

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



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Mass Programme for the week 1 – 8 March 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 28 February		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	James & Margaret Burgon RIP John de Tute – Anniversary
Sunday 1 March	2 nd Sunday of Lent	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Tony Jackson RIP Felix Gagabuan RIP Stuart Bolton - Anniversary
Monday 2 March		12 noon	St Austin	Angela Alderman & Finlay (Tom) Alderman RIP
Tuesday 3 March		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	John F Wilby Paul Simmonite RIP Irene Shepherdson
Wednesday 4 March		7:30am 10:30am 12 noon	St Austin English Martyrs St Austin	Rene Pogado RIP O'Brien & Elley Families Requiem Mass – Eileen Abbott RIP
Thursday 5 March		12 noon	St Austin	Tibor Kozma
Friday 6 March		10:30am 12 noon 12 noon 7:00pm	St Ignatius St Austin English Martyrs St Austin	Samantha Braham - Sick Aida Da Costa - Anniversary Funeral Service – Muriel Lane RIP Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Saturday 7 March		9:30am 12:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary African & International Mass Priest's Intention Arthur Day - Anniversary
Sunday 8 March	3 rd Sunday of Lent	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Peter Cichocki RIP Tony Jackson RIP Benjamin Conseqaro – Thanksgiving Pro Populo

Please note changes to Mass times shown in bold above.

REGULAR DEVOTIONS

Confessions	St Austin 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	Monday 7pm on 16 th February and 9 th & 2 nd , 16 th & 30 th March.
Rosary	English Martyrs St Austin's	Sunday 9am Friday 12:30pm
First Saturday Devotions	St Austin	First Saturday of the month following morning Mass.
Stations of the Cross throughout Lent	English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin	Tuesday 10:45am Friday 9:45am Friday 7pm followed by solemn Benediction

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	Thursday club	St Austin	12:30pm	Josephine Dargan
Thursday	Singing for pleasure	St Austin	1:30pm	Eileen Worton

PARISH NOTICES

Lent: Mass will be celebrated at St Austin's at 7:30am each Wednesday in Lent to enable people to attend Mass before starting work. This means that there will be no 9:30am Mass at St Austin's on Wednesdays until after Easter.

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.

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

Balcony/Organ Loft: With immediate effect, the organ loft at St Austin's is now closed to everyone except Ministers of Music – organists, choir and musicians. There have been several health & safety incidents in recent weeks which has led to this closure. Would all Parishioners, especially families please come forward into the main body of the church. There is always room, especially closer to the front. The organ loft may be opened on days when we expect the church to be especially busy such as Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Christmas Mass in the Night etc, but this will then have a steward present. A prominent sign is displayed on the door and Ministers of Music must remember to keep the door closed behind them. This is primarily a safety issue so please do not ignore the notice on the door.

Accident Reporting: We have been reminded by the Diocese that all accidents, however minor should be recorded in an accident book; and any that require a visit to hospital must be reported to the Diocese. Accident books are held by Marc in the Parish office for all 3 churches and all Parish centres. Please ensure that all incidents are notified using the office email addresses on the front of the bulletin.

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. **Easter cards** are now available. Please take the time to stop after Mass and take a look at what is available. New stock has just been delivered for **ALL** churches so now is especially a good time to browse.

Display our faith: The lapel pins have proved incredibly popular and stocks have now been replenished. Two new designs have been added so please, if you haven't already, please take a look at them in the repositories at each church. The lapel pins are very reasonably priced at only £4 each. Please do consider buying and wearing one both through Lent and beyond.

Missio: Magazines are available this weekend at St Ignatius for all those with a red mission box. It is likely there will be spares so please feel free to take a copy.

Congratulations to Graeme Beaumont, winner of the St Ignatius 100 Club for February with No26.

Film Club: Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 March in St Austin's Parish Centre – doors open at 6 30 pm for a 7 pm start. Details of the film are displayed on posters in all 3 churches, or you can join our WhatsApp group for these on 07963 740575. All very welcome. No charge but donations appreciated for St Austin's Restoration Fund. We hope to see you there.

Former Presbyteries: The Parish is working with the Diocese and Catholic Care on a possible collaboration which may involve English Martyrs and St Ignatius presbyteries being used as small residential homes for two or three young children. As part of this feasibility planning applications have been submitted to Wakefield MDC to determine viability. The parish supports the principles of this joint venture that will bring benefits to the parish and the young children who will be accommodated in the properties. Further work is being undertaken and we will of course keep Parishioners updated.

Keralan Community: Mass will be celebrated in Malayalam at St Austin's on Saturday 14th March at 11:30am

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3rd to Thursday 9th July 2026. It is hoped that there will be two flights from Leeds. The booking process is now open. Bookings can be made online on <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-leeds/> or by phone direct with Tangney (01732 886666). Details are available with leaflets at the back of each church, especially including details for pilgrims requiring assistance.

Lighting: The lights pointing towards the sanctuary at St Austin's have now been replaced, along with improvements to lighting in the main body of the church. Lighting was recently improved at St Ignatius and English Martyrs is scheduled for the next week or so. As always, these refurbishments are costly and any donations to the restoration appeal would be greatly appreciated.

Lourdes Fundraising: Students from St Thomas a Becket's Catholic High School will be fundraising in both St Austin's and English Martyrs this weekend. Every year, our Youth Pilgrims are an essential part of the Leeds Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes as they learn about putting their faith into action by being of invaluable service to the sick and elderly taking part in this wonderful Pilgrimage. There will be the opportunity to enter a raffle to win a luxury hamper, as well as a delicious cake sale after each Mass. Thank you in advance for all your support. We welcome our students to St Ignatius next weekend for the same purpose.

St Ignatius Social Events: There will be a planning meeting to discuss social events for 2026 on Wednesday 4th March in the Parish Centre. All are very welcome, especially anyone with new ideas!

African & International Community: Mass will be celebrated at St Austin's on Saturday 7th March at 12:30pm followed by a reception in the Parish Centre afterwards.

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@outlook.com

Union of Catholic Mothers at St Ignatius will be collecting Easter Eggs for St Georges Crypt for needy families on the 22nd of March, please put eggs in the box at the back of church.

Catholic Truth Society: The displays at all churches have been updated with new publications to assist prayer through the Lenten season. Please do take some time to browse what is available. All publications are individually priced. Money should be placed in the wall safe at the foot of the stairs to the balcony.

Repairs & Maintenance: It is important to let Marc in the Parish Office know if there are maintenance issues at any of our churches or Parish Centres. Large or expensive work will need further consideration but often the small jobs can make all the difference and be fixed quickly and cost effectively. Please use the email on the top of the bulletin to report issues so that works can be scheduled.

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.

Advance Notice: There will be a Requiem Mass for **Angelo Pascale** at St Austin's on Tuesday 10th March at 9:30am and a Funeral Service for **Agnes (Bridie) Adcock** at St Austin's on Wednesday 11th March at 1pm. There will also be Funeral Services for **Brian Stephens** at English Martyrs on Tuesday 17th March at 10:30am and **Catherine Brown** at English Martyrs on Friday 20th March at 12:30pm. The Requiem Mass for **Mary Angela Sellers** will be held at St Ignatius on Tuesday 24th March at 12:30pm.

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	£412.00	£761.71	£984.65	£2158.36
St Ignatius	£170.25	£302.55	£333.85	£806.65

2nd collection this Sunday for CAFOD

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Angelo Pascale, Agnes (Bridie) Adcock, Nick Shields, Catherine Brown, Brian Stephens and Mary Angela Sellers.

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 of Lent (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Collect

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the Book of Genesis

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b

[R] May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

The word of the Lord is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **[R]**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **[R]**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord. **[R]**

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

MT 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. 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.