

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



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Mass Programme for the week 26 April – 3 May 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 25 April		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	David Tanner RIP Francis Irem-Oko & Sandra Enemuoh
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
Monday 27 April		9:30am	St Austin	Belarmino Ocampo – 1 st Anniversary
Tuesday 28 April		10:00am 11:30pm 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Peter Cichocki RIP Janet Pagdanganan & Family – Thanksgiving
Wednesday 29 April	St Catherine of Siena	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Lionel (Leo) Osmund – Anniversary November Dead List
Thursday 30 April		12 noon	St Austin	Ann Parish RIP
Friday 1 May		10:30am 10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	Mick Daniels – Sick School Feast Day – O'Brien & Elley Families Annette Powell – Anniversary
Saturday 2 May	St Athanasius	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary Michael Watkins RIP GSCE Exam
Sunday 3 May	5th Sunday of Easter	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Foundation Mass Canon Tom O'Connor RIP November Dead List Pro Populo Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention

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

Rosary: The rosary will be prayed during exposition before all weekday Masses during the month of May. In addition the rosary will be prayed after Saturday morning Mass at St Austin's. There will be Rosary & Solemn Benediction each Sunday during May at St Austin's at 5pm.

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: We welcome Fr Emmanuel Mbheh from Mill Hill Missionaries this weekend 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.

First Holy Communion at St Ignatius: Information is available from any of the Priest's for children in year 4 and above who have already made their First Confession. This information will also be made available in St Ignatius' school this coming week.

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 do support them as they raise vital funds for the Parishes.

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.

Sale: The piety stall at St Ignatius is having a sale to prepare for new stock arrival. Please take a moment to stop and look at what is on offer. Cards for children making their First Holy Communion will be available in the next week or so.

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.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. 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

Sharon will be collecting this weekend at St Austin's – last chance to ensure entry into the April draw!

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.

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.

St Ignatius School will be hosting a Pentecost picnic on Friday 22nd May to which all Parishioners are warmly invited.

Film Club meets again on Wednesday 6 May in St Austin's Parish Centre. Details of the film are displayed in posters in all our churches and by joining our WhatsApp group by texting Anne on 07963 740575. Doors open at 6 30 pm for a 7 pm start and tea/coffee and biscuits and chocolates are available. No admission charge – but donations welcome for St Austin's Refurbishment Fund. Everyone is very welcome! See you there.

Quiz Night: St Ignatius will be holding a Parish quiz night on Saturday 23rd May. More details to follow but please save the date as it promises to be a great evening.

Former Presbyteries: As previously advised, both properties at St Ignatius and English Martyrs have been leased to Catholic Care for conversion into small children's homes. Work continues at St Ignatius and disruption to both Parish and school life has been minimal. Work is expected to start at English Martyrs next month and last through to the Summer. We will again monitor works in progress to ensure minimal disruption to both the Church and school.

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>

May Procession: Immediately following the 10am Mass at St Ignatius on Sunday 10th May. There will also be a shared lunch in the Parish Centre, to which everyone is invited. There will be a sign-up list at the back of church so that Parishioners can put their names against items for the shared table.

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	£436.00	£826.06	£1199.26	£2461.32
St Ignatius	£174.25	£252.82	£368.81	£795.88

2nd collection **next week** for the Priest's Training Fund

Thank you for your continued generosity

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

4th Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

[R] The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me; he revives my soul. **[R]**

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **[R]**

You have prepared a table before me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **[R]**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.
[R]

Second reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing

May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift of redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing. **Amen.**

May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth be united with him in the homeland of heaven. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**