

# THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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## 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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## Mass Programme for the Week 20 July – 27 July 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 19 July		6.15pm	St Austin	Fr Theodore Davey – Anniversary
Sun 20 July	<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Pro Populo Brenda Auty RIP David Chappell RIP
Mon 21 July		9.30 am	St Austin	Angela Dixon - Intentions
Tue 22 July	St Mary Magdalene	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Priest's Intention Leonard Drinkel - Anniversary
Wed 23 July	St Bridget of Sweden	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>St Austin</b>	Funeral Mass – David Jones RIP
Thu 24 July		12 noon	St Austin	Fr Sean Crawley – Ordination Anniversary
Fri 25 July	St James	12 noon	St Austin	Kathleen Hoban - Anniversary
Sat 26 July	St Joachim & St Anne	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Kevin & Heather Bolton – Wedding Anniversary Kenneth Button – Birthday Anniversary
Sun 27 July	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Sheila Whitworth RIP Brenda Auty RIP Priest's Intention

**There is no Mass at English Martyrs on Wednesday due to the funeral Mass for David Jones at St Austin's.**

**Confessions:** Saturday 10:00 to 11:00am and 5.15 to 6.15pm at St Austin's.

**Novena:** 2025 dates are: 21<sup>st</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Aug and 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. All start at 7pm, everyone welcome.

**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!

It was wonderful to see full churches for the end of year Masses at both St Austin's and English Martyrs last week. The children sang with gusto and joined in the Mass responses with real enthusiasm. We remember all children who are moving to new schools in September in our prayers. In addition, we of course give thanks to all staff who care for and educate our children.

**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
Thursday Club have now started their Summer break. Parents & Toddlers meet this week before breaking for Summer and Singing for Pleasure will continue for another 2 weeks before their break. All groups return on 4 September			
<b>Mary's Meals:</b> Unwanted foreign currency can be added to the offertory collection on an ongoing basis. More details on the work of this worthy charity are on the poster in the Narthex at St Austin's.			
<b>Refurbishment:</b> We recently met again with our appointed Heritage Architect, to discuss the plans for getting our church ready for the bicentenary in 2028. Clearly the church needs more than a simple lick of paint and plans are now being drawn up to restore the building to glory. It goes without saying that we need a whole new sound system and much better lighting as a starting point. Once plans are in place, these will be shared so that we can start a fund raising drive in earnest as the final cost will be several hundred thousand pounds.			
<b>Charitable Donations:</b> Thanks to everyone who has started making donations again to help those less fortunate than ourselves. The large black box in the Narthex is available for donations of non-perishable items etc.			
<b>African &amp; Caribbean Mass with Healing Service</b> will take place at the Cathedral in Leeds on Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July starting at 1pm with Exposition and Rosary and the Healing Service. Holy Mass will follow at 1:30pm. Written prayer petitions will be collected before Mass. All are welcome.			
<b>Holy Year.</b> As you know this year has been designated a Jubilee or Holy Year. In our deanery there continues a series of special Jubilee Masses. Parishioners have supported these very well and are encouraged to continue to support these wherever possible, so becoming 'pilgrims' in this Holy Year whose theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Jubilee Masses, <b>all starting at 7pm</b> are: Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September at St Michaels, Knottingley and Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October at St Ignatius, Ossett.			
<b>Heritage Open Day</b> this year will be on Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2025. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the bi-centenary of St Austin's in 2028, we are planning to participate in Heritage Week with a photographic display in the Parish rooms and encouraging visits to our historic church between 11:00-3:00. We are appealing for volunteers who can offer an hour or two helping to greet visitors, provide refreshments and so on. If you can help please contact Dom Gilroy <a href="mailto:dpfgilroy@hotmail.com">dpfgilroy@hotmail.com</a> or through Marc in the parish office.			
<b>Transport Assistance:</b> We have a Parishioner living in Outwood who has asked if anyone could help with regular transport to Mass on Saturday evening. She is more than happy to contribute to fuel costs but is a little nervous of taxis hence the request. Can you help? As we all aim to be pilgrims of hope in this jubilee year it would be wonderful to see our Parish community pulling together. Please contact Marc in the Parish office if you can help.			
<b>Thank You</b> to St Austin's Players for their generous donation of £500 towards the restoration fund this week.			
<b>200 Club:</b> For anyone still considering joining, forms are available at the back of church and can be posted through the presbytery door, 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 <a href="mailto:sekatema@outlook.com">sekatema@outlook.com</a> .			
<b>Keralan Mass:</b> There will be a Mass for the Keralan community celebrated in Malayalam at St Austin's on Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July at 11:30am			
<b>Parish Residential Retreat 2025:</b> We have arranged this year's retreat for the weekend of 19th-21st September at The Briery, Ilkley. See <a href="https://www.briery.org.uk/">https://www.briery.org.uk/</a> The theme this year is 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'. The suggested offering is £185 but there is confidential financial support where required (please see Deacon Bernard 07858 257839 or <a href="mailto:bernard.martin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk">bernard.martin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</a> ). We arrive c.3 pm on Friday afternoon for coffee and cake and leave after Mass and Sunday lunch. There will be prayer, chat, Mass and opportunity for Confession - good company too			
<b>Missals:</b> After a number of delays, we understand that daily missals will be in stock from the end of September. These will be priced at £62.99 and can now be "pre-ordered" via the Catholic Truth Society. If anyone would like us to order one for them, please let Marc know in the Parish office. Sunday Missals have been available for a while now, again via Catholic Truth Society and priced at £19.95. Again, if anyone would like us to order one, let Marc know.			
<b>Parish Census:</b> Over the next few weeks we will be conducting a Parish census. It is many years since we last updated our records and there will have been many changes in the circumstances of our growing congregation since then. Please look out for the forms at the back of church and return them as quickly as possible.			
<b>Bulletins:</b> Items for the Bulletin can be emailed to <a href="mailto:office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk">office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk</a> or posted through the Presbytery door, before lunch time on a Thursday. Thank you.			
<b>Offerings &amp; Donations:</b> 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. <b>As a reference, please use "Offering" or "Restoration"</b> . 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 O'Donnell ( <a href="mailto:niallodonn@aol.com">niallodonn@aol.com</a> ) for assistance.			
<b>Envelopes: £594.08    Loose: £741.66    Standing Orders: £1165.80    Total: £2501.54</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Stella Maris: £283.09</b> <b>Thank You!</b>			