 1st Friday of the month. Mass is at 10:30am on Friday 6th June and all Parishioners from St Austin's and English Martyrs are welcome to join them.

Film Club: Wednesday 4 June in the Parish Centre – doors open at 6 30 for a 7 pm start, refreshments available before and at the interval. Details of our film are displayed in the narthex and the centre but for more details join our Film Club WhatsApp group on 07963 740575. All welcome. No charge but donations welcome for St Austin's Restoration Fund.

Children's Sacramental Preparation will start after the school Summer holidays. There will be a parent meeting for children Year 3 and above for First Confession on Tuesday 9th September 7pm, a parent meeting for children Year 6 and above for Confirmation on Thursday 11th September 7pm. The parent meeting for children Year 4 and above for First Holy communion will be in December with an exact date to be confirmed. **Any child wanting to receive their First Holy Communion must have made their First Confession before they can come on the course.** If you have any questions please contact Beccy at catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk if you have questions.

Cake Stall: Jemima, a pupil from St Thomas a Becket will be selling cakes to fund raise for her trip to Lourdes after the 6:15 Saturday evening Mass for the next 2 weeks. Please support her as generously as you can.

Our Catholic Primary Schools still have places available in Foundation Stage for September 2025 (and nursery for English Martyrs) and are asking our Parish community to spread the word among relatives, friends and neighbours. Our schools are welcoming, caring communities with so much to offer and are proud to be recognised as good schools where every child is valued and supported to thrive. If you know someone who might be interested, please encourage them to contact the school office in the first instance.

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. For anyone still considering 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!

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.

2nd Collection this week is for World Communications Day.

Offerings & Donations: We recognise the financial challenges that everyone faces but the Parish relies on your continued support and generosity to keep us thriving and indeed growing. Parishioners can also donate direct to the Parish 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. For information about Gift Aid please contact Niall ODonnell (niallodonn@aol.com) for assistance.

Envelopes: £461.00 Loose: £826.95 Standing Orders: £1165.80 Total: £2453.75

Thank You!