

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



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Mass Programme for the week 10 – 17 May 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 9 May		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Pro Populo Ann Parish RIP
Sunday 10 May	6th 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	Priest's Intention Peter Cichocki RIP Robert Williams Monica Akhiebhu – Birthday Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention
Monday 11 May		9:30am	St Austin	Denis Clare – Birthday Anniversary
Tuesday 12 May		10:00am 11:30pm 6:30pm 7:15pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List Mike Withers RIP Reception of Rita Croxall RIP
Wednesday 13 May	Our Lady of Fatima Ascension Vigil Mass	10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm	English Martyrs St Austin St Ignatius	November Dead List Funeral Mass – Rita Croxall RIP November Dead List
Thursday 14 May	The Ascension of The Lord – Holyday of Obligation	7:30am 9:30am 10:30am 12 noon 7:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention O'Brien & Elley Families Pro Populo Robert Anthony Steve Simpson RIP
Friday 15 May		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Rita Croxall RIP
Saturday 16 May		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Dr John & Betty O'Brien Priest's Intention James Mahady – 1 st Anniversary
Sunday 17 May	7th 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	Priest's Intention Fr Michael & Fr Peter Nealon RIP November Dead List Dot Cordy RIP Rosary & Benediction Pro Populo

Please note any changes to the Mass schedule this week 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 – Saturday morning during confessions. Thursday 7:30pm
Novena	St Austin	Monday 7pm on 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

Holyday of Obligation: On Thursday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of The Lord. As Catholics we are obliged to make every effort to attend Mass.

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.

May Procession: Immediately following the 10am Mass at St Ignatius this week, Sunday 10th May including a shared lunch in the Parish Centre.

Clergy Moves: As recently announced, Bishop Marcus has appointed Fr Noble as Parochial Administrator to the Parish of Our Lady and St Joseph in Keighley. Fr Noble will take up his new appointment at some point in the Summer. Bishop Marcus has appointed Fr Joshi Philip to be our new curate here in our Parish. Fr Joshi is currently at St Joseph's in Pontefract and again will arrive at some point in the Summer. We keep both Fr Noble and Fr Joshi in our prayers as they prepare for their new ministries.

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/>

First Holy Communion at St Ignatius: Information is available from school or any of the Priest's for children in year 4 and above who have already made their First Confession.

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: 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.

The Catholic Life of Charles Waterton: As part of Wakefield's WallFest26 celebrations there will be a display and talk on the Catholic Life of Charles Waterton in the parish centre on Thursday 21st May. The centre will be open for the display from 6:30pm and the talk, which will last around 50 minutes, will begin at 7:00.

School Spaces: Do you have family or friends with children due to start school in September? Our primary schools have limited availability and can offer a wonderful Catholic education fostering intellectual, social and emotional growth rooted in Catholic tradition. Please contact the schools directly (details on the front of the newsletter) for more information.

100/200 Club: Annual subscriptions are now **overdue** 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 ryecrofthouse@gmail.com

Flamenco from Spain: St Austin's Theatre is delighted to host this event on Saturday 16th May starting at 7:30pm. Prize-winning artists include Rebeca Ortega, an elegant, accomplished and internationally acclaimed dancer based in Seville, Maestro composer and guitarist Ramon Ruiz from Granada who trained in Seville, and Carlos Lobo, renowned puro flamenco singer from Jerez de la Frontera now based in Seville. Don't miss out on this opportunity to immerse yourself in the rich cultural heritage of Andalusia, with traditional and modern flamenco artistry. This a seated event, first come first served. Tickets on sale now at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/18212570783>

Volunteer Gardener: Could you offer an hour or two per week to help tidy up the garden and small allotment at St Austin's school? The children in the afterschool club are enjoying growing rhubarb and strawberries etc but the area needs some attention. Contact Marc in the Parish office for more information.

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

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.

Mens' Group: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday May 13th, 7.45 for 8.00pm in the English Martyrs Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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.

St Austin's Players: Are you passionate about theatre, or simply curious to explore something new? If so, we'd love to invite you to join us for a relaxed get-together with fellow theatre enthusiasts! Picture this: a warm cup of tea or coffee in hand, surrounded by friendly faces, as we dive into the world of play readings and lively conversation. Tuesday 19th May at 7.30 in the St Austin's Parish Centre and weekly thereafter alternating between Tuesdays and Thursdays. We really hope you'll come along and give it a try. If you have any questions or want more details, please feel free to reach out. Email: secretary@staustinsplayers.co.uk. Looking forward to seeing you there for some fun, laughter, and creativity!

Pentecost Praise: Sunday 24th May at English Martyrs Church at 3pm. Everyone welcome, come and celebrate Pentecost with prayers, songs and intercessions. Tea/coffee and cake afterwards plus a bring and share buffet to celebrate the birthday of the Church.

Churches Together in Wakefield: Will host an Ascension Day early morning service. Thursday May 14th at 7.30am at Sandal Castle. All are welcome. See Poster in Narthex at St Austin's.

Missio: Fr Emmanuel Mbeh will be back to appeal at the Masses he missed at both St Austin and St Ignatius on the weekend of 20/21 June.

Offerory 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.

Advance Notice: There will be a Funeral Masses at St Austin's for **Rita Croxall RIP** on Wednesday 13th May at 12 noon and **Brian Ferguson** on Wednesday 27th May at 11am.

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	£474.00	£735.80	£1199.26	£2409.06
St Ignatius	£209.25	£245.20	£368.81	£843.26
2nd collection – Priest's Training Fund				£895.14

2nd collection next Sunday for Catholic Communications

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Rita Croxall, Brian Ferguson, Mary Lenihan and Philip (Pip) Shaw.

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

6th Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 48: 20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Collect

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 8:5-8, 14-17

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city. Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66(65):1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16, 20. R1

[R] Cry out with joy to God, all the earth

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!' **[R]**

'Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'

Come and see the works of God:

his wondrous deeds among the children of Adam. **[R]**

He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.

Let our joy, then, be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. **[R]**

Come and hear, all who fear God;

I will tell what he did for my soul.

Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

John 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

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.