

The Parish of St Austin & The English Martyrs, Wakefield

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 27 July– 3 August 2025

| DAY | FEAST | MASS | LOCATION | INTENTION |
|--------------|--|---|--|--|
| Sat 26 July | | 6.15pm | St Austin | Kenneth Button – Birthday Anniversary |
| Sun 27 July | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 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 |
| Mon 28 July | | 9.30 am | St Austin | Kathleen Ellis Intentions |
| Tue 29 July | St Martha, Mary & Lazarus | 11.30 am 6.30 pm | English Martyrs St Austin | Lito Macasinag – Anniversary David Jones RIP |
| Wed 30 July | | 9.30 am 10.30 am | St Austin English Martyrs | McDonald Banda RIP Margaret Long - Birthday |
| Thu 31 July | St Ignatius of Loyola | 12 noon | St Austin | Patrick Hoban |
| Fri 1 Aug | St Alphonsus Liguori | 12 noon | St Austin | Michael Matthews - Anniversary |
| Sat 2 Aug | | 9.30 am 6.15 pm | St Austin St Austin | November Dead List Winnie & Harold Bryan - Anniversary |
| Sun 3 August | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8.00 am 9.30 am 11.00 am 6.00 pm | St Austin English Martyrs St Austin St Austin | Priest's Intention O'Brien & Elley Families David Willis RIP Priest's Intention |

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

Novena: 2025 dates are: 21st July, 4th & 18th Aug and 1st, 15th & 29th 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!

The Parish Office will be email only this week as Marc is away Monday to Friday. All emails will be dealt with but it is unlikely that the main telephone will be answered.

Fr Jude will be leaving us in August to take up his ministry in Leeds. There are envelopes at the back of church for Parishioners to give an offering to thank him for his time with us. These can be placed in the offertory collection or posted through the presbytery door at St Austin's.

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 |
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| 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 & Parents & Toddlers have now started their Summer break. Singing for Pleasure will continue for another week before their break. All groups return on 4 September

Mary's Meals: 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.

Refurbishment: 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.

Charitable Donations: 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.

African & Caribbean Mass with Healing Service will take place at the Cathedral in Leeds on Sunday 27th 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.

David Willis RIP. Thank you to Maria and David's family for their generous donation of £420 for the restoration fund, being half of the collection in his honour. The other half was donated to Wheatfields Hospice. Maria would also like to thank everyone for their kind words, cards and prayers at this difficult time.

Holy Year. 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, **all starting at 7pm** are: Tuesday 9th September at St Michaels, Knottingley and Tuesday 7th October at St Ignatius, Ossett.

Heritage Open Day this year will be on Saturday 20th September 2025. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the bicentenary 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 dpgilroy@hotmail.com or through Marc in the parish office.

Miles for Mary: James Mullan, one of our Parishioners, is raising money for Youth 2000, an organisation that runs retreats for young people 16-35 with an emphasis on Eucharistic adoration and Marian devotion. James and a small group of friends are running the distance from Walsingham to Medugorje - 1274m! Any donations are greatly appreciated. You can make a donation here – https://www.justgiving.com/team/y2kwals2medj?utm_medium=TE&utm_source=CL

200 Club: Congratulations to our July winners – Kevin Bolton wins £200 with no 22 and Stephen McHale wins £50 with no 212. 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 sekatema@outlook.com.

Parish Residential Retreat 2025: We have arranged this year's retreat for the weekend of 19th-21st September at The Briery, Ilkley. See <https://www.briery.org.uk/> 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 bernard.martin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk). 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.

Missals: 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.

Parish Census: 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.

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 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. **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. For information about Gift Aid please contact Niall O'Donnell (niallodonn@aol.com) for assistance.

Envelopes:£472.05 Loose: £798.06Standing Orders:£1165.80Total: £2435.91
Thank You!