

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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4th Sunday of Easter (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 11 May – 18 May 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 10 May		6.15pm	St Austin	Harold Byran – Birthday Anniversary
Sun 11 May	4th Sunday of Easter	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Priest's Intention
		11.00 am	St Austin	Dennis Clare – Birthday Anniversary
		5.00 pm	St Austin	Rosary & Benediction
		6.00 pm	St Austin	David Chappell RIP
Mon 12 May		9.30 am	St Austin	John Francis
Tue 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima	9.30 am	English Martyrs	O'Brien & Elley Families
Wed 14 May	St Matthias	10.30 am 12 noon	English Martyrs St Austin	Eucharistic Service May Mathew - Thanksgiving
Thu 15 May		12 noon	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Paul McEnhill RIP
Fri 16 May		12 noon	St Austin	Una Martin - Sick
Sat 17 May		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Constance Webster – Sick Jack Booth – Anniversary
Sun 18 May	5th Sunday of Easter	8.00 am	St Austin	Catherine Reddington – Anniversary
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Pro Populo
		11.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		5.00 pm	St Austin	Rosary & Benediction
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Andrew Miles

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES ON TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY.
 ALL OUR CLERGY ARE ATTENDING THE PRESBYTERAL CONFERENCE IN LEEDS**

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

Novena: 2025 dates are: 12th & 26th May; 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 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

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

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.

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.

Mens Group: The next Men's Group meeting will take place Wednesday May 14th at English Martyrs Church Hall 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 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.

St Thomas a Becket School are seeking volunteers for mock interviews. Can you share your experiences and inspire our students? On the 12th July, St Thomas a Becket's Catholic Secondary school are holding a year 10 mock interview day. They are looking for volunteers to help interview the students during the day. This can be from an hour to all day what ever time you have spare. If you would like any more information regarding this please contact Jude Fitzgerald on: jfitzgerald@beckets.bkcat.uk

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!

Assisted Suicide Bill: Report Stage of the assisted suicide Bill is 16 May. It is vital that you contact your MP urgently about this issue. There are still cards available at the back of both churches.

Mass for the Sick: Mass with Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Friday 16th May, 10:30am at St Ignatius, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All from St Austin's and English Martyrs are very welcome to join our fellow parishioners in Ossett.

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. This month's lucky winners are Kumbi Katema (no 237) £200 and Geoffrey Libut (no

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!

Parish Office: Marc, our administrator will be away from Wednesday and all of next week. Emails and the Parish mobile will be monitored daily and messages will be passed on. The landline in the presbytery is awaiting an upgrade from BT and the answer machine is currently very unreliable. Please therefore use the Parish mobile number 07714 944587 to ensure any messages are seen.

Job Vacancies: St Austin's school are looking to recruit two assistants to help run the after school club starting at the beginning of Summer term. There is a sheet with full details and how to apply on the notice board in the Narthex at St Austin's. Alternatively check the school website at www.sa.bkcat.co.uk

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 the Priests Training Fund.

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 O'Donnell (niallodonn@aol.com) for assistance.

Envelopes: £534.00 Loose: £743.38 Standing Orders: £1061.97 Total: £2339.35
Thank You!

