

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



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## Mass Programme for the week 5 – 12 April 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 4 April	<b>The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	St Austin	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
Monday 6 April		<b>12 noon</b>	St Austin	Crescencia Catayong RIP
Tuesday 7 April		10:00am 11:30pm 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Mr Varkey - Anniversary
Wednesday 8 April		<b>12 noon</b> <b>12:30pm</b>	St Austin English Martyrs	John Francis RIP <b>Funeral Mass – Phoebe Campbell</b>
Thursday 9 April		12 noon	St Austin	Edward Starford – Anniversary
Friday 10 April		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	Brenda Auty – Birthday Anniversary John Oats – Intentions
Saturday 11 April		9:30am <b>11:30am</b> 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Margaret Chappell – Anniversary <b>Keralan Mass</b> November Dead List Mel Walker – Anniversary
Sunday 12 April	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am <b>2:45pm</b> 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin <b>English Martyrs</b> St Austin	A sick person (GG) Pro Populo Priest's Intention McDonald Banda RIP <b>Divine Mercy Devotions</b> Priest's Intention

Please note changes to Mass schedule shown in bold above.

**Fr Sean, Fr Noble and Fr Philip wish all Parishioners  
a happy and holy Easter season**

## 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

**Divine Mercy Devotions:** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 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 and Thursday Club at St Austin's both return on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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/>

**Keralan Mass:** Holy Mass will be celebrated in Malayalam on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at St Austin's. All are welcome.

**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.

**Film Club:** We will meet again this 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!

**Congratulations** to Sandra Murray, winner of the St Ignatius 100 club for March with No 32.

**Easter Offerings:** As it traditional, the Easter offerings are a gift to the clergy from the Parish to thank them for their ministry over the year.

**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.tangnevy-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.

**Thank you** to the Parishioners of St Ignatius from The Bethlehem Nativity Group for allowing our group to come to your church and sell the olive wood religious articles, the result of which was very beneficial and rewarding for our needy Christian families. This raised £1213.00 Your help is a great support for us, and for our Christian families in the Holy Land. We don't have enough words to thank you but make sure that you are always in our prayers. If anyone has missed the display, you can place an order online at [www.tbng.co.uk](http://www.tbng.co.uk)

**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.friendsofwatertonwall.com](http://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](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)

**St Augustine's Youth Day:** There will be a Youth Day on the 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 11 am), Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.latin-liturgy.org/meetings) More information on the poster in each church.

**SVF & 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 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](https://svp1.formstack.com/forms/work_experience_application_form_2026). Applications close on 6<sup>th</sup> April. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**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.

**Guided Tour:** A Free Guided Tour of Leeds Cathedral will take place on the Wednesday of Easter Week, 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm. The tour lasts about 1 hour. No booking is required. On arrival, please gather by the Baptismal Font at the back of the Cathedral.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> April. For an informal and confidential discussion, please contact Kieron Flood at Hinsley Hall on [education\\_admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto: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](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).

**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	£456.01	£989.14	£1029.65	£2474.80
St Ignatius	£144.25	£301.95	£333.85	£780.05
Easter Flowers 2nd Collection				£330.10

**Thank you for your continued generosity**

**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](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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**St Ignatius** - Mr Rob Barraclough, email [psr.rbarraclough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:psr.rbarraclough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord (A)

### **Entrance Antiphon**

*Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6*

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Collect**

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34a, 37-43*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The Word of The Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Ps 130(129):1-2. 3-4. 5-6b. 6c-8. R7bc*

**[R] This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

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.' **[R]**

The Lord's right hand is exalted.  
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount the deeds of the Lord. **[R]**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes. **[R]**

### **Second reading**

*Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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**

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

### **Gospel**

*John 20:1-9*

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

### **Communion Antiphon**

*1 Cor 5: 7-8*

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

### **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.