

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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6th Sunday of Easter (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 24 May – 1 June 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 24 May		6.15pm	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
Mon 26 May	St Philip Neri	12 noon	St Austin	Brenda Auty
Tue 27 May	St Austin of Canterbury	7.00 pm	St Austin	November Dead List
Wed 28 May		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	John Gilderdale – Anniversary Martin Rayner
Thu 29 May	The Ascension Of The Lord	9.30am	English Martyrs	November Dead List
		12 noon	St Austin	Annie Peat – 80 th Birthday
		7.00pm	St Austin	Pro Populo
Fri 30 May	Yorkshire Martyrs	12 noon	St Austin	Dr John & Betty O'Brien
Sat 31 May	The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am	St Austin	Joseph Whitworth – Anniversary
		6.15 pm	St Austin	Colin Garvey – RIP
Sun 1 June	7th Sunday of Easter	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	O'Brien & Elley Families
		11.00 am	St Austin	November Dead List
		5.00 pm	St Austin	Rosary & Benediction
		6.00 pm	St Austin	David Chappell RIP

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO MASS TIMES THIS WEEK. THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

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. Future 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

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

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

Singing for Pleasure is taking a break this week. Back to normal on Thursday 5th June.

First Holy Communion: We remember in our prayers this week all our children making their first holy communion at both St Austin's and English Martyrs. We also offer our prayers and thanks for all those who have helped in their sacramental preparation.

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.

International Mass: This will take place at English Martyrs church on Saturday 7th June at 12:30pm. All welcome.

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.

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.

Ascension Day: Churches Together in Wakefield will be holding their annual morning service for Ascension Day on Thursday 29th May 7.30am at Sandal Castle. More details on the notice in the narthex at St Austin's. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Fr Simon Lodge will be celebrating his silver jubilee with Mass at Holy Spirit in Heckmondwike on Friday 27th June at 7pm with a reception in the Parish centre afterwards. As a former curate of our Parish, Fr Lodge is inviting all Parishioners to join him to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the sacred priesthood.

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.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection 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. 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.

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.

Envelopes: £861.50 Loose: £974.00 Standing Orders: £1061.97 Total: £2897.47

Thank You!