

THE PARISH OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Programme for the Week 6 – 14 September 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 6 September		6.15pm	St Austin	John Francis RIP
Sun 7 September	23rd 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	Pro Populo
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention
Mon 8 September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30 am	St Austin	John Francis RIP
Tue 9 September		11.30 am 6.30 pm	English Martyrs St Austin	Priest's Intention Jennifer Ezenwa - Intentions
Wed 10 September		9.30 am 10.30 am	St Austin English Martyrs	Dora & John Hough Edward Mincher
Thu 11 September		12 noon	St Austin	Fr Francis Maple OFM Cap – Sick
Fri 12 September		<u>9.30 am</u> 12 noon	<u>English Martyrs</u> St Austin	November Dead List Belarmino Ocampo, Ruben Sr. Pagdanganan & Genaro Monteverde RIP
Sat 13 September	St John Chrysostom	9.30 am <u>12.30 pm</u> 6.15 pm	St Austin <u>St Austin</u> St Austin	Francis Nelson RIP International Mass Mary Butler
Sun 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	8.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		9.30 am	English Martyrs	Baby Thomas RIP
		11.00 am	St Austin	Priest's Intention
		6.00 pm	St Austin	Priest's Intention

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

Novena: 2025 dates are: 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.

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

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.

Walsingham: The Annual Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on Saturday 27th September. Starting at 12 noon with the Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 2:30pm Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 3.30pm Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine. Bring a picnic lunch!

Batley Torchlight Procession: Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual procession on Monday 6th October, commencing at 7:30pm. The Procession will start at St Mary's Catholic Primary School and end at the nearby St Mary of the Angels' Catholic Church. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. Refreshments afterwards.

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 food items.

Getting to know you at English Martyrs Centre from 7 pm on Thursday 18th September. An opportunity to share an evening together with 'bring and share', a brief 'faith journey story' from a parishioner and some low key sharing together. Open to all. Come and see.

Mass for the sick will be celebrated at St Ignatius on Friday 26th September at 10:30am with refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. Please make every effort to help sick or housebound friends and relative to get to Mass.

Heritage Week 2025: There will be a display and talk entitled "200 Years of St. Austin's in 60 images" in the parish centre on Friday September 19th. Display from 6:30pm with the talk 7:00-7:30pm. The display will also be available for viewing on Saturday 20th September 11:00am - 3:00pm when guided tours of the church will be available. All are welcome.

Film Club: The postponed meeting will be on Wednesday 10th September when we shall show "To kill a mockingbird" based on the book by Harper Lee and starring Gregory Peck. The parish centre doors will open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start. As pre-planned, one of our oldest parishioners, Catherine Barber will share with us her memories of hearing the announcement of the start of WWII as a young girl in Manchester. This is an opportunity to hear a first hand account of the historic date. No charge but donations welcome for St Austin's refurbishment fund. All welcome.

Children's Sacramental Preparation: There are parent meetings this week in the Parish Centre as follows: First Confession (for children in Year 3 and above) on **Tuesday 9th September at 7pm**, and Confirmation (for children in Year 6 and above) on **Thursday 11th September at 7pm**.

It is vital that parents attend these meetings. There will be a parent meeting for children in Year 4 and above for First Holy communion in December, with an exact date to be confirmed. If you have any questions please contact Beccy at catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Hospital Visits: It is important to let one of the Priests (or Marc in the office) know if a relative is admitted to hospital and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion.

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.

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.

2nd Collection next week for the Catholic Education Service. Please give as generously as possible.

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: £517.00 Loose: £832.27 Standing Orders: £1165.80 Total: £2515.07

Thank You!