

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



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Mass Programme for the week 17 – 24 May 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 16 May		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 18 May		9:30am	St Austin	Catherine Reddington – Anniversary
Tuesday 19 May	St Dunstan	10:00am 11:30pm 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List James Mahady RIP
Wednesday 20 May		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Dot Cordy RIP November Dead List
Thursday 21 May		12 noon	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Philip (Pip) Shaw RIP
Friday 22 May		11:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Rita Croxall RIP
Saturday 23 May		9:30am 12:30pm 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Mary Hoban First Holy Communion – Priest's Intention Priest's Intention Jean McDonald RIP
Sunday 24 May	Pentecost Sunday	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Peter Cichocki RIP Andrew Mitchell RIP David Willis RIP Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention

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 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.

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, Middlesbrough and Hallam. As part of the consultation currently taking place across our 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/>. **Bishop Marcus is keen to hear from as many people as possible so do please follow the link and take part.**

First Holy Communion at St Ignatius: Preparation begins this Sunday at 11:30am after Mass.

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. **First Holy Communion** cards and gifts are also available. 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.

First Holy Communion: We remember in our prayers the children from St Austin & The English Martyrs who are making their First Holy Communion this weekend and next. We also give thanks to all those who have helped prepare them for this most sacred Sacrament.

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 ryecroft@outlook.com

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.

Catholic Care Garden Party: Join us on Sunday 19th July 12.30pm at Catholic Care Head Office for our summer fundraiser! Enjoy live music from Voices of Yorkshire, a BBQ, games, raffles, cakes and more. Browse the clothes and book sale, try henna and relax with friends and family. Free entry and all proceeds support Catholic Care's vital work in the local community.

Flamenco from Spain: St Austin's Theatre is delighted to host this event on Saturday 16th May starting at 7:30pm after evening Mass. 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. Last minute tickets may be available on the door.

Priestly Vocations Discernment Meeting: Time for prayers, questions, input from a priest and social time. There are two groups meeting simultaneously; under 18s and over 18s. Fridays 6.30pm-8.15pm: Friday 22nd May, Cathedral Hall, Leeds. Under 18 participants must complete and return a permission form prior to attending. For permission forms and to notify of attendance (all participants) please contact Vocations Promoter, Fr Simon Lodge vocations@dioceseofleeds.org.uk.

International & African Mass will be celebrated at St Austin's on Saturday June 6th at 12:30pm followed by a buffet and reception in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

St Ignatius School will be hosting a Pentecost picnic on Friday 22nd May starting at 12:30, to which all Parishioners are warmly invited. Bring your own picnic and a blanket so you can enjoy watching the children flying their kites in the afternoon!

Quiz Night: St Ignatius will be holding a Parish quiz night on Saturday 23rd May starting at 7pm. Bring your own drinks and snacks for what promises to be another great parish occasion. Prizes awarded on the night!

Former Presbyteries: Work has now begun on refurbishing the property at English Martyrs. The contractors are aware of Mass times and that access is required to the disabled entrance through the old sacristy. There will be a new path laid and a boundary fence erected to separate the church from the house. Parts of the old marble altar will be turned into an architectural feature alongside the new path. If anyone encounters any issues, please contact Marc in the Parish office.

Congratulations to Simon Wilson, winner of the St Ignatius 100 club for April with No11.

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.

Many thanks to all who helped make the May Procession last weekend at St Ignatius such a tremendous success. The procession itself was very well attended before a fabulous bring and share lunch in the Parish Centre. Photos and videos of the day have been uploaded to the St Ignatius Facebook page which all are welcome to join. Simply search St Ignatius Catholic Church, Ossett.

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.

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Advance Notice: There will be a Funeral Mass at St Austin's for **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	£611.00	£715.33	£1199.26	£2525.59
St Ignatius	£169.75	£381.97	£368.81	£920.53

2nd collection this week 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 Brian Ferguson and Mary Lenihan.

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

7th Sunday of Easter (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

Collect

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Acts 1:12-14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. R13

[R] I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **[R]**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to enquire at his temple. **[R]**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer me.
Of you my heart has spoken,
'Seek his face.' **[R]**

Second reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 17:1-11a

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

John 17:22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. 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.

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.