

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



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Mass Programme for the week 18 January to 25 January 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 17 January		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Noriko Keane RIP Paul Booth RIP
Sunday 18 January	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Patrick Reddington – Anniversary Priest's Intention Pro Populo All holy & forgotten souls Priest's Intention
Monday 19 January	St Wulstan	12 noon	St Austin	Colin Croxall - Anniversary
Tuesday 20 January		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Peter Mackle RIP
Wednesday 21 January	St Agnes	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Kathleen McGrail – Anniversary Keith Swetman - Anniversary
Thursday 22 January		12 noon	St Austin	Robert Anthony
Friday 23 January		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List
Saturday 24 January	St Francis de Sales	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Priest's Intention Carole West RIP
Sunday 25 January	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Hywel Andrew Evans – Anniversary Priest's Intention Pro Populo Margaret Ramsden RIP

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 19 th January; 9 th & 23 rd February and 9 th & 23 rd March.
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

Christmas Season: The cribs will remain in place until the Feast of Candlemas on the 2nd February.

Hospital Visits: It is important to let one of the Priests (or Marc in the office) know if a relative is admitted to hospital or the Hospice 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. There is 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.

Men's Group: The next meeting will take place in English Martyrs Parish Hall on Wednesday 21st January, meeting at 7:45pm for an 8pm start. All are welcome.

St Gerard Majella: Please save the date. On **Wednesday 28th January at 7pm**, our parishes will have the privilege of hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella at St Austin's Church, on their tour around England and Wales to celebrate the saint's 300th anniversary. St Gerard was a Redemptorist lay-brother from the South of Italy, born in 1726. He died at only 29, but was known as a great wonder-worker even during his lifetime. He's popularly invoked as a patron of mothers, particularly expectant mothers, couples trying to conceive, and those looking for work. Come along to pray in front of his relics, participate in Holy Mass, and receive a blessing with his relics. The sacrament of reconciliation will also be available.

St Austin's Parish Centre: Room 2 has now been redecorated as the walls were in a poor condition. Can all users please ensure that anything pinned or stuck to the walls is done in such a way as not to remove paint or plaster when removed. Sticky tape must not be used under any circumstances. This has also been made clear to external users.

Prayer for Vocations: At the request of Bishop Marcus, this will be said aloud at all Masses through to Pentecost. There are cards available at all churches with the prayer on one side and an image of Our Lady of Unfailing Help on the other.

St Austin's Players: Due to unforeseen circumstances, the performances of Cinderella scheduled for later this month have had to be postponed. New dates will be announced soon.

Catholic Post: We have received the January edition as a trial copy of the monthly Catholic newspaper. The normal price per copy is £1.00, however as this is a free trial, please make a donation at your discretion. If there is sufficient interest we would be happy to order these on a monthly basis but these would then be chargeable at £1.00 per copy. Please contact Marc in the Parish office by email if you would like to continue receiving these and, so long as enough people are interested, we will arrange a subscription to cover both Parishes.

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 Molynieux, can be arranged on 01924 339435.

English Martyrs Refurbishment: Advance notice that the toilet facilities at English Martyrs church will be out of use week commencing 26th January as the area will be "spruced up" and redecorated.

Churches Together in Wakefield will be meeting for a lunchtime service at 12:30pm on Wednesday 21st January at St Austin's during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. A light lunch will be provided in the Parish Centre afterwards. All are welcome. In addition, there are also services at Wakefield Baptist Church, Belle Isle on Tuesday 20th January starting at 12:30 followed by a light lunch and St Catherine's on Doncaster Road on Sunday 25th January starting at 4pm.

Charitable Donations: The large black box in the Narthex at St Austin's is used for donations for those in need. Could all Parishioners please ensure that donations are restricted to **non-perishable items only**. Donations of fresh food, along with any items that should be refrigerated such as fresh milk etc, should not be left as they will spoil before being used.

African & Caribbean Mass and Healing Service will take place at Leeds Cathedral on Sunday 25th January. The healing service will start at 1pm with exposition mass and rosary, followed by Holy Mass at 1:30pm. Written prayer petitions will be collected at the start of Mass. Refreshments and music will follow Mass.

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

School Reception Applications: The closing date for applications for children to join the reception classes at our primary schools for September 2026 has now officially passed. These should have been submitted to the local authority by 15th January (last week). This does NOT mean however that all is lost if you have missed the cut off date. In the 1st instance please speak to the office staff at our schools who can advise on what to do. This should be done as a matter of urgency.

Job Opportunity: The Parish of SS Peter and Paul, Wakefield is seeking to recruit a Parish Administrator to support the life and mission of the parish. The role involves providing administrative support to ensure the smooth day-to-day running of the parish. A full job description and application form can be obtained from Marc in the St Austin's Parsh Office, or for any enquiries, please contact Canon Tim Wiley on 01977 702297 or timothy.wiley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk. Closing date for applications: 23 January 2026

Job Opportunity: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is recruiting a Senior Grants and Fundraising Officer. Based at Hinsley Hall, Leeds. More details at www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/. Deadline for applications is Friday, 30 January 2026 and 1st interviews to be held on Wednesday, 4 February 2026.

Parish Websites: These are now being reviewed in draft mode before being launched as soon as possible.

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

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	£334.75	£753.22	£1156.57	£2244.54
St Ignatius	£159.25	£290.03	£333.85	£783.13
Poor Mission Fund				£536.54

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Anthony Pozman and Sheila O'Keefe.

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65: 4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 49:3, 5-6

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him — for I am honoured in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength — he says: 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40(39):2, 4ab. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. R^Ba, 9a

[R] Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **[R]**

You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, 'Behold, I have come.' **[R]**

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
'I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.' **[R]**

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14a, 12a

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1:29-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me." I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John bore witness: 'I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit." And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. 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.