

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



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Mass Programme for the week 22 February – 1 March 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 21 February		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 23 February		9:30am	St Austin	Kathleen Ellis - Sick
Tuesday 24 February		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List Pat & Winnie McDonagh & Family - Anniversaries
Wednesday 25 February		7:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Herbert & Clare Jackson – Anniversaries Phyllis O'Brien – Birthday Anniversary
Thursday 26 February		12 noon	St Austin	Rita Croxall - Birthday
Friday 27 February		10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm	St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	November Dead List Val Lewis RIP Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Saturday 28 February		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Ginley & Mullen Families Intentions 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

Please note changes to Mass times shown in bold above.

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.

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

Parish Groups: We are delighted to welcome all Groups back this week following their half term break. Singing for Pleasure will also resume this week following a short break due to family bereavement.

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.

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.

CAFOD: There will be a short appeal at all Masses this weekend in advance of family fast day next Friday; and a second collection next weekend.

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.

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.

Men's Group: The next Men's Group Meeting will take place on February 25th 7.45pm for 8.00pm in English Martyrs Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Val Lewis RIP: If anyone left a pair of black "mitts" at the reception at Capri after Val's funeral please contact Kevin Hoban or Ziggy.

Health & Safety: A scaffold tower will be in place at St Austin's this 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.

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.

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 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 **Eileen Abbott RIP** at St Austin's on Wednesday 4th March at 12 noon, a Funeral Service for **Muriel Lane RIP** at English Martyrs on Friday 6th March at 12 noon and a Funeral Service for **Agnes (Bridie) Adcock** at St Austin's on Wednesday 11th March at 1pm.

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	£481.20	£817.87	£984.65	£2283.72
St Ignatius	£186.30	£325.17	£333.85	£845.32

2nd collection next 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 Eileen Abbott, Muriel Lane, Nick Shields, Catherine Brown, Brian Stephens 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:

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