

THE PARISHES OF ST AUSTIN & THE ENGLISH MARTYRS, WAKEFIELD AND ST IGNATIUS, OSSETT



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Mass Programme for the week 2 – 9 November 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Sat 1 November		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary Pro Populo Frank & Elsie Doggett
Sun 2 November	All Saints	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 2:30pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin Sugar Lane St Austin	Priest's Intention Norman Hazell – 3 rd Anniversary Eileen Goodwin RIP Ruben Sr Pagdanganan & Family Ints Blessing of Graves Priest's Intention
Mon 3 November	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed	9:30am 10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm	English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	November Dead List All the Faithful Departed All the Faithful Departed The Holy Father's Intention
Tues 4 November	St Charles Borromeo	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	St Austin & English Martyrs November Dead List November Dead List Anglia Mahady
Wed 5 November		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List November Dead List
Thur 6 November		11:15am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	Eileen Goodwin RIP – Funeral Service Amelia P de M Osmund - Anniversary
Fri 7 November		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	Oliver Medhurst RIP John Whitworth RIP
Sat 8 November		9:30am 11:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	John Francis RIP Keralan Mass The Condon Family Belarmino Ocampo RIP
Sun 9 November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 10:50am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Doreen Mincher RIP Margaret Barraclough – Anniversary The War Dead Adrian Gallagher RIP

Please note several changes to Mass times this week – all shown in bold print

REGULAR DEVOTIONS

Confessions	St Austin's St Ignatius English Martyrs	Saturday 10:00am to 11:00am & 5:15pm to 5:45pm Saturday 4:30pm to 5:30pm Before Sunday morning Mass.
Exposition	All churches English Martyrs	30 minutes before weekday Mass Thursday 7:30pm
Novena	St Austin's	Monday 7pm on 10 th & 24 th November and 8 th & 22 nd December.
Rosary	English Martyrs St Austin's	Sunday 9am Friday 12:30pm

PARISH GROUPS AND CONFRATERNITIES (meet weekly unless stated otherwise)

DAY	GROUP	CHURCH CENTRE	TIME	CONTACT
Monday	Union of Catholic Mothers	St Ignatius	7:30pm	Christine Woodhouse
Monday (fortnightly)	Society of St Vincent de Paul	St Ignatius	6:00pm	John Sheerin
Monday (fortnightly)	Natter Matters	English Martyrs	6:30pm	Mary Matthews
Wednesday	Keep fit	St Austin	2:00pm	Debbie
Wednesday	Prayer & Praise	English Martyrs	6:30pm	Mary Matthews
Thursday	Parents & toddlers	St Austin	9:30am	Michelle Watson
Thursday	Parents & toddlers	St Ignatius	10:00am	Francesca Holmes
Thursday	Thursday club	St Austin	12:30pm	Josephine Dargan
Thursday	Singing for pleasure	St Austin	1:30pm	Eileen Worton
Thursday	Getting to know you	English Martyrs	7:00pm	Mary Matthews

PARISH NOTICES

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!

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 posters in the church entrances.

Charitable Donations: Thanks to everyone at St Austin's 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.

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

Piety Shops/Repositories are available at all churches, with the addition of a religious library at English Martyrs. Christmas Cards are now in stock, along with a huge range of religious gifts, cards, candles and much more. Please take the time to stop after Mass and take a look at what is available.

Catholic Care are appealing for donations of sweets and chocolates to add to their Christmas Eve "boxes" for local families in need. These can be left in the large black box in the Narthex at St Austin's or in bags marked "Catholic Care" near the Piety Shop at St Ignatius.

Catenians: On Thursday 13th November at 7:00 Calder and Dearne Valley Catenians will be celebrating an Annual Mass for Deceased Catenian Brothers, at St Ignatius Church, Ossett. This will be followed in the Parish Centre by a Catenian Circle Meeting Fish & Chip Supper and a guest speaker. Parishioners from both Parishes are invited to come along with wives/partners as our guests to find out more about The Catenians. To help us with catering, please let us know if you would like to come.

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Christmas Fair: This will be held in the St Ignatius Parish Centre on Sunday 30th November, the 1st Sunday of Advent. There will be a variety of stalls selling crafts, local produce, Christmas cards and gifts etc along with various family friendly games, refreshments and a licenced bar. This is an important fund raiser and a great social event in the run up to Christmas. Donations are requested for the bottle stall and the "booze or lose" game stall. Bottles can be of anything from brown sauce to champagne and everything in between! Please leave donations in bags near the piety shop and these will be sorted and allocated accordingly. There will be a different appeal next week so watch this space!!

November Dead List: Envelopes for offerings for remembering deceased friends and relatives are now available at the back of all churches. Please write clearly the names of those to be remembered on a sheet of paper, or simply "the deceased friends and family of..." and enclose this sheet with your offering. Envelopes can be added to the offertory collection, handed to one of the priests or put through the Presbytery letterbox.

Quiz Night! St Austin's Players are presenting an Autumn Quiz on Friday 21st November in St Austin's Theatre, together with a performance by the Wrenthorpe Ukulele Players. Tickets are £12 and include a pie and peas supper which must be pre ordered. Doors open at 7pm and there will be a cash only bar. The quiz will begin at 7.30pm. To book your place ring Joanna on 07740679963. Come along and test your knowledge. Teams of up to 4 people. A great social evening is guaranteed.

Congratulations to Teresa & Nick Elliott, October winners of the St Ignatius 100 Club with No 51.

St Austin's Primary School will be holding an open day (with tour of the school) for parents with children due to start school in September 2026. This will be on Thursday 27th November at 1pm and again at 1:30pm.

Thank you for the anonymous donation to the St Austin's Restoration Fund of £500.

Priestly Vocations: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: 14th November (Cathedral Hall), 19th December (Venue TBC).

Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge simon.lodge@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

St Ignatius Christmas Raffle: Tickets are now available with the draw to take place after Mass on Sunday 14th December in the Parish Centre. Donations of prizes will be much appreciated, please contact either Colin Hirst or Eileen Lewis.

The Holy Land Group: Nicholas, a missionary from Bethlehem will visit St Austin's on the weekend 15th - 16th November to briefly talk at all Masses about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood. A large stall will be set up in the Narthex. This helps and supports the poor Christian families in the Holy Land. Any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated" (when you help the poor you help our Lord"). Please remember to bring cash for any purchases. A similar visit to English Martyrs and St Ignatius is being planned for next year as it was simply not possible to include all churches in one visit.

100/200 Club: There is always time to join! For **St Austin's and English Martyrs 200 Club**, forms are available at the back of both churches and can be left at St Austin's Presbytery, 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.

For the **St Ignatius 100 Club**, please contact Michael Gara for more details, either at Mass or on michaeligara@gmail.com

Youth Choir: There is still time to join!! We are looking for young, talented and ambitious singers in Years 6 - 11 to join. As part of the choir, you will learn from expert professional musicians in a fun and engaging atmosphere and have the opportunity to sing for Masses and concerts. The choir rehearses every Thursday at St Austin's Church between 4:30pm and 6pm. Please register your interest by contacting the Diocese of Leeds Music Office at office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk or you can call **0113 244 8634** and ask to register your interest in the Bishop Konstant Youth Choir. Alternatively, just turn up to one of the sessions to learn more.

Parish Websites: New websites designs are now complete and are now being populated with details of the Parishes, groups and activities etc. This is the last call for anyone to get in touch to ensure that your group is listed.

Bulletins: Items for the Bulletin can be emailed to office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk before lunch time on a Thursday. Thank you.

Welcomers: There is an established rota at St Ignatius and English Martyrs for the crucial role of welcoming people to Mass. This is an important ministry and vital to make people, especially our new Parishioners feel "at home". If anyone could volunteer for the role at St Austin's, especially at the 11am Mass, please let Marc know in the Parish Office. The teams at St Ignatius and English Martyrs would always welcome more help too, please have a word with either Margaret Long at English Martyrs or Brenda Burnley at St Ignatius.

Offerings & Donations: We recognise the financial challenges that everyone faces but our Parishes rely on your continued support and generosity to keep us thriving and indeed growing. In addition to the Sunday Mass offertory collections, Parishioners can also donate direct to the Parish by bank transfer using:

St Austin & The English Martyrs Sort Code 40-27-15 account number 51018566 account name Diocese of Leeds St Austins Wakefield.

St Ignatius Sort Code 40-27-15 account number 31018116 account name Diocese of Leeds St Ignatius Ossett

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 at St Austin's or Michael Gara at St Ignatius for assistance. Alternatively, please email Marc our Parish Administrator for guidance.

In addition, there is a DONA machine at St Austin's to enable Parishioners to donate by card in this cashless society. At St Ignatius there is a QR code on the wall next to the Piety Shop which will allow direct card donations.

Collections this week:

	Gift Aid Envelopes	Loose	Standing Orders	Total
St Austin & The English Martyrs	£518.30	£765.01	£1165.80	£2449.11
St Ignatius	£140.25	£270.00	£333.85	£744.10

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Eileen Goodwin and Doreen Mincher.

Please ensure mobile phones are switched off and, as far as possible, observe a period of silence in church. This is a precious time for people to pray and prepare spiritually for Holy Mass.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

St Austin & The English Martyrs – contact Marc on office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07714 944587 or

Paul Blackburn on paulblackburn@talktalk.net or 07963 740556

St Ignatius – contact Janet Shaw on twins4483@sky.com or 07596 359449

SAFEGUARDING

The Diocese of Leeds is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. We affirm the One Church approach to safeguarding children, young people and adults, through the promotion of a sustained and sustainable culture of constant vigilance. More information at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/safeguarding/>. Our Parish Safeguarding representatives are:

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