

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



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Mass Programme for the week 8 – 15 February 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 7 February		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Joe Senkiw – Anniversary
Sunday 8 February	5 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	Mary Meehan – Anniversary Priest's Intention Mary Shires & Martin Whelan – Anniversaries Max Dalton – Private Intention Priest's Intention
Monday 9 February		12 noon	St Austin	Elaine Doran - Sick
Tuesday 10 February	St Scholastica	10:30am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	Tony Jackson RIP Eucharistic Service Ronald & Miriam Gibson Intentions
Wednesday 11 February	Our Lady of Lourdes	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Tommy Mahady RIP Michael Matthews – Birthday Anniversary
Thursday 12 February		12 noon	St Austin	Michael McNamara RIP
Friday 13 February		10:00am 10:30am	St Austin St Ignatius	Funeral Mass – Ann Parish RIP November Dead List
Saturday 14 February	St Cyril & St Methodius	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Holy Souls 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

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

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.

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

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

Confirmation: Congratulations to all young Parishioners who made their Sacrament of Confirmation last week. We keep them and all young people in our prayers

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 on the weekend of 14/15 February.

Ash Wednesday: If anyone still has palms from last year, could they please return them. There will be boxes at both St Austin's and St Ignatius' to collect them at all Masses this weekend. These will then be burnt to create the ashes for Ash Wednesday this year (18th February). Please note the boxes are for returning the palms, not taking them!

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.

Congratulations to the St Austin's & English Martyrs 200 Club winners and the St Ignatius 100 Club for January. A great way to start the New Year! Margaret Rayner wins £250 with No 220 and Yasothini Hamelessshanar wins £50 with No 31, and Annette Vickers wins at St Ignatius with No 22.

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.

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: A scaffold tower will be erected at St Austin's week commencing 23rd February 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.

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.

Keralan Mass: There will be a Mass for the Keralan community celebrated in Malayalam at St Austin's on Saturday 14th February at 11:30am

Catholic Truth Society: The CTS area at the back of St Austin's has been fully restocked with booklets, many to help us reflect on the season of Lent and preparation for Easter, along with other publications of interest. All booklets are individually priced and all money should either be placed in the wall safe at the bottom of the staircase or added to "shop" on the electronic DONA machine,

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

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>

CAFOD Family Fast Day this year is Friday 27th February. There will be a short appeal at all Masses on the weekend of 21/22 February 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: Please note the Requiem Mass for **Ann Parish RIP** will be held at St Austin's on Friday 13th February at 10am. In addition, the Requiem Mass for **Val Lewis RIP** will be held at St Austin's on Monday 16th February at 12 noon. There will be a Funeral Service for **Sarah Phelan RIP** at English Martyrs on Thursday 19th February at 12:30pm and a Requiem Mass for **Peter Cairns RIP** at St Austin's on Friday 20th February at 12 noon. There will be a Funeral Service for **Muriel Lane RIP** at English Martyrs on Friday 6th March at 12 noon. Please pray for the repose of all their souls.

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	£505.80	£877.58	£984.65	£2368.03
St Ignatius	£167.25	£277.41	£333.85	£778.51

Thank you for your continued generosity.

2nd Collection this week for the Diocesan Lourdes Fund

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Val Lewis, Ann Parish, Sarah Phelan, Peter Cairns and Muriel Lane.

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

Collect

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 58: 6-10

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

[R] A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

A light rises in the darkness for the upright; he is generous, merciful, and righteous. It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice. **[R]**

He will never be moved; for ever shall the upright be remembered. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart, he trusts in the Lord. **[R]**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear. Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His might shall be exalted in glory. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.