

# 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 28 March		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Thomas & Annie Smith RIP Carole West – Anniversary
Sunday 29 March	<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	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
Monday 30 March		9:30am <b>7:00pm</b>	St Austin <b>English Martyrs</b>	Mahady Family <b>Ecumenical Stations of the Cross</b>
Tuesday 31 March		10:00am 11:30am <b>6:00pm</b> 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs <b>St Ignatius</b> St Austin	November Dead List Phoebe Campbell RIP <b>Penitential Service (inc first confessions)</b> Connor McGee RIP
Wednesday 1 April		<b>7:30am</b> <b>11:00am</b>	<b>St Austin</b> <b>Cathedral</b>	Monica & Simon Akhrebhu – Thanksgiving <b>ChrisM Mass at Leeds Cathedral</b>
Thursday 2 April	<b>Mass of The Lord's Supper</b>	<b>7:00pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>St Austin</b> <b>St Ignatius</b>	Joseph Gerard Pearce RIP November Dead List
Friday 3 April	<b>The Celebration of the Passion of The Lord</b>	<b>3:00pm</b> <b>3:00pm</b>	<b>St Austin</b> <b>St Ignatius</b>	
Saturday 4 April	<b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>St Austin</b>	Pro Populo; John Bartram RIP
Sunday 5 April	<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord</b>	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention O'Brien & Elley Families Anthony Eccles Steve Simpson RIP Priest's Intention

Please note changes to Mass schedule shown in bold above.

- Watching at the Altar of Repose until 9:30pm at St Ignatius' and midnight at St Austin's (confessions available)
- Stations of the Cross will take place at all 3 churches on Good Friday at 7pm.
- There is no morning Mass at St Austin's and no evening Mass at St Ignatius on Holy Saturday. No evening confessions on Holy Saturday.
- Extended time for confessions will be available at St Austin's on Holy Saturday from 9:30am to 11am.

## 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 <sup>nd</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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

**Good Friday:** Please remember that parking charges apply in Wakefield on Good Friday. The limit on Wentworth Terrace is only 2 hours so for those coming to the Celebration of the Passion it would be advisable to park in one of the main car parks such as Trinity Walk or Borough Rd. We have petitioned the local authority and individual councillors for a less vigorous enforcement of parking rules but unfortunately without success.

**Easter Break:** Singing for Pleasure and the Thursday Club at St Austin's will be taking a break over Easter, both returning on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April. The Praise group at English Martyrs is also taking a break, returning on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. The Toddler Group at St Austin's is meeting again this week as normal, then taking a 2 week break returning on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**First Confession at St Ignatius:** Preparation continues after Mass this Sunday. First confessions will be celebrated at the Penitential Service this coming Tuesday.

**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.

**Thank you** to members of the Thursday Club at St Austin's for the generous donation of £100 towards the Restoration Fund.

**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. There are still some **Easter cards** 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.

**Church cleaning for Easter:** There will be a final spruce up on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

**Former Presbyteries:** Building work has now commenced at the former presbytery at St Ignatius and is expected to take approximately 10 weeks. We are assured that disruption to Parish life will be minimal although this will of course be closely monitored. Whilst the project is agreed at the former presbytery at English Martyrs, no work is expected in the near future.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** The 2026 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Chrism Mass:** The annual Chrism Mass will take place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at Leeds Cathedral at 11:00am. The sacred oils of Chrism, Catechumens and the Sick, used throughout the Diocese, will be blessed at the annual celebration. Our priests will also renew their priestly promises. All welcome to attend.

**Hot cross buns,** tea and coffee will be available after the Celebration of the Passion of The Lord in the Parish Centre at St Ignatius. Please support the UCM as they bring the Parish together on this most Holy day.

**St Ignatius UCM** would like to thank everyone who donated Easter Eggs for the needy. Over 100 were donated which is a marvellous effort.

**Beetle Drive:** In support of Catholic Care for vulnerable ladies will take place in St Ignatius' Parish Centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Tickets will be available after Easter.

**Lenten Retreat:** It was marvellous to see this day so well attended, especially as it was held on the great Feast day of the Annunciation of The Lord. An excellent lunch was shared and it was a fabulous social occasion both for this Parish and our friends from adjoining Parishes.

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

**Film Club:** We will meet again on Wednesday 8 April in the Parish Centre at St Austin's, doors open at 6.30 pm. Details of our film are displayed on posters in all our 3 churches but for more information please join our WhatsApp chat on 07963 740575. All very welcome. No charge but donations welcome for St Austin's Church Restoration Fund. See you there!

**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 21<sup>st</sup> May from 6:30pm. For further details see [www.friendsofwatertonswall.com](http://www.friendsofwatertonswall.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 large 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](mailto: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](mailto:ryecroft@outlook.com)

**The Bethlem Nativity Group:** A missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, will visit St Ignatius this weekend 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".

**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@aol.com](mailto:niallodonn@aol.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](mailto:office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or [office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk).

**Advance Notice:** There will be a Requiem Mass for **Phoebe Campbell RIP** at English Martyrs on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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	£513.00	£904.44	£1029.65	£2447.09
St Ignatius	£187.25	£240.85	£333.85	£761.95

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week is for Easter Flowers. On Friday of the Passion of The Lord (Good Friday) the collection will be for Holy Places.**

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

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

**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](mailto:office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) or 07714 944587 or

Paul Blackburn on [paulblackburn@talktalk.net](mailto:paulblackburn@talktalk.net) or 07963 740556

St Ignatius – contact Janet Shaw on [twins4483@sky.com](mailto: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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# How to Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

## 1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

(Repeat three times)

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!

## 3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

## 4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

## 5. The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

## 6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

## 7. On the 10 Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## 8. Repeat for the remaining decades

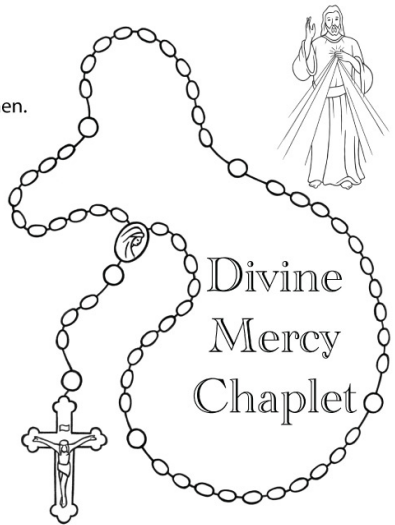
Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

## 9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

## 10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.



The Divine Mercy Novena is prayed by reciting the Chaplet of Divine Mercy described above, each day from Good Friday until the Saturday after Easter. Traditionally the prayers are said at 3pm, the Hour of Divine Mercy, but they can be said at any time. There are also some optional intentions and prayers for each day of the Novena which can be found at: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>.

The Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Divine Mercy. Divine Mercy devotions will take place on that day at English Martyrs Church from 2:45pm.