

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 3 August – 10th August 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 2 August		6.15pm	St Austin	Winnie & Harold Bryan - Anniversary
Sun 3 August	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	O'Brien & Elley Families
		11.00 am	St Austin	David Willis RIP
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Mon 4 August	St John Vianney	9.30 am	St Austin	Brenda Auty RIP
Tue 5 August	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Doreen Mincher – 90 th Birthday David Jones RIP
Wed 6 August	The Transfiguration of The Lord	9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	Christopher Ogu RIP Theresa Scott (nee Bickerton) – 98 th Birthday
Thu 7 August		12 noon	St Austin	Deceased Doherty Family
Fri 8 August	St Dominic	12 noon	St Austin	John Francis RIP
Sat 9 August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	9.30 am 6.15 pm	St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Sr Mary Lardner – Anniversary
Sun 10 August	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Pro Populo
		11.00 am	St Austin	Veronica Corcoran RIP
		6.00 pm	St Austin	November Dead List

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

Novena: 2025 dates are: 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!

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
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.			
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.			
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.			
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 9 th September at St Michaels, Knottingley and Tuesday 7 th October at St Ignatius, Ossett.			
Heritage Open Day this year will be on Saturday 20 th 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 dpfgilroy@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: 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: £552.82 Loose: £741.54 Standing Orders: £1165.80 Total: £2460.16 Thank You!			