

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



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Mass Programme for the week 16 August – 23 August 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 15 August		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Alex Noble RIP Daniel Waring – Birthday Anniversary
Sunday 16 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Hywel Evans RIP Winifred Spurr – Anniversary Irene de Tute RIP Pro Populo
Monday 17 August		12 noon	St Austin	Family of Canon John G Galvin
Tuesday 18 August		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Gertrude Katosire - Thanksgiving
Wednesday 19 August		10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	NO MASS TODAY O'Brien & Elley Families
Thursday 20 August	St Bernard	12 noon	St Austin	George Morgan RIP
Friday 21 August	St Pius X	10:30am 11:30am	St Ignatius St Austin	John Joseph McKinney Funeral Mass – Mary Pearce RIP
Saturday 22 August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Alex Noble RIP Olga Hepworth RIP
Sunday 23 August	21st 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 Priest's Intention Julia Mato-Pereira RIP Baby Mary RIP Kenneth Harris RIP

Please note changes to Mass times as above, especially that there is no Mass at St Austin's on Wednesday 19th August.



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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 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

Clergy Movements: We welcome Fr Joshy to our Parish from Wednesday 19th August. He joins us following a period of time at St Joseph's in Pontefract. Please make every effort to ensure he feels welcome in both our Parishes and keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his new ministry in Wakefield and Ossett. In addition, we keep Fr Noble in our prayers as he has now moved to his new Parish of Our Lady & St Joseph in Keighley. Offerings (in the special envelopes available from all churches) can still be made by adding these to the offertory collection or by posting through the Presbytery letterbox at St Austin's.

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.

170 Years Young: Joyce Gilroy and Paul Blackburn would like to thank parishioners for all their good wishes, cards and support on the occasion of their recent 90th and 80th birthday celebrations.

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 Wakefield and Rothwell (St Austin's and English Martyrs) this is Simon Lightwood, email simon.lightwood.mp@parliament.uk and for Ossett and Denby Dale (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: A gentle reminder for St Austin's & English Martyrs Parishioners, if your pay via standing order, the subs are now £3 a month or £36 per year so please amend your bank instruction accordingly. 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

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 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.

Leeds Walsingham Way is a new joint Diocesan Camino for the Year of St Francis of Assisi! Full information and links for Leeds, Hallam and Middlesbrough Day Pilgrims to sign up for any of the days walking through Leeds or Hallam Dioceses here: <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/> All welcome to join the start, 8am Pilgrims' Mass, Saturday 12 September, Leeds Cathedral, followed by walk to Wakefield. **Sunday 8am Mass at St Austin's, Wakefield**, followed by walk into Hallam Diocese.

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)

Children's Sacraments at St Austin's and The English Martyrs: Information meetings for parents of children in Yr3 (or above) who are due to make their First Confession in the coming year and children in Yr6 (or above) who are due to be Confirmed in the coming year will take place in early September. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for further information. Parents of children in Yr4 (or above) will be invited to an information meeting later in the year regarding First Holy Communion. **Please note** that any children who are due to receive their First Holy Communion and have not yet made their First Confession **MUST** enrol on the First Confession course this autumn in order to begin preparation for First Holy Communion.

Vacancy: Roman Catholic Prison Chaplain (Lay or Ordained). An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Team at HMP Wakefield. We are seeking a compassionate and committed Catholic Chaplain to provide pastoral and spiritual care within a long-term high-security prison. Salary: £44,900-£47,570 | Vacancy ID: 20727 | Closing Date: 4 September 2026. For further information, contact paul.kirwan@justice.gov.uk.

St Ignatius Parish Centre: We would like to thank Janet Shaw for her service over the last 3 years as Bookings Co-ordinator for the Parish Centre. Janet is stepping down, officially from 31st August, but, with immediate effect, all bookings for the Parish Centre should now be emailed to Marc in the Parish office using the email office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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.

Advance Notice: There will be a Funeral Mass for **Mary Pearce RIP** at St Austin's on Friday 21st August at 11:30am (please note change of time). Mary will be received into church on Thursday 20th at 5:30pm. There will be a Funeral Mass at St Austin's for **Maureen Plummer RIP** on Thursday 27th August at 11:45am. There will be a Funeral Mass at St Austin's for **William McGolpin RIP** at St Austin's on Friday 28th August at 12 noon. There will be a Funeral Service at St Austin's for **Alan Kitchen RIP** on Tuesday 1st September at 1:30pm.

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	£553.00	£449.14	£1274.57	£2276.71
St Ignatius	£273.25	£239.81	£411.23	£924.29

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 Marc on office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk 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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Rev 12: 1

A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who assumed the Immaculate Virgin Mary, the Mother of your Son, body and soul into heavenly glory, grant, we pray, that, always attentive to the things that are above, we may merit to be sharers of her glory. 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

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

A reading from the Book of Revelation

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45(44):10. 11. 12. 16. R10b

[R] On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

The daughters of kings are those whom you favour.
On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. **[R]**

Listen, O daughter; pay heed and give ear:
forget your own people and your father's house. **[R]**

So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him. **[R]**

They are escorted amid gladness and joy;
they pass within the palace of the king. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and Sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

For 'God has put all things in subjection under his feet.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 1:39-56

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring for ever.' And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this oblation, our tribute of homage, rise up to you, O Lord, and, through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, may our hearts, aflame with the fire of love, constantly long for you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Lk 1: 48-49

All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.

Prayer after Communion

Having received the Sacrament of salvation, we ask you to grant, O Lord, that, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom you assumed into heaven, we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.