

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



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## Mass Programme for the week 8 – 15 March 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 7 March		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Arthur Day - Anniversary
Sunday 8 March	3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 Peter Cichocki RIP Tony Jackson RIP Benjamin Consearo – Thanksgiving Pro Populo
Monday 9 March		9:30am	St Austin	Austin & Constance Murphy - Anniversary
Tuesday 10 March		<b>9:30am</b> 10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	<b>St Austin</b> St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	<b>Funeral Mass - Angelo Pascale RIP</b> November Dead List <b>Eucharistic Service</b> Anne Marie Zeh – RIP
Wednesday 11 March		<b>7:30am</b> 10:30am <b>1:00pm</b>	<b>St Austin</b> English Martyrs <b>St Austin</b>	Edward & Hannah McGenity RIP Brian Stephens RIP <b>Funeral Service – Agnes (Bridie) Adcock RIP</b>
Thursday 12 March		12 noon	St Austin	Robert Anthony
Friday 13 March		10:30am 12 noon <b>7:00pm</b>	St Ignatius St Austin <b>St Austin</b>	November Dead List Frank Paige RIP <b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</b>
Saturday 14 March		9:30am <b>11:30am</b> 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin <b>St Austin</b> St Ignatius St Austin	Winnie Lawrence - Anniversary <b>Keralan Mass</b> November Dead List Georgina Thompson RIP
Sunday 15 March	Laetare Sunday	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 November Dead List Vechakarottu Chacko Joseph – RIP Francis Irem-Olo & Sandra Enemu

Please note changes to Mass schedule shown in bold above.

## 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 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.
<b>Stations of the Cross throughout Lent</b>	<b>English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin</b>	<b>Tuesday 10:45am Friday 9:45am Friday 7pm followed by solemn Benediction</b>

## 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:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at St Austin's Church. Refreshments from 10:30, beginning at 11am. The day will include talks, Mass, Exposition, Rosary and Benediction. Lunch will be provided, please advise any dietary requirements to the office in advance. Donations to the cover the cost of lunch will be gratefully received.

**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

**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.

**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.

**Display our faith:** The lapel pins have proved incredibly popular and stocks have now been replenished. Two new designs have been added so please, if you haven't already, please take a look at them in the repositories at each church. The lapel pins are very reasonably priced at only £4 each. Please do consider buying and wearing one both through Lent and beyond.

**First Confession at St Ignatius:** Information is available for parents of children in Yr3 (or above) about first confession from any of the Priests. The preparation will begin very shortly, information will also be given out in school. Please note that any child wishing to make their First Holy Communion this Summer **MUST** have already made their first confession.

**Headteacher Appointment:** St Thomas a Becket Catholic Secondary school are delighted to announce that, after a rigorous recruitment campaign, Mr Patrick Moran has been appointed with effect from September this year.

**Red Mission Box:** Could Pauline Goddard please contact Marc in the Parish office.

**Former Presbyteries:** The Parish is working with the Diocese and Catholic Care on a possible collaboration which may involve English Martyrs and St Ignatius presbyteries being used as small residential homes for two or three young children. As part of this feasibility planning applications have been submitted to Wakefield MDC to determine viability. The parish supports the principles of this joint venture that will bring benefits to the parish and the young children who will be accommodated in the properties. Further work is being undertaken and we will of course keep Parishioners updated.

**Congratulations** to the winners of the March draw of the St Austin's & English Martyrs 200 Club. Marc Auty wins £200 with No 176 and Catherine Barber wins £50 with No 289

**Keralan Community:** Mass will be celebrated in Malayalam at St Austin's on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30am

**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.

**Lighting:** The lights pointing towards the sanctuary at St Austin's have now been replaced, along with improvements to lighting in the main body of the church. Lighting was recently improved at St Ignatius and English Martyrs is scheduled for the next week or so. As always, these refurbishments are costly and any donations to the restoration appeal would be greatly appreciated.

**Lourdes Fundraising:** The students from St Thomas a Becket Catholic High School thank everyone at St Austin's & The English Martyrs for the support last weekend. The raffle prize has already been claimed at English Martyrs but there is still a luxury hamper awaiting the lucky holder of the winning ticket at St Austin's. Do have the green ticket No – 17? 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 just under £1000 for the Lourdes trip which is amazing. They will be at St Ignatius **this weekend** with more prizes and cakes for sale after both Masses.

**Concert:** We are delighted to welcome the Castleford Male Voice Choir to St Austin's Theatre, with special guests the Yorkshire Imperial Band for an evening of foot tapping tunes from the choir and brass band. This promises to be a wonderful occasion and tickets for Parishioners are offered at a discounted rate of £10 (instead of £12). Please contact Marc in the Parish office to get tickets at the reduced rate. The concert is on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March starting at 7:30pm.

**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.

**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](mailto:sekatema@outlook.com).

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).

**Union of Catholic Mothers** at St Ignatius will be collecting Easter Eggs for St Georges Crypt for needy families on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Money should be placed in the wall safe at the foot of the stairs to the balcony.

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

**Advance Notice:** There will be Funeral Services for **Brian Stephens** at English Martyrs on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10:30am and **Catherine Brown** at English Martyrs on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30pm. The Requiem Mass for **Mary Angela Sellers** will be held at St Ignatius on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30pm.

**Offerings & Donations: New offering envelopes will be distributed this weekend at all Masses at St Austin's & English Martyrs. Please see Niall O'Donnell if you would like to join the envelope scheme and consider gift aiding your offering to increase the value to the Parish at no extra cost to the donor.** 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	£436.08	£758.92	£1029.65	£2224.65
St Ignatius	£207.25	£311.00	£333.85	£852.10
CAFOD (Both Parishes)				£1571.66

2<sup>nd</sup> collection next Sunday for Catholic Care

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

**Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Nick Shields, Catherine Brown, Brian Stephens and Mary Angela Sellers.**

**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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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (A)

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 24: 15-16*

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

#### **Collect**

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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**

*Exodus 17:3-7*

A reading from the Book of Exodus

In those days: The people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' And the Lord said to Moses, 'Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.' And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarrelling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

The Word of The Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R̄7c, 8a*

**[R] O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;  
let us hail him with a song of praise. **[R]**

O come; let us bow and bend low.  
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,  
for he is our God, and we the people,  
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **[R]**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your forebears put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **[R]**

#### **Second reading**

*Romans 5:1-2, 5-8*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of The Lord

**Thanks be to God**

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Cf. John 4:42, 15*

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. Lord, you are indeed the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I will not be thirsty. Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory.

#### **Gospel**

*John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42*

*A longer version of the Gospel may be read.*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

At that time: Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?' (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water. Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming — he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am he.' Many Samaritans from that town believed in him. So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

#### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. Through Christ our Lord.