

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



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Mass Programme for the week 19 – 26 April 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 18 April		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 20 April		9:30am	St Austin	Tony McCormack – Birthday Anniversary
Tuesday 21 April	St Anselm	10:00am 11:30pm 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List Mathias Unono Anyula – Special Intention
Wednesday 22 April		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Rene Pogado – RIP O'Brien & Elley Families
Thursday 23 April	St George (Patron of England)	12 noon 4:30pm	St Austin St Austin	Trevor Pearson – Anniversary Mass for BKCAT Governors
Friday 24 April		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	David Taylor (School Mass) Deceased members of the O'Brien family
Saturday 25 April	St Mark	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention David Tanner RIP Francis Irem-Oko & Sandra Enemu
Sunday 26 April	4th Sunday of Easter	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Albert Fozzard – Birthday Anniversary Phoebe Campbell RIP Anne Barron Priest's Intention Pro Populo

Please note any changes to Mass schedule 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 27 th April, 11 th & 25 th May, 8 th & 22 nd June, 6 th & 20 th July
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

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: Castlerigg 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 Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to www.castleriggmanor.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 skatema@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 ryecrofthouse@gmail.com

African & Caribbean Mass: All are invited to the Quarterly African & Caribbean Mass & Healing Service on Sunday 26th April at 1:00pm for the Healing Service, Exposition and Rosary with Holy Mass starting at 1.30pm. Written prayer petitions will be collected at start of Mass. Refreshments and Music follow immediately after mass in the Cathedral Hall, as usual, all members are kindly requested to bring cooked food enough for your family and 2 of our guests.

Donations: Thank you to the members of the Film Club for the recent donation of £400 to Restoration Fund. Thank you also to the various anonymous donations received recently.

Solemn Mass in Latin, Vespers & Benediction: Leeds Cathedral, Mass at 12 noon (all welcome to join chant rehearsal at 11 am), 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 12 noon 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.

Job Opportunity: Do you have a passion to work with the marginalised? The ones many in society choose to ignore or demonise? Do you long to see broken lives transformed through faith? Are you a hope bringer? If you can answer yes to these questions, then consider joining the multi-faith chaplaincy team as Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP & YO1 New Hall, a female closed prison situated between Wakefield and Huddersfield. For a full job description and how to apply please visit <https://jobs.justice.gov.uk/careers/JobDetail/16659-Roman-Catholic-Prison-Chaplain-18-5-hrs/16659>

Recruitment: Both the St Carlo Acutis Catholic Education Trust (SCACET) and Blessed Chiara Badano Catholic Education Trust (BCBCE) 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](tel:07710025955)) 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	£661.45	£730.61	£1199.26	£2591.32
St Ignatius	£171.25	£303.24	£368.81	£843.30
Holy Places (Good Friday)				£1033.67

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Joan Ann Wilson 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 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.rbarracough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

3rd Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

Collect

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence." 'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1

[R] O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot. **[R]**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **[R]**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption. **[R]**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver

or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread. 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.