

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



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Mass Programme for the week 12 July – 19 July 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 11 July		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Thomas Richard Byram Winnie Bryan – Birthday
Sunday 12 July	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Pro Populo Keane & Kovalenko Families – Health & Wellbeing John Bartram – Birthday Anniversary Tony McCormack
Monday 13 July		11:00am	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Monika Olahova
Tuesday 14 July		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List Irene de Tute RIP
Wednesday 15 July	St Bonaventure	10:00am 10:30am 2:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius	David Willis RIP (School Mass) November Dead List Priest's Intention (School Mass)
Thursday 16 July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9:30am 12 noon	English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List (School Mass) Sheila Whitworth
Friday 17 July		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Margaret North Anniversary
Saturday 18 July	The Dedication of Leeds Cathedral	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Margaret Long – Birthday Peggy Clarke RIP Veronica McLaughlin RIP
Sunday 19 July	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	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 John Victor Utting – Anniversary Fr Paul Reid RIP Priest's Intention

We welcome our primary school children to all 3 of our churches this week for their end of year Masses. All Parishioners are invited to join them to celebrate Mass.

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 6 th & 20 th July; 3 rd 17 th & 31 st August; 14 th & 28 th September.
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

Parents & Toddlers will be meeting this Thursday for the final time before the Summer break. The group will return on Thursday 3rd September.

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.

Email Security: There have been several instances of Parishioners receiving emails from a fake account purporting to be from Fr Sean and also now Fr Noble. This has been reported to the Diocese. If anyone receives an unexpected email saying it is from any of our clergy, do not open it and report it to Marc in the Parish office.

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 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.

Repairs: If anyone becomes aware of any issues in any of our churches or Parish centres, please let Marc in the office know so that he can add to the maintenance list. We have a few jobs in hand already in both English Martyrs and St Ignatius centres but better to be notified twice than not at all!

100/200 Club: For the 200 club we've had a good start to the financial year and are on track to donate £2000 to Parish Funds. Thank you to everyone for your continued support. A gentle reminder if your pay via standing order, the subs are now £3 a month or £36 per year. 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@house@gmail.com

Fountains Abbey: Holy Mass will be celebrated in this historic setting for the Feast of St Benedict **this week** on Tuesday 14th July. Whilst the Abbey is maintained by the National Trust, admission charges are waived for any Catholics attending Mass that day. Entry is via The Visitor's Centre where there is ample parking; a shuttle bus is available for those who find the walk too much. Disabled access is via the West Gate where all parking is reserved for the disabled. Special arrangements can be made for wheelchairs.

Parish Retreat. Calling all parishioners of St Austin's, St Ignatius and English Martyrs. Following the success of previous years, we are delighted to announce our Annual Parish Residential Retreat at The Briery, Ilkley, from 18th–20th September. The theme this year is **"Finding the voice of Christ"**. In modern life, opportunities to step back, slow down and spend quality time with the Lord can be rare. This retreat offers a chance to deepen your relationship with Christ, enjoy the peace and beauty of the Yorkshire countryside, and spend time with fellow parishioners in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The weekend includes Sunday Mass, prayer, inspirational input from the retreat team, opportunities for Confession, quiet reflection, friendship and conversation. Many who have attended previous retreats describe it as one of the most uplifting and spiritually rewarding weekends of their year. Suggested offering: £195 per person (includes two nights' accommodation and all meals). Confidential financial assistance and transport are available if required. Places are limited, so early booking is strongly recommended. For further information, confidential financial assistance or to reserve a place, please contact Marc in the Parish Office.

"Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest for a while." (Mark 6:31)

World Youth Day: The Diocese of Leeds Youth Service are excited to be offering this once in a lifetime opportunity for anyone aged 18-35 to go on pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea for World Youth Day in August 2027 as part of a Northern Diocesan Partnership! For more information and to apply, please email: youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Jubilate Singers: A wonderful Summer concert last week to a full St Ignatius school hall. A mix of excellent singing with a sprinkling of comedy and a great social occasion. A profit of approximately £500 was raised to be shared between Parish and school funds. Thanks to everyone who made the event such a success and watch this space for a Christmas concert date.

Former Presbyteries: If anyone encounters any issues during ongoing building works, please contact Marc in the Parish office.

Narthex: There has recently been several instances of Health & Safety risks reported, specifically regarding families with small children attending Mass but sitting/standing in the Narthex at St Austin's. Everyone attending Mass should sit within the main body of the church. The Narthex is specifically there to allow families with distressed or crying children to move temporarily to the Narthex to calm the child, before rejoining Mass in church. **The Narthex is not a creche area or a playground.** At some Sunday Masses there are over 150 people attending and it is dangerous to have small children crawling or climbing in the Narthex. Could parents please ensure that their children are with them and remain safe at all times.

English Martyrs: The new path has now been laid for disabled access to the side of the church, which also acts as a fire escape in the event of an emergency. The 2 pieces of old altar marble have been incorporated as features to the side of the path and the area between the path and the Church has been dug over and seeded with both grass and wildflowers to ultimately create a verge. Hopefully everyone sees this as a huge improvement. Work continues at pace on the former presbytery before Catholic Care take the building over later this year.

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.

Parish Centres: Can all users please ensure that rooms are left in a tidy state when leaving please. Also, it is imperative to make sure that all lights are off, taps closed, doors locked etc before leaving. It is the responsibility of whoever booked the facility to have a walk round all areas, including toilets and kitchens before they lock up. This of course has been communicated to external users of our facilities too.

African & Caribbean Mass & Healing Service: Mass will take place at Leeds Cathedral on Sunday 26th July starting at 1pm with the healing service, exposition and rosary. Mass will then start at 1:30pm with written prayer requests being collected before Mass. There will be music and refreshments served in the Cathedral Hall after Mass.

Leeds Cathedral: A Free Guided Tour will take place on the following Saturdays during the spring and summer months: 18 July and 8 August, when the tours start 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.

Job Vacancy: The Finance Department of the Diocese of Leeds is looking to recruit a Diocese Finance Coordinator. Strong Excel skills and an openness to working with volunteers is essential. Please visit www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/vacancies/ for details.

Advance notice: There will be a Funeral Mass for **Mary Kitchen RIP** at St Austin's on Monday 27th July at 12 noon, with Mary being received into church on Sunday 26th at 7pm. There will be a Funeral Mass for **Maureen Warwick RIP** at St Austin's on Thursday 30th July at 12 noon.

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	£513.00	£729.36	£1198.49	£2440.85
St Ignatius	£227.25	£326.45	£368.81	£922.51

2nd collection this week is for Stella Maris.

Thank you for your continued generosity

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

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Collect

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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

Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):1-2. 8-9. 10-11. 13c-14. R cf. 1

[R] Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. **[R]**

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **[R]**

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. **[R]**

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! **[R]**

Second reading

Romans 8: 18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.' Then the disciples came and said to him, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?' And he answered them, 'To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. Indeed, in their case the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled that says: "You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive." For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them. But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it. 'Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.