

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



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Mass Programme for the week 26 July – 2 August 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 25 July		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Winne & Harold Bryan – Anniversaries
Sunday 26 July	17th 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 Bernard Fletcher RIP Canon John Galvin RIP Veronica McLaughlin RIP
Monday 27 July		12 noon	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Mary Kitchen RIP
Tuesday 28 July		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service John Lawrence & Amelia D'Cruz RIP
Wednesday 29 July	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	NO MASS TODAY Alex Noble RIP
Thursday 30 July		12 noon	St Austin	Funeral Mass – Maureen Warwick RIP
Friday 31 July	St Ignatius of Loyola Solemnity at St Ignatius	10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	Mary Pearce RIP Canon John G. Galvin RIP
Saturday 1 August	St Alphonsus Liguori	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to the Immaculate Heart Priest's Intention Kenneth Button – Birthday Anniversary
Sunday 2 August	18th 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 Michael Matthews – 10 th Anniversary David Turner Family of Canon John G. Galvin Pro Populo

Please note changes to Mass times as above, especially tha there is no Mass at St Austin's on Wednesday 29th July.

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 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

Congratulations to Jacob and Courtney Tyson, Parishioners of English Martyrs who were married on 25 July in the English Martyrs Church in York. All Parishioners wish them every happiness and blessing for their forthcoming life together.

Parish Groups: Several of our Groups are now enjoying a well earned Summer break and will return refreshed in September. See above for details.

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 continues to be instances of Parishioners receiving emails from fake email accounts purporting to be from Fr Sean and Fr Noble. These have again 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. New stock, especially of cards, rosaries and statues has just been delivered. 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 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.

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!

Assisted Suicide: The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is back in the House of Commons, seeking to legalise assisted suicide. MPs vote on Friday, 11 September 2026, so please consider contacting your MP. For St Austin's and English Martyrs this is Simon Lightwood, email simon.lightwood.mp@parliament.uk and for St Ignatius this is Jade Botterill, email jade.botterill.mp@parliament.uk

Leeds Cathedral is undertaking some essential works to upgrade the lighting system throughout August. To ensure health & safety, the Cathedral will be unable to open on weekdays for the duration of the works. There will be no confessions on weekdays and Mass will be in Cathedral Hall. Please see the Cathedral website for more information. <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/cathedral/>

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 sekatemala@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

Narthex: There have 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 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.

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

English Martyrs: Now that the new path has been laid, attention turns to the steps leading down to the Parish Centre. These steps will be completely re-built over the next couple of weeks so please take care when in the area and pay attention to signage from the Contractor when the steps will be out of use. There should be no inconvenience after Sunday Mass with the work being done during weekdays.

Parish Retreat. LAST FEW SPACES AVAILABLE!! 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)

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

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 8 August 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 Pearce RIP on Friday 21st August at 12 noon. Mary will be received into church on Thursday 20th at 5:30pm.

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	£552.00	£715.51	£1198.49	£2466.00
St Ignatius	£183.25	£243.36	£368.81	£795.42

2nd collection **this week** is for our local Primary schools – St Austin's, English Martyrs & St Ignatius'.

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Collect

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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

1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings

In those days: The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-128. 129-130. R97a*

[R] O Lord, how I love your law!

You, O Lord, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold. **[R]**

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight. **[R]**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways. **[R]**

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple. **[R]**

Second reading

Romans 8: 28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.