

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



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Mass Programme for the week 12 – 19 April 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 11 April		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Mel Walker – Anniversary
Sunday 12 April	2nd Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 2:45pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin English Martyrs St Austin	A sick person (GG) Pro Populo Priest's Intention McDonald Banda RIP Divine Mercy Devotions Priest's Intention
Monday 13 April		9:30am	St Austin	Terence Auty – Anniversary
Tuesday 14 April		10:00am 11:30pm 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Amelia P de M Osmund – B'day Anniversary
Wednesday 15 April		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Marie Griffin RIP Cath Brown RIP
Thursday 16 April		12 noon	St Austin	Paul Russell Ashworth
Friday 17 April		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Rene Pogado RIP
Saturday 18 April		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention November Dead List Val Lewis RIP
Sunday 19 April	3rd Sunday of Easter	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Private Intention (Susie) Peter Cichocki RIP James Masson – Anniversary Steve Simpson RIP Pro Populo

Please note changes to Mass schedule 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 – 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.

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

Divine Mercy Devotions: Sunday 12th April at English Martyrs from 2:45pm to 3:45pm. Includes Blessing and Veneration of the Divine Mercy image, Chaplet and Litany, Exposition and Benediction. Confessions will be available from 2pm.

Easter Break: Singing for Pleasure will return this week on Thursday 16th April. The Praise group at English Martyrs also returns this week on Wednesday 15th April. The Toddler Group and Thursday Club at St Austin's both return on Wednesday 23rd April.

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/>

Mission Red Box: On the weekend of 25th & 26th of April we will welcome Fr Emmanuel Mbem from Mill Hill Missionaries to give a Red Box Appeal. Missio is the Pope's charity for world Mission and through the Red Box we support the Church around the World where it is young and in need. Please do consider supporting this important cause by taking a Red Box or signing up to give via Direct Debit.

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. 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.

Catholic Family Holidays: Casterigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering **budget-friendly** holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Casterigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.casteriggmanor.com or call 01768 772711.

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.

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 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. Payments can also be given to Niall O'Donnell at Saturday evening Mass, Peter Gallivan at 8am or Marc Auty 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

St Augustine's Youth Day: There will be a Youth Day on the 19th April. This is open to all children and young people. Lunch will be provided, along with an afternoon programme. Please note that children under 11 will need to be supervised. Please contact Cassandra at office.staugustines@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for more information/to register.

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.

Solemn Mass in Latin, Vespers & Benediction: Leeds Cathedral, Mass at 12 noon (all welcome to join chant rehearsal at 11am), Saturday 25th April 2026: Join in Sung Mass celebrated by Bishop Marcus, in Latin and with Proper chants from the Graduale Parvum. All welcome. Book online www.latin-liturgy.org/meetings More information on the poster in each church.

Celebration of Married Life: On Saturday 16th May, there will be a special Celebration Mass for Married Life at Leeds Cathedral at 12noon for couples and their families celebrating their 25th (Silver), 40th (Ruby), 50th (Golden), 60th (Diamond) and 70th (Platinum) wedding anniversaries this year. There will be an opportunity for couples, who wish to do so, to renew their marriage vows during the liturgy. If you are celebrating the anniversary of your wedding and you would like to take part in this celebration, please email the Parish office for an application form. Completed forms must be submitted by the end of the month.

SVp & CAFOD work experience: The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of **free** residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from Sunday 21st to Friday 26th June in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. Apply here: https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026. Applications close on 6th April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

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

Men's Group: The next meeting of the Men's Group will take place at English Martyrs Parish Hall 7.45 for 8.00pm on Wednesday 15th April. All are welcome.

Recruitment: Both the St Carlo Acutis Catholic Education Trust (SCACET) and Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Education Trust (BCBCEt) are seeking applications for the post of Chief Executive Officer. The Diocese of Leeds invite applications for these two positions. Start date: September 2026. Closing date: Monday 20th April. For an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Kieron Flood at Hinsley Hall on education.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

Offertory Envelopes are still available from all churches. If anyone would like to join the scheme, please contact Niall O'Donnell (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 or office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

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				
St Ignatius				

Easter Offerings: Fr Sean, Fr Noble & Fr Philip would like to thank all Parishioners for their generosity this Easter, not only with their Easter offerings but also for the many prayers, cards and gifts. They wish everyone blessings for the Easter Season.

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially David Taylor, Joan Ann Wilson & 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 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

2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday (A)

Entrance Antiphon

1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

Collect

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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

Acts 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24. R1

[R] Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say, 'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let those who fear the Lord say, 'His mercy endures for ever.' **[R]**

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and salvation in the tents of the righteous.
[R]

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done, a marvel in our eyes.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.
[R]

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice

with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Sequence (Victimae Paschali Laudes)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.