

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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3rd Sunday of Easter (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 4 May – 11 May 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 3 May		6.15pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Sun 4 May	3rd Sunday of Easter	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Peter Cichocki – RIP
		11.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Pro Populo
Mon 5 May		12 noon	St Austin	Stieny Fleuren Meij RIP
Tue 6 May		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Maria Ruan & Mary Sorley RIP For the election of the Pope
Wed 7 May	St John of Beverley	9.30 am	St Austin	Cyril Critchley RIP
		10.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
Thu 8 May		12 noon	St Austin	Carmelo Licata RIP
Fri 9 May		12 noon	St Austin	Antonio, Francis & Josefina Remedios, Family & Friends
Sat 10 May		9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Billy Reilly 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
		6.00 pm	St Austin	David Chappell RIP

Please note the change of time for Mass at St Austin's on Monday as it is a Bank Holiday.

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

Conclave: Mass on Tuesday evening at St Austin's will offer prayers for the College of Cardinals to be guided by the Holy Spirit as they meet to elect the next Holy Father. Mass will be followed by Rosary and the Litany of Saints.

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.

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

Thursday Club is taking a break this week. Parent & Toddlers and Singing for Pleasure are unaffected and continue as normal. Thursday Club will be back next.

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.

African & Caribbean Mass & Healing Service: This will take place at Leeds Cathedral on Sunday 4th May. Healing service, Rosary & Exposition from 1pm with Mass at 1:30pm in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Leeds. All welcome.

VE DAY 80: Please join us in celebrating this important anniversary with Mass at Leeds cathedral in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant, Thursday 8 May at 5.30pm. All 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.

Film Club – our next meeting is on Wednesday 7 May in the Parish Centre – doors open at 6 30 pm for a 7 pm start. Details of our film are displayed in the narthex and in the parish centre and also are available on our WhatsApp group. If you wish to join our chat please text 07963 740575 to Anne who will only too pleased to add you to our distribution list. No charge but donations welcome for the St Austin's Restoration Fund. Tea/coffee served before hand and also at the interval. Everyone is welcome. See you there!

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

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. 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.

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.

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: £503.10

Loose: £815.08

Standing Orders: £1061.97

Total: £2380.15

Thank You!