

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



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Mass Programme for the week 4 January to 11 January 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 3 January		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary Kathleen & Dennis Byram Priest's Intention
Sunday 4 January	2 nd Sunday after the Nativity	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Maggie & Bernard McDonagh & Family Priest's Intention Pro Populo Angelina, Dante & Apolinario Rosalejos RIP Priest's Intention
Monday 5 January		12 noon 7:00pm	St Austin St Ignatius	Liya Maria – Birthday Priest's Intention
Tuesday 6 January	The Epiphany of The Lord	9:30am 10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm	English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Pro Populo Priest's Intention Mgr Henry Thompson - Anniversary
Wednesday 7 January		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Deceased D'Cruz Family Eucharistic Service
Thursday 8 January		12 noon	St Austin	Cyprian Da Costa - Anniversary
Friday 9 January		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Pat Vivian RIP
Saturday 10 January		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Priest's Intention Irene Joss RIP
Sunday 11 January	The Baptism of The Lord	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Bernard & Anne Martin Priest's Intention Pro Populo Priest's Intention

Please note various changes to Mass times this week, all shown in bold above.

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 5 th & 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

Reminder: Tuesday 6th January is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of The Lord and is of course a Holy Day of Obligation.

Christmas Season: Our churches will remain decorated until the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord on the 11th January, the end of the Christmas season. The cribs will remain in place until the Feast of Candlemas on the 2nd February.

Welcome back to all Parish Groups who meet again this week, fully refreshed from their Christmas breaks.

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.

First Holy Communion : If your child is Year 4 or above, is part of St Austin's & The English Martyrs Parish, and has already completed their First Confession then please get in touch with Beccy by Thursday 8th January. Email catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or phone 07958 147423.

Preparation for Confirmation at St Ignatius: Children in St Ignatius Parish and school in Yr 6 and above who have already made their First Confession and First Holy Communion, are invited to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. The first session will be on Sunday 11th January. Information and enrolment forms are available from any of the Priests after Mass.

Blessed Chalk will be available after all Masses on the Feast of the Epiphany and the following weekend, along with instructions for the marking of doors and appropriate prayers.

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.

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.

Yorkshire Saints: Continuing the series of heritage evenings, there will be a presentation on Saints with Yorkshire connections in the St Austin's Parish Centre on Thursday 15th January, starting at 7pm. This promises to be a very interesting evening and all are welcome.

Congratulations to Joe Finnegan, winner of the St Ignatius 100 Club December draw with No 24.

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 Molynex, can be arranged on 01924 339435.

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.

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 ryecrofthouse@gmail.com

Thank you for the donation of £400 to the St Austin's Restoration Fund from the members of the Singing for Pleasure group which meets on a Thursday in the Parish Centre.

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

Lourdes Nurses Volunteer Appeal: Are you a qualified nurse? Would you like to join the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (3-9 July 2026)? Please contact: lourdes.enquiries@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for further information. We desperately need registered nurses to join the team to enable our assisted pilgrims to travel to Lourdes. This is a wonderful experience, and many nurses return year after year. Please consider joining our friendly, happy team of volunteers and enjoy a truly blessed week with our assisted pilgrims.

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	£338.00	£696.05	£1156.57	£2190.62
St Ignatius	£153.25	£223.25	£333.85	£710.35

Thank you for your continued generosity

The 2nd collection next weekend is for the Poor Mission Fund

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Rebecca Workman, Liam Gallivan, Bernadette Gallivan and Brenda Hardaker.

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

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

2nd Sunday after the Nativity (A)

<p>Entrance Antiphon</p> <p>When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.</p>	<p>Wis 18: 14-15</p>	<p>Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.</p>
<p>Collect</p> <p>Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light. 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.</p>		<p>The Word of The Lord</p>
<p>First Reading</p> <p>A reading from the Book of Sirach</p>	<p>Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12</p>	<p>Thanks be to God</p>
<p>Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'</p>		<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
<p>The Word of The Lord.</p> <p>Thanks be to God.</p>		<p>Cf. 1 Timothy 3:16</p>
<p>Responsorial Psalm</p>	<p>Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20. R/12a</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia.</p>
<p>[R] The Word became flesh and dwelt among us</p>		<p>Gospel</p>
<p>O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord! O Sion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. [R]</p>		<p>John 1:1-18</p>
<p>He established peace on your borders; he gives you your fill of finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth, and swiftly runs his command. [R]</p>		<p>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me." For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.</p>
<p>He reveals his word to Jacob; to Israel, his decrees and judgements. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his judgements. [R]</p>		<p>The Gospel of the Lord</p>
<p>Second reading</p>	<p>Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18</p>	<p>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
<p>A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians</p>		<p>Prayer over the Offerings</p>
<p>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord</p>		<p>Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.</p>
		<p>Communion Antiphon</p>
		<p>Cf. Jn 1: 12</p>
		<p>To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.</p>
		<p>Prayer after Communion</p>
		<p>Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.</p>