

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



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Mass Programme for the week 30 August –6 September 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 29 August		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Thomas Keane – Birthday Val Lewis RIP
Sunday 30 August	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Mary Pearce RIP Deceased members of the Clancy family Leonardo Pogado RIP Priest's Intention
Monday 31 August	St Aiden	12 noon	St Austin	Paul Booth – Anniversary
Tuesday 1 September		11:30am 1:30pm 3:00pm 6:30pm	English Martyrs St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Funeral Service – Alan Kitchen RIP November Dead List M. Adeyemi Jaiyeloa – 5 th Anniversary
Wednesday 2 September		10:30am	English Martyrs	Teresa Scott – Get well
Thursday 3 September	St Gregory the Great	12 noon	St Austin	November Dead List
Friday 4 September	St Cuthbert	10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Brian Maher – 5 th Anniversary
Saturday 5 September		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary Margaret Sheila Callaghan John Francis RIP
Sunday 6 September	23rd 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 Peter Cichocki RIP Anne Barron Priest's Intention Priest's Intention

Please note changes to Mass times as above, especially Tuesday at St Ignatius where Mass is at 3pm instead of 10am and Wednesday where there is no Mass at St Austin's.



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St Austin & The English Martyrs

St Ignatius

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 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 Fleming
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

Parish Groups: We welcome our Parish groups back this week, fully refreshed from their Summer breaks.

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.

Children's Sacraments at St Austin's and The English Martyrs: The information meetings for parents of children in Yr3 (or above) who are due to make their First Confession in the coming year will be on **Tuesday 8th September at 7pm** and for parents of children in Yr6 (or above) who are due to be Confirmed in the coming year will take place on **Thursday 10th September at 7pm**. Both meetings will be in St Austin's Parish centre. 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. There will be a separate notice later with information for parents at St Ignatius.

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.

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. **There are also cards at the back of each church for posting directly to your MP.**

Music at Mass: Can you play the piano but have never tried the organ? We are looking for someone to play the hymns and Mass parts to support the liturgy and singing at the Saturday evening Mass at St Austin's. For an informal, no obligation chat, please contact Patrick Ganley via Marc in the Parish office.

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

Heritage Week 2026: As part of Heritage Week 2026 there will be a display and talk on Friday 18th September on the theme "Parades and Processions at St. Austin's". Doors open 6.30pm with the talk commencing 7:00pm and lasting around 40 minutes. The display will also be on show during the Open Day on Saturday 19th September 11:00am - 3:00pm. Volunteers to help with the Open Day are welcome and should contact dpfgilroy@hotmail.com or let Marc know you can help through the parish office. Thank you.

Volunteers: We are in urgent need of more volunteers to join the church cleaning rota at St Austin's. There are 5 teams operating on a weekly basis, so the commitment is less than once per month. It is a vital responsibility to keep our Church clean and tidy. Many hands make light work! If you can help, please contact Marc in the Parish office. **In addition** we need volunteers to collect the offertory collection at Sunday evening Mass at St Austin's. If you can help, please have a word with the Priest before Mass.

Coffee after Mass will be available in the Parish Centre following the 10am Mass on Friday 4th September at St Ignatius. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

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.

Catholic Medical Association: Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, why not consider joining us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. For more information & upcoming events, please visit: <https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk>

Leeds Walsingham Way: You are invited to walk as a "day pilgrim" with a group walking from Leeds to Walsingham in September. The first day of the walk on Sat 12th September is from Leeds Cathedral to St Austin's. See www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/day-pilgrims-invited-to-join-new-diocesan-walking-pilgrimage/ for details, to sign up or to support the initiative financially.

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)

Walsingham: The annual Leeds & Middlesbrough Diocesan pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 26th September. Angelus and the celebration of Holy Mass, 12:00 Noon. Solemn Procession into the village of Walsingham, 2:30pm, Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the grounds of the Ancient Shrine around 3:30pm. Bring a picnic!

Film Club meets on Wednesday 3 September 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, if you can join our WhatsApp group by contacting Anne on 07963 740575. All very welcome. No charge but donations welcome for St Austin's Restoration Fund.

Batley Torchlight Procession: Fr Eamonn Hegarty and the Parish of St Mary's, Batley will once again be hosting the annual Batley Torchlight Procession from St Mary's Catholic Primary School to St Mary of the Angels' Church. Monday 5th October, 7:30pm. The Torchlight Procession is a fine expression of our Catholic faith and gives honour to Mary, Mother of God. It is particularly valued by those who are unable to go on Pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in Lourdes. Refreshments afterwards.

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: A Funeral Mass for **Terence Mulready RIP** will be held at St Ignatius on Monday 21st September at 11am.

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	£428.00	£710.93	£1274.57	£2413.50
St Ignatius	£178.25	£218.08	£411.23	£807.56

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Tito Boi and Terence Mulready.

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

St Ignatius – contact Marc on office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk or 07714 944587

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:

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St Austin & The English Martyrs - Mrs Eileen Wornton, email psr.eworton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Ignatius - Mr Rob Barraclough, email psr.rbarraclough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Collect

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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

Jeremiah 20: 7-9

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

O Lord, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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

[R] For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **[R]**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **[R]**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **[R]**

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me. **[R]**

Second reading

Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.' Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.