

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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5th Sunday of Easter (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 11 May – 18 May 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 17 May		6.15pm	St Austin	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
Mon 19 May		9.30 am	St Austin	Thomas Griffin RIP
Tue 20 May		11.30 am	English Martyrs	Peter Cichocki RIP
		6.30 pm	St Austin	David Chappell RIP
Wed 21 May		9.30 am	St Austin	John Francis RIP
		10.30 am	English Martyrs	November Dead List
Thu 22 May		12 noon	St Austin	Anna Maria Peaker RIP
Fri 23 May		12 noon	St Austin	Mary Hoban
Sat 24 May		9.30 am	St Austin	Michael O'Brien – 90 th Birthday
		6.15 pm	St Austin	George Wade RIP
Sun 25 May	6th 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

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

Novena: 2025 dates are: 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 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 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

First Holy Communion: We remember in our prayers this week all our children making their first holy communion over the next 2 Saturdays. We also offer our prayers and thanks for all those who have helped in their sacramental preparation.

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.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Christ is Alive Community is organizing virtual Life in the Spirit Seminar from 3-7 June, 8pm - 9.30pm with great speakers. Please scan QR code on the poster in the Narthex at St Austin's for registration to get the zoom link.

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!

Jubilee Mass: There will be a Mass on Tuesday 27th May at 7pm for this Jubilee Year. As you know, we have been selected by the Bishop as a Jubilee Pilgrimage Church and we hope to see a good number of Parishioners in attendance as we welcome "pilgrims of hope" from all over the Deanery. We would like to offer simple refreshments after Mass so are appealing for volunteers to help with tea/coffee etc. If you can help, please email or call Marc in the Parish Office.

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 3 weeks. Please support her as generously as you can.

St Austin's Primary School still have places available in Foundation Stage classes for September 2025 and are asking our Parish community to spread the word among relatives, friends and neighbours. Our school is a welcoming, caring community with so much to offer and we are proud to be recognised as a good school 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. We look forward to welcoming new families into our school community!

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!

St Austin's Players are presenting Murder at Morpeth Manor, a Murder Mystery by Eileen Clark on Friday 6th June at 7.30pm in St Austin's Theatre. Door and cash only bar open from 7pm. Tickets are £15 and include a pie and peas supper which must be preordered. To book your place ring Joanna on 07740679963. A great social evening for everyone.

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.

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: £558.00 Loose: £744.54 Standing Orders: £1061.97 Total: £2364.51
2nd Collection for Priests Training Fund £356.82
Thank You!