

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 17 August – 24 August 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 16 August		6.15pm	St Austin	Colin Garvey RIP
Sun 17 August	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Pro Populo
		11.00 am	St Austin	Patricia Burns
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Mon 18 August		9.30 am	St Austin	Thanksgiving
Tue 19 August		11.30 am	English Martyrs	Eucharistic Service
		6.30 pm	St Austin	November Dead List
Wed 20 August	St Bernard	10.30 am	English Martyrs	November Dead List
		11.00 am	St Austin	Funeral Service – Laszlo Sapi RIP
Thu 21 August	St Pius X	12 noon	St Austin	Brenda Auty RIP
Fri 22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Sat 23 August		9.30 am	St Austin	November Dead List
		6.15 pm	St Austin	George Wade RIP
Sun 24 August	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	November Dead List
		11.00 am	St Austin	November Dead List
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention

PLEASE NOTE, NO MASS AT ST AUSTIN'S ON WEDNESDAY

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

Novena: 2025 dates are: 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. **The Saturday evening Mass is by far the most popular for intentions and there is already a very long waiting list. Please consider intentions for alternative Masses where possible.** 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!

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

We welcome Fr Philip Thornley to our Parish this week. He will say his first Masses over the weekend of 23/24 August. Please make every effort to say hello as he starts his sacred ministry with us.

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, Parents & Toddlers and Singing for Pleasure are now all on their Summer break. All groups return on 4 th 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.			
David Jones RIP: Janet and family would like to thank everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time following their sad loss of David. A donation of £300 has been made to Wakefield Hospice in David's memory.			
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.			
Keralan Mass: There will be a Mass for the Keralan community celebrated in Malayalam at St Austin's on Saturday 23 rd August at 11:30am			
Mass for the sick will be celebrated at St Ignatius on Friday 26 th September at 10:30am with refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. Please make every effort to assist sick or housebound friends and relative to get to Mass on this occasion.			
St Austin's Players are staging Cinderella, a pantomime , at the end of January 2026. We are holding an Interest Night on Thursday 14 th August at 7.30pm in the theatre for anyone who would like to take part. Children 7yrs upwards and any adults who are interested are welcome to come along. There will be information on the night about auditions, rehearsals etc. Our rehearsal evenings are Tuesday and Thursday from 7.30 to 9.30 and also some Sunday rehearsals. It is a big commitment but is a great way for young people to build confidence, learn new skills and make new friends. For more information, or to register your interest, email secretary@staustinsplayers.co.uk or come along on the night.			
Jubilate Singers are hosting a Summer concert at St Ignatius Parish Centre on Friday 29 th August at 7pm with a programme featuring both popular and show tunes. All are welcome. More details on the poster at the back of St Austin's. Tickets available on the door			
Children's Sacramental Preparation will start after the school Summer holidays. There will be a parent meeting for children Year 3 and above for First Confession on Tuesday 9 th September 7pm, a parent meeting for children Year 6 and above for Confirmation on Thursday 11 th September 7pm. The parent meeting for children Year 4 and above for First Holy communion will be in December with an exact date to be confirmed. Any child wanting to receive their First Holy Communion must have made their First Confession before they can come on the course. If you have any questions please contact Beccy at catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk if you have questions.			
Thank you to the Film Club who have donated £261 to cover the cost of the licence needed to ensure we comply with necessary regulations and also to the members of the Thursday Club who have donated £100 to the restoration fund. In addition, we have had several recent anonymous donations to the fund – every little helps. We must also say thank you to Fr Jude who has generously donated £1000 to the restoration fund. Thank you Fr and everyone.			
200 Club: Congratulations to our August winners! Lisa Bartram (No18) wins £200 and Eileen Worton (No242) wins £50. Well done!! There is still time to join! 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 Website: This is currently undergoing a major redesign and should be ready later in the Summer and, once launched, will include a link to the new Parish Census. Could a member from each Parish group get in touch with Marc in the office so we ensure that we have the correct details. Now is the time to review the current website entries and take the opportunity to refresh and update the text, so that we ensure everyone knows what is going on in the Parish and more importantly how they can get involved.			
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.			
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: £449.03 Loose: £690.54 Standing Orders: £1165.80 Total: £2305.37			
Thank You!			