

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



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Mass Programme for the week 23 – 30 November 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 22 November	St Cecilia	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Mary & Greg Turton – 50 th Wedding Anniv. November Dead List James Peat – 40 th Birthday
Sunday 23 November	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Pro Populo Michael & Sheila Gibson Anniversaries Peter A. Misiko RIP Priest's Intention
Monday 24 November	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and companions	9:30am	St Austin	Irene Loughlin - Anniversary
Tuesday 25 November		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	Eileen Goodwin RIP Eucharistic Service November Dead List
Wednesday 26 November		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Private Intention November Dead List
Thursday 27 November		12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Friday 28 November		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	Thomas Keane – Anniversary Beatriz Gagabuan RIP
Saturday 29 November		9:30am 12:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List International Mass Pro Populo Neil Wilkinson – Birthday Anniversary
Sunday 30 November	First Sunday of Advent	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention November Dead List Mick Daniels – Sick November Dead List Vespers & Benediction Priest's Intention

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 24 th November and 8 th & 22 nd December.
Rosary	English Martyrs St Austin's	Sunday 9am Friday 12:30pm
First Saturday Devotions	St Austin's	First Saturday of the month following morning Mass.

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

PARISH NOTICES

First Holy Communion: There will be a parent meeting for children in Yr4 and above who wish to make their First Holy Communion on Tuesday 2nd December at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Children must have made the First Confession before enrolling. Please contact Beccy on catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk with any queries.

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.

Film Club: It's party time! Our next gathering is on Wednesday 3 December at St Austin's for our Christmas film and party. We will show our film at 7 pm in the parish centre. Doors open at 6 30 pm with a complimentary glass of sherry or orange juice on arrival and afterwards we will enjoy our shared food and each other's company. For more details please see the film posters or join our WhatsApp group 07963 740575. All are welcome as long as you wear something red! We will decorate the centre that morning so if you can help please arrive at from about 10 am onwards. We would be grateful for your help – and it is a bit of fun.

St Ignatius Primary School invite all Parishioners to the short service for the blessing of the advent wreath in the school hall on Monday 1st December at 11am.

Praise Hour: To celebrate the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King) there will be an hour of praise at English Martyrs Church starting at 3pm this Sunday. All welcome.

Sacramental Preparation: Following the successful meeting for candidates last week, these meetings will now continue on a regular basis, anyone who missed the meeting last week should come along this Tuesday at 7:15pm in the Parish Centre, straight after the evening Mass. This meeting is for any adults who wish to become a Catholic and also for those already baptised Catholics who wish to be confirmed and make their First Holy Communion.

Christmas Fair: This will be held in the St Ignatius Parish Centre next Sunday, 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. There is still time to donate. Bottles (everything from brown sauce to champagne) and gifts (unused) can be left at any time in bags near the piety shop. Cakes should be brought on the morning of the fair.

November Dead List: The list of names of those for whom Mass will be offered during the year is now on display at both St Austin's and St Ignatius'. Envelopes for offerings for remembering deceased friends and relatives are still 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. **This is the final week to submit intentions and offerings for the List.**

Mission: For those at St Ignatius with a red Mission Box, the 2026 calendars have arrived and are at the back of church for you to collect. The National Director of Missio has also sent heartfelt thanks to all those who still collect and contribute.

Lourdes Pilgrimage Volunteers: Have you ever thought of going on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, volunteering as a nurse or as part of the hospitality team but want to know more? Then you are invited to an information evening about the roles and pilgrimage at Hinsley

Hall, Monday 1st December at 7pm. For more information, please email Phil Marshall on lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or call 07766 148375. To register interest please email recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk, or simply turn up on the evening.

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 this week on Thursday 27th November at 1pm and again at 1:30pm.

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: 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 at vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Ignatius Christmas Raffle: Tickets are still 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.

Legion of Mary: We have had a request from the Diocese to see if there would be any interest in setting up a local praesidium (branch) in either Parish (or a combined one?). There used to be a Legion of Mary presence in St Austin's but over 20 years ago. Full guidance is offered by our Diocesan contact and an informal talk can be arranged if there is sufficient interest from both men and/or women. A weekly commitment to a meeting with prayers and the rosary, coupled with work such as visiting the sick or housebound, cleaning the church etc, which many of our Parishioners already do. Please let Marc know in the office if you would be interested to learn more, without any commitment at this stage.

Thank you from Nicholas who attended St Austin's last weekend from the Holy Land group selling olive carved items. The event raised over £2600 which is a huge boost for the Christain families in the region. If anyone missed the event, Nicholas will be visiting St Ignatius on Palm Sunday 2026, just in time for Easter.

Places available: St. Austin's Catholic Primary School has spaces available in both Foundation Stage (Reception Class) and Year 2 right now, with no waiting list. If you know of anyone looking for a loving, faith-filled, high-quality Catholic education for their child(ren) to attend please spread the word to family, friends and neighbours. Visits and informal discussions with the Headteacher, Mr John Molyneux, can be arranged on 01924 339435.

Congratulations to the November winners of the 200 club – Ruth Boscolo (No 84) wins £200 and Henry Maregere (No 179) wins £50

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 Lynn Williams for more details, either at Mass or on ryecroft@house@gmail.com

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.

Thank you to the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) at St Ignatius who have generously donated a crib scene specifically aimed at young children, to help teach the true story of Christmas during the children's liturgy at Mass. This has been donated in memory of Eileen Goodwin RIP, their treasurer who recently passed away. The UCM have also donated a book of activities for the liturgical year.

2nd Collection this week is for the Catholic Youth Service.

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	£438.00	£693.44	£1165.80	£2297.24
St Ignatius	£156.25	£383.90	£333.85	£874.00

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Philip McDermott and Lee Jennings.

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:

St Austin & The English Martyrs - Mrs Barbara Johnson, email psr.bjohnson@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Austin & The English Martyrs - Mrs Eileen Worton, email psr.eworton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Ignatius - Mr Rob Barraclough, email psr.rbarraclough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Entrance Antiphon

Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel." ' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. Rcf.1

[R] Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. [R]

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. [R]

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

A reading from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals who were hanged there rallied at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28: 10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.