

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



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Mass Programme for the week 22 – 29 March 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 21 March		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Pro Populo Malcolm Waring – Anniversary
Sunday 22 March	5 th 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 Marjorie & James O'Neill Angelina Rosalejos RIP Francis Irem-Oko & Sandra Enemu
Monday 23 March		9:30am	St Austin	Paul Simmonite RIP
Tuesday 24 March		11:30am 12:30pm 6:30pm	English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin	Brian Stephens RIP Funeral Mass – Mary Angela Sellars RIP Apolinario Rosalejos - Anniversary
Wednesday 25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord	7:30am 12 noon	St Austin St Austin	Antonio, Josefina & Francis Dos Remedios, Joaquin Da Silva, Family & Friends Michael Donoghue - Anniversary
Thursday 26 March		12 noon 7:00pm	St Austin St Austin	Francis Irem-Oko & Sandra Enemu Service of Readings & Music for Passiontide
Friday 27 March		10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm	St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	November Dead List David Chappell RIP Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Saturday 28 March		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Charlie & Mary, Connors & Dohertys Thomas & Annie Smith RIP Carole West – Anniversary
Sunday 29 March	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Peter Cichocki RIP November Dead List Domingo Mullet – Anniversary Priest's Intention

Please note changes to Mass schedule shown in bold above.

Advance notice for Paschal Triduum: Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd April at 7pm at both St Austin's & St Ignatius. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Friday 3rd April at 3pm at both St Austin's & St Ignatius. There will also be Stations of the Cross at all 3 churches starting at 7pm. The Easter Vigil will be celebrated on Saturday 4th April at 8pm at St Austin's only. There will be the usual Masses at all churches on Easter Sunday.

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 – Saturday morning during confessions. Thursday 7:30pm
Novena	St Austin	Monday 7pm on 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

Lenten Day of Recollection: This Wednesday 25th March at St Austin's Church. Refreshments from 10:30, beginning at 11am. The day will include talks, Mass, exposition, rosary and benediction. The day will end around 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided, please advise any dietary requirements to the office in advance. Donations to cover the cost of lunch will be gratefully received.

First Confession at St Ignatius: Preparation begins after Mass this Sunday. If you have not enrolled your child, it will still be possible before the 1st session. Please note that any child wishing to make their First Holy Communion this Summer MUST have already made their first confession.

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

Consultation on the future of the Dioceses of Leeds and Middlesbrough. As part of the consultation currently taking place across our two Dioceses, there is an opportunity for all clergy, religious and members of the lay faithful to contribute by completing an online questionnaire, either individually or as a parish group. Prayerful reflection should be given to the questions so that the Holy Spirit may guide this process of discernment. Prayer resources and a presentation are available on the diocesan website to support this process. Responses should be submitted no later than Friday, 22nd May 2026. For more information and to complete the questionnaire, please visit: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/leeds-middlesbrough-consultation-2026/>

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.

Bishop Marcus: In addition to his ministry as Bishop of Leeds and Apostolic Administrator of Middlesbrough, Pope Leo has appointed Bishop Marcus as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Hallam. Please keep Bishop in your prayers.

Church cleaning for Easter: Any additional help to prepare St Austin's for Easter would be gratefully received. The "big clean" will be on Saturday 28th March at 10am, aiming to be finished for 12 noon. There will be a final spruce up on Saturday 4th April also at 10am.

Former Presbyteries: The Parish has now agreed to the proposal from the Diocese and Catholic Care which will involve English Martyrs and St Ignatius presbyteries being used as small residential homes for two or three young children. Planning permission is expected to be granted and work will commence at some point in the near future.

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.

Service of Readings and Music for Passiontide will take place this Thursday 26th March at St Austin's, starting at 7pm. The Bishop Konstant youth choir will be supported by children from both St Austin's and English Martyrs primary schools to lead the singing.

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.

CAFOD Lenten Appeal: Thanks to everyone for your incredible generosity and support over Fast Day weekend which will enable CAFOD to help provide practical help to our global family, wherever the need is greatest. Together we are making a difference.

Lourdes Fundraising: The students from St Thomas a Becket Catholic High School thank everyone at St Ignatius for their support last weekend. There is a luxury hamper awaiting the lucky holder of the winning ticket, do you have the yellow ticket No – 162? Please contact Marc in the Parish office asap to claim your prize. If this is not claimed this week then the draw will be made again so please don't throw your tickets away just yet. The students raised over £400 for the Lourdes trip which is amazing. This means almost £1500 from both Parishes! Prizes at St Austin's and English Martyrs have been claimed so congratulations to the lucky winners.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group: A missionary from Bethlehem, will visit St Ignatius for both Masses next weekend (28th - 29th March) to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families, any help you could give to them it will be highly appreciated – “when you help the poor you help our Lord”

Lenten Day of Reconciliation at Leeds Cathedral on Tuesday 24th March, 7.00am – 7.00pm. Confessions available all day with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Ecumenical Services for Holy Week: There will be Stations of the Cross at English Martyrs Church on Monday 30th March, a Taize service at St George's Lupset on Tuesday 31st March and a reflective service at West Wakefield Methodist Church on Horbury Rd on Wednesday 1st April. All services start at 7pm and will be followed by refreshments.

WallFest 26: There will be a range of activities taking place during May 2026 to celebrate 200 years since the completion of Charles Waterton's wall around his estate in Walton. This includes a display and talk on the "Catholic Life of Charles Waterton" in St. Austin's parish centre on Thursday 21st May from 6:30pm. For further details see www.friendsofwatertonwall.com or pick up a leaflet from the narthex at St. Austin's church.

100/200 Club: To increase the annual donations to the Parish, the 200 Club at St Austin's & English Martyrs is increasing by £1 per number per month. This means that the annual cost for an entry is now £36 or can still be paid monthly at £3 per month. This is the first increase in over a decade. There will also now be a much larger monthly prize in December, just in time for Christmas! Annual subscriptions are now due for the new year starting in April. More details from Sharon on sekatema@outlook.com. Payments can also be given to Niall at Saturday evening Mass, Peter Gallivan at 8am or Marc at 11am on Sundays.

For the **St Ignatius 100 Club**, please contact Lynn Williams for more details, either at Mass or on ryecroft@outlook.com

Parish Finance: Following the recent appeal, now is the time to give further consideration to the amount given in the weekly offering. The costs of running and maintaining our churches constantly increases and we ask that everyone considers whether they could increase their offertory donation, whether by standing order, weekly envelopes, loose change or electronically via the machine or QR code. UK taxpayers can of course increase their giving by signing up for gift aid, at no additional cost to the donor.

Offertory Envelopes are still available from all churches. If anyone would like to join the scheme, please contact Niall O'Donnell (niallodonn@aoi.com) at St Austin's and Michael Gara (07710 025955) at St Ignatius.

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 **Phoebe Campbell RIP** at English Martyrs on Wednesday 8th April at 12:30pm.

Offerings & Donations: 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	£784.02	£1029.65	£2230.67
St Ignatius	£163.25	£276.65	£333.85	£793.75
Catholic Care 2 nd Collection				£897.44

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially David Taylor.

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 of Lent (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength

Collect

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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

Ezekiel 37:12-14

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 130(129):1-2, 3-4, 5-6b, 6c-8. R7bc

[R] With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the sound of my pleadings. **[R]**

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
that you may be revered. **[R]**

I long for you, O Lord,
my soul longs for his word.
My soul awaits the Lord
more than watchmen for daybreak. **[R]**

More than watchmen for daybreak,
let Israel hope for the Lord.
For with the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption.
It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities. **[R]**

Second reading

Romans 8:8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 11:25a, 26

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Gospel

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

A longer version of the Gospel may be read.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: The sisters of Lazarus sent to Jesus, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.' Jesus was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.'" Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.