

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



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## Mass Programme for the week 25 January to 1 February 2026

| DAY                     | FEAST                                       | MASS                                             | LOCATION                                                              | INTENTION                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Saturday 24<br>January  |                                             | 5:30pm<br>6:15pm                                 | St Ignatius<br>St Austin                                              | Priest's Intention<br>Carole West RIP                                                                              |
| Sunday 25<br>January    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary<br>Time  | 8:00am<br>9:30am<br>10:00am<br>11:00am<br>6:00pm | St Austin<br>English Martyrs<br>St Ignatius<br>St Austin<br>St Austin | Priest's Intention<br>Hywel Andrew Evans – Anniversary<br>Priest's Intention<br>Pro Populo<br>Margaret Ramsden RIP |
| Monday 26<br>January    | St Timothy & St Titus                       | 9:30am                                           | St Austin                                                             | November Dead List                                                                                                 |
| Tuesday 27<br>January   |                                             | 11:30am<br>6:30pm                                | English Martyrs<br>St Austin                                          | Mark Swetman – Anniversary<br>Thornton Hezelgrave RIP                                                              |
| Wednesday 28<br>January | <b>Votive Mass of<br/>St Gerard Majella</b> | <b>7pm</b>                                       | St Austin                                                             | November Dead List                                                                                                 |
| Thursday 29<br>January  |                                             | 12 noon                                          | St Austin                                                             | John Louis King                                                                                                    |
| Friday 30<br>January    |                                             | 10:30am<br>12 noon                               | St Ignatius<br>St Austin                                              | November Dead List<br>Margaret Woods – Birthday                                                                    |
| Saturday 31<br>January  | St John Bosco                               | 9:30am<br>5:30pm<br>6:15pm                       | St Austin<br>St Ignatius<br>St Austin                                 | November Dead List<br>Priest's Intention<br>Jack McDonnell – Anniversary                                           |
| Sunday 1<br>February    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary<br>Time  | 8:00am<br>9:30am<br>10:00am<br>11:00am<br>6:00pm | St Austin<br>English Martyrs<br>St Ignatius<br>St Austin<br>St Austin | Priest's Intention<br>Peter Cichocki RIP<br>Pro Populo<br>November Dead List<br>November Dead List                 |

Please note changes to Mass times this week and especially take note that there is no Mass at St Ignatius on Tuesday.

Please make every effort to attend Mass with the relics of St Gerard Majella on Wednesday evening at St Austin's. Confessions and blessings with his relics are available.

## REGULAR DEVOTIONS

|                          |                                               |                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Confessions              | St Austin's<br>St Ignatius<br>English Martyrs | Saturday 10:00am to 11:00am & 5:15pm to 5:45pm<br>Saturday 4:30pm to 5:30pm<br>Before Sunday morning Mass. |
| Exposition               | All churches<br>English Martyrs               | 30 minutes before weekday Mass<br>Thursday 7:30pm                                                          |
| Novena                   | St Austin's                                   | Monday 7pm on 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> February and 9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> March.    |
| Rosary                   | English Martyrs<br>St Austin's                | Sunday 9am<br>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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**St Gerard Majella:** This Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm, our parishes 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 300<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Visiting Choir:** We welcome the Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust (BKCAT) choir to the 10am Mass at St Ignatius this week and also to the 11am Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February to lead the music and support our liturgy.

**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 this month have had to be cancelled. Tickets bought online will be automatically refunded.

**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 Molyneux, can be arranged on 01924 339435.

**English Martyrs Refurbishment:** Toilet facilities at English Martyrs church will be out of use this week as the area will be "spruced up" and redecorated.

**Churches Together in Wakefield** will be hosting an ecumenical service at St Catherine's on Doncaster Road on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January starting at 4pm. Please see the posters in each church.

**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.

**Lighting:** In the coming weeks there will be a scaffold tower erected at St Austin's to replace the light fittings pointing towards the sanctuary. Out of six spotlights, currently only two are working and it is becoming increasingly difficult for readers at the ambo, especially on dark days and evenings. Disruption will be kept to a minimum but please take extra care when returning to your places after communion. Hopefully the work should only take a couple of days during the week. As always, these refurbishments are costly and any donations to the restoration appeal would be greatly appreciated.

**African & Caribbean Mass and Healing Service** will take place at Leeds Cathedral on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The healing service will start at 1pm with exposition 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](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)

**Film Club:** Our first meeting of 2026 will be on Wednesday 4 February in the St Austin's Parish Centre – doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start. Details of the film are displayed on posters at the back of each church. More details are available by joining the WhatsApp group on 07963 740575. No charge – but donations very much appreciated for St Austin's Restoration Fund. All very welcome.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> January. This does NOT mean however that all is lost if you have missed the cut off date. In the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Annual Lourdes Dinner Dance:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at the Met hotel in Leeds. Tickets are available from Phil Marshall at £45 or £400 for a table of 10. The ticket price includes reception drink, a 3 course Meal, Tea & coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the evening. To secure your tickets for this popular event, contact Phil on 07766 148375 or email [philmarshall49@outlook.com](mailto:philmarshall49@outlook.com). All profits at the event go to the Diocesan Lourdes fund.

**Aid to the Church in Need:** Would you like to earn a little money while doing something powerful to support persecuted Christians and Christians in need? Join the ACN self-employed parish applier team and share stories in parishes while you raise much needed funds and prayers. See: <https://acnuk.org/jobs>

**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/](http://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/). Deadline for applications is this Friday, 30 January 2026 and first 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](mailto:office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or [office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto: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 | £641.02            | £712.00 | £984.65         | £2337.67 |
| St Ignatius                     | £183.25            | £308.06 | £333.85         | £825.16  |

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

**Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Val Lewis, Ann Parish, 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](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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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6*

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

#### **Collect**

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 9:1b-4*

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a*

**[R] The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? **[R]**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,  
to enquire at his temple. **[R]**

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong;  
be stout-hearted, and wait for the Lord! **[R]**

#### **Second reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The Word of The Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Cf. Matthew 4:23*

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

#### **Gospel**

*Matthew 4:12-23*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Communion Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 33: 6*

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. 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.