

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



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Mass Programme for the week 15 – 22 February 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 14 February		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Katerina & Peter Spiwak - Anniversary
Sunday 15 February	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Liam & Bernadette Gallivan RIP Peter Cichocki RIP Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Pro Populo
Monday 16 February		12 noon	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Val Lewis RIP
Tuesday 17 February		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List O'Brien & Elley Families Val Lewis RIP
Wednesday 18 February	Ash Wednesday	7:30am 9:30am 10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm 7:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Ignatius	Holy Souls Peter Cichocki RIP Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Ann Parish RIP Priest's Intention
Thursday 19 February		12 noon 12:30pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Richard Powell – Sick Funeral Service – Sarah Phelan RIP
Friday 20 February		10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm	St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Funeral Mass – Peter Cairns RIP Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Saturday 21 February		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	John Francis RIP November Dead List Roy Wade RIP
Sunday 22 February	1 st Sunday of Lent	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Priest's Intention Kathleen McGenity – Anniversary Mary McGrail – Birthday Rene Pogado RIP

Please note changes to Mass times 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 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'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	Thursday club	St Austin	12:30pm	Josephine Dargan
Thursday	Singing for pleasure	St Austin	1:30pm	Eileen Worton

PARISH NOTICES

Lent: The season of Lent begins this coming Wednesday. Please remember that **Ash Wednesday is a day fasting and abstinence**. Abstinence from meat is binding for all those 14yrs and over. Fasting (1 main meal and 2 small snacks) is binding for those aged between 18 & 60yrs except those with medical conditions. Masses are listed in the schedule and ashes will be distributed at all Masses. **Mass will be celebrated at St Austin at 7:30am each Wednesday in Lent** to enable people to attend Mass before starting work. **Stations of the Cross will take place at English Martyrs on Tuesdays at 10:45am; at St Ignatius on Fridays at 9:45am and at St Austin on Friday evenings at 7pm with solemn Benediction.**

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

Half Term: Parents & Toddlers and the Thursday Club both take a break for half term next week. Singing for Pleasure is taking an extended break due to family bereavement and injury affecting both accompanists. Please look for a notice in the bulletin for when this will resume.

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: As we approach the Lenten period it is a perfect opportunity for us all to proudly and visibly show our Christian faith. There are now small lapel pin badges available in the repositories at all churches, 3 different designs of a simple cross, which are a subtle way of showing the wider world that we are proud to be Christians. The lapel pins are very reasonably priced at only £4 each. Please do consider buying and wearing one both through Lent and beyond.

Religious Life: Sr Triphosa Mukindia from the Evangelising Sisters of Mary will give a brief talk at all Masses this weekend.

CAFOD have supplied us with a small number of prayer cards to prepare for the Lenten season along with bookmarks for Ash Wednesday. These are available at all churches until stock runs out.

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.

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.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meeting: 20th February 2026, 6:30pm at The Newman Centre at St Theresa's, Crossgates. If you are planning on attending for the first time, and haven't done so already, please contact Fr Simon Lodge to register your interest on vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Lourdes Fundraising: Students from St Thomas a Becket's Catholic High School will be fundraising in the St Austins Church over the weekend of 28th February and 1st of March, St Ignatius on the 7th and 8th of March, and Church of the English Martyrs on the 1st of March. 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 Mass. Thank you in advance for all your support.

The Oratory of St Joseph is a Catholic men's group for ages 21-35 running through the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough. Meetings will be held at Hinsley Hall and further information with dates and times, along with details of guest speakers is displayed on the posters at the back of each church.

Lighting: A scaffold tower will be erected at St Austin's next week 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. We will also be looking to improve the lighting in the nave at the same time. Disruption will be kept to a minimum but please take extra care when returning to your places after communion. The tower will be in church for 1 week. As always, these refurbishments are costly and any donations to the restoration appeal would be greatly appreciated.

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

Union of Catholic Mothers at St Ignatius will be collecting Easter Eggs for St Georges Crypt for needy families on the 22nd 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 in

Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor: March 27-29th - £160-230 per family. For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info www.castleriggmanor.com/events

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 so that works can be scheduled.

CAFOD Family Fast Day this year is Friday 27th February. There will be a short appeal at all Masses next weekend and envelopes handed out for offerings to be returned the following weekend. More information about the work of CAFOD will be displayed at the back of all churches.

Headteacher Vacancy: St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School, Wakefield. Start: September 2026 or earlier. Closing date: Monday 23rd February 2026. For an informal and confidential conversation about the role, please contact Rob Barraclough, Acting CEO, The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust on 01924 802285, rbarraclough@bkcat.uk Visit <https://www.bkcat.co.uk/vacancies/> for more details and to apply.

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 Funeral Service for **Muriel Lane RIP** at English Martyrs on Friday 6th March at 12 noon.

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	£417.00	£852.79	£984.65	£2254.44
St Ignatius	£171.25	£247.30	£333.85	£752.40
Diocesan Lourdes Fund	£653.04			

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Muriel Lane, Nick Shields and Agnes (Bridie) Adcock.

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.rbarracough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Collect

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

Sirach 15: 15-20

A reading from the Book of Sirach

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

[R] Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep his decrees!

With all their hearts they seek him. **[R]**

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm

in keeping your statutes. **[R]**

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law. **[R]**

Lord, teach me the way of your statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law,
and observe it wholeheartedly. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. 'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.