

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



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Mass Programme for the week 2 August – 9 August 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 1 August		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 3 August	St Oswald	9:30am	St Austin	Canon John G Galvin RIP
Tuesday 4 August	St John Vianney	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Rica Ponciano-Banaga – Birthday, Good Health, Family & World Peace
Wednesday 5 August	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Holy & Forgotten Souls Family Intentions
Thursday 6 August	The Transfiguration of The Lord	12 noon	St Austin	Paul Blackburn – 80 th Birthday
Friday 7 August		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Irene de Tute RIP
Saturday 8 August	St Dominic	9:30am 11:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	John Francis RIP Keralan Mass Gladys & William Murtagh Joyce Gilroy – 90 th Birthday
Sunday 9 August	19th 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 Arthur & Mavis Bouckley – 50 th Wedding Anniversary Alex Noble RIP Mary Pearce RIP Priest's Intention

Please note changes to Mass times as 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 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

Fr Noble: As we prepare to say goodbye to Fr Noble later this month, “thank you” envelopes are now available at all churches for offerings to give thanks for his time with us in our Parishes. Please place the envelopes in the usual offertory collection, hand to any of the Priest's or post through the Presbytery door at St Austin's. We will then plan a Parish social event later in the year and invite Fr Noble back to make a presentation to him.

Canon John Galvin RIP: A former curate of St Austin's 1980 to 1987, Canon Galvin will be received in to Holy Rood Catholic Church, George St, Barnsley, S70 1AX at 6pm on Monday 10th August at 6pm followed by Holy Mass. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Marcus at on Tuesday 11th August at 11:30am. There is a short obituary at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/very-rev-canon-john-galvin-rip/>

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 each week of Parishioners receiving emails from fake email accounts purporting to be from Fr Sean and Fr Noble. These are all reported to the Diocese. Many of the spurious emails are from a specific address – “parishpastor123@gmail.com” pretending to be from Fr Sean. 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: 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!

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 you 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.

Film Club meets again on Wednesday 12 August in St Austin's Parish Centre – doors open at 6:30 pm for a 7pm start. Details of the film are displayed on posters in all three churches, of you can join the WhatsApp group by contacting Anne on 07963 740575. All very welcome. No charge but donations welcome for St Austin's Restoration Fund.

Keralan Mass: Holy Mass will be celebrated in Malayalam for the Keralan Community on Saturday 8th August at 11:30am at St Austin's. All are welcome.

Congratulations to Brenda Burnley, the winner of the St Ignatius 100 Club for July with No 15.

English Martyrs: The work on creating a new path for disabled access and fire escape from church, which incorporates parts of the old marble altar, plus the steps leading down to the Parish centre is now complete; and hopefully everyone agrees that the contractor has done a great job. No further major works are planned that will interfere with normal Parish activities. Work continues on the former Presbytery but as yet we have no dates on when Catholic Care will take over the building.

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)

Thank you to all members of the St Austin & English Martyrs 200 Club. A **generous donation of £5000** has been made to the St Austin's restoration fund. Special thanks to Sharon Katema for organising and managing the subscriptions and draws. There is still time to join and numbers are available for new members. Remember there is an additional draw of £500 in December – just in time for Christmas!

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.

Leeds Cathedral: A Free Guided Tour will take place this coming Saturday 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.

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. There will also be a Funeral Mass for **Maureen Plummer RIP** on Thursday 27th August 11:45am.

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	£485.00	£797.84	£1274.57	£2557.41
St Ignatius	£153.25	£264.90	£368.81	£786.96
Local Catholic primary schools				£724.75

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Collect

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 55:1-3

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. *R* cf. 16

[R] You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **[R]**

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing. **[R]**

The Lord is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The Lord is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **[R]**

Second reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Wis 16: 20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Prayer after Communion

Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.