

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



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## Mass Programme for the week 30 November – 7 December 2025

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 29 November		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Pro Populo Neil Wilkinson – Birthday Anniversary
Sunday 30 November	First Sunday of Advent	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am <b>5:00pm</b> 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin <b>St Austin</b> St Austin	Priest's Intention November Dead List Mick Daniels - Sick November Dead List <b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> Priest's Intention
Monday 1 December	St Ralph Sherwin & the Martyrs of the Venerable English College	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>St Austin</b>	Betty Scott RIP
Tuesday 2 December		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Tega & Philo Ekakitie Intentions November Dead List
Wednesday 3 December	St Francis Xavier	9:30am 10:30am <b>10:40am</b>	St Austin English Martyrs <b>St Austin</b>	Stephen Robert Welch RIP November Dead List <b>Funeral Service – Lee Jennings</b>
Thursday 4 December		12 noon	St Austin	Austin & Constance Murphy – Anniversary
Friday 5 December		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List <b>Funeral Mass – Philip McDermott</b>
Saturday 6 December	St Nicholas	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart Priest's Intention Lee Jennings RIP
Sunday 7 December	Second Sunday of Advent	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am <b>5:00pm</b> 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin <b>St Austin</b> St Austin	Pam Batty - Sick Pro Populo November Dead List Priest's Intention <b>Vespers &amp; Benediction</b> Ellen Brummitt - Anniversary

Please note several changes to Mass times this week, all shown in bold and underlined.

On Monday we welcome the alumni of the Venerable English College, Rome from the Dioceses of Leeds & Middlesbrough to celebrate the Feast of the Martyrs of that College.

## 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 8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> 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 in the Parish of St Austin & The English Martyrs on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) with any queries. The preparation programme for children from the Parish of St Ignatius will be announced in due course.

**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.

**First Friday refreshments** in the Parish Centre after Mass this Friday at St Ignatius. All are welcome for tea/coffee and mince pies with Christmas songs from the school children to add to the festive spirit!

**Christmas Fair:** This will be held in the St Ignatius Parish Centre this Sunday, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 warming Irish coffees! This is an important fund raiser and a great social event in the run up to Christmas. There is still time to donate. Please remember that cakes can still be brought tomorrow morning.

**November Dead List:** The list is now closed and the books of remembrance will shortly be removed from church for storage in the Parish archives. Intentions and offerings can still be submitted and they will be added to the list.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7pm. For more information, please email Phil Marshall on [lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:lourdes.enquires@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or call 07766 148375. To register interest please email [recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:recruitment.lourdes@dioceseofleeds.org.uk), or simply turn up on the evening.

**Jubilate Singers** will be hosting "Sing & Be Merry" a concert including songs from the shows and festive favourites. This will be held in the school hall at St Ignatius Primary on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7:30pm. Tickets, priced at £10 include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie are available by calling Karen on 07738 092908. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks to enjoy and share.

**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: 19<sup>th</sup> December at Leeds University Chaplaincy, St Margaret's Avenue. 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](mailto:vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

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

**Christmas Fairs:** Both St Austin's and St Ignatius Primary schools invite all Parishioners to their Christmas Fairs, both unfortunately on the same day! These will be held in the respective school halls on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. St Ignatius starts at 2pm and St Austin's at 3:15pm

**Carol Concert:** The children for KeyStage 2 at St Ignatius Primary school invite all Parishioners to join them for a concert to be held in the school hall at 3pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**Christmas Cards:** We have run out at the St Austin's Piety Shop and we cannot guarantee any more stock before Christmas. Please support both English Martyrs and St Ignatius for your card needs. There will be plenty available at the St Ignatius Christmas Fair on Sunday. **St Ignatius Primary School** invite all Parishioners to the short service for the blessing of the advent wreath in the school hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am.

**St Ignatius Mini Vinnies** would like to warmly invite all parishioners to a Christmas Lunch and Entertainment at St Ignatius School Hall on Tuesday, 17th December at 1:30pm, served by the Mini Vinnies. The cost is £5 per person, payable by card on the day (please note that cash cannot be accepted). As we need to confirm numbers with the kitchen, please inform Amanda Ross via the School Office on 01924 271625 **by Monday, 8th December if you would like to attend.** When calling, kindly leave your name. Last year's event was a lovely afternoon, and we hope to welcome many parishioners again this year for another joyful celebration.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ryecroft@house@gmail.com)

**Catholic Truth Society:** The CTS stand at St Austin's has been updated with new publications for the season of Advent. Please take time to look through the new material. All booklets are individually priced and money should be placed either in the wall safe at the bottom of the stairs or payment made by card through the DONA machine.

**St Thomas a Becket Catholic High School** are delighted to announce they have been graded 1 (Outstanding) by the Catholic Schools Inspectorate following their recent inspection. This is a phenomenal result and testament to the hard work and dedication of the staff, leaders and chaplaincy team. The Inspectors praised the Catholic life of the students and the ethos of the school and all staff and more especially pupils should be rightly proud. Parents from our wonderful 3 primary schools can rest assured that the superb Catholic education they receive is continued as their children move to senior school. The report can be accessed at <https://www.st-thomasabecket.bkcat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/S48-November-2025-FINAL-Report.pdf>

**Union of Catholic Mothers** at St Ignatius are collecting Christmas Gifts again for St George's Cylce in Leeds, specifically for families in need and the homeless. Please do NOT wrap any items. Items to be collected by 10am mass on Sunday 14th December 2025. Please help if you can (contact Christine Woodhouse 01924 260598).

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

**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	£881.00	£737.64	£1165.80	£2784.44
St Ignatius	£186.75	£280.42	£333.85	£801.02
Catholic Youth Service (both Parishes) £504.04				

**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](mailto:office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or 07714 944587 or

Paul Blackburn on [paulblackburn@talktalk.net](mailto:paulblackburn@talktalk.net) or 07963 740556

St Ignatius – contact Janet Shaw on [twins4483@sky.com](mailto: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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## First Sunday of Advent (A)

### Entrance Antiphon

*Cf. Ps 24: 1-3*

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### Collect

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. 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

*Isaiah 2:1-5*

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Sion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 122(121):1-2. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R cf. 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]**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray,  
'May they prosper, those who love you.'  
May peace abide in your walls,  
and security be in your towers. **[R]**

For the sake of my family and friends,  
let me say, 'Peace upon you.'  
For the sake of the house of the Lord, our God,  
I will seek good things for you. **[R]**

### Second reading

*Romans 13:11-14a*

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: You know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of The Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### Gospel Acclamation

*Psalm 85(84):8*

Alleluia, alleluia. Show us, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

### Gospel

*Matthew 24:37-44*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

*Ps 84: 13*

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

### Prayer after Communion

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.

### Prayer for Vocations

Our Lady of Unfailing Help! Pray that the Lord of the Harvest will send labourers into His harvest and that He will grant an abundance of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life within the Diocese of Leeds, and throughout the world. Amen.