

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



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Mass Programme for the week 13 – 20 September 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 12 September		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Marion Usher RIP Rita Croxall RIP
Sunday 13 September	24th 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 Terence Mulready RIP John Cuttall – Sick Pro Populo
Monday 14 September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	9:30am	St Austin	Angela Pawson
Tuesday 15 September	Our Lady of Sorrows	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	Mary & Ivan Stones – Thanksgiving November Dead List Angela Kennedy RIP – 80 th Birthday
Wednesday 16 September	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Connie Fozzard RIP November Dead List
Thursday 17 September		12 noon	St Austin	Mary O'Shea RIP
Friday 18 September		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	Patricia Devaney RIP Healing
Saturday 19 September	St Theodore of Canterbury	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List The Noble Family Christine Gudgin RIP
Sunday 20 September	25th 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 Peter Cichocki RIP Terence Mulready RIP Mary & Jack Powell RIP Priest's Intention

Please note any changes to Mass times as above.



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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 14 th & 28 th September; 12 th & 26 th October.
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

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 and for parents of children in Yr6 (or above) who are due to be Confirmed in the coming year have now taken place. Any parent who couldn't attend for any reason **MUST** make contact with Beccy or Cindy who run the preparation on catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk immediately or children will have to wait until next year to receive their sacraments. **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 in order to begin preparation for First Holy Communion.

Children's Confirmation at St Ignatius: Parents with children in Yr6 (or above) who are due to be confirmed this year should attend the 10am Sunday Mass at St Ignatius on Sunday 27th September as the first preparation session will be following Mass. There will be three further preparation sessions before the Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred on Saturday 14th November. All parents of eligible children should ensure they collect an information sheet from the back of St Ignatius church.

Men's Group: The next meeting will be this coming Wednesday 16th in the English Martyrs Parish Room, under the church @7.45pm for an 8.00pm start, finishing promptly at 9.30pm. It would be great to see you there. Whether you've been before or are thinking of coming along for the first time, you'll be made very welcome – so please do come and join us!

Education Sunday: A number of staff and children from our Primary Schools will be at Masses this weekend to assist with the liturgy, readings, offertory procession, bidding prayers etc. John Molyneux, Headteacher at St Austin's will be at the 11am Mass, Sarah Spencer Executive Headteacher at English Martyrs will be at the 9:30am Mass; and Helen Cooke, Headteacher at St Ignatius will be at the 10am Mass all to stress the importance of a Catholic education for our children. We are blessed in our Parishes to have three excellent primary schools and a secondary school, all with dedicated staff and we keep them in our prayers as the new school year starts. The children will be assisting with refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centres.

40 Days for Life is prayer, fasting, peaceful vigil and community outreach in support of the unborn, their mothers, fathers and families. There will be an Information Evening this Friday 18th September, 7pm-8pm at the Polish Catholic Centre, Chapel Allerton, Leeds LS7 4JE. Come and learn what 40 Days for Life is and how you can help save lives.

Parish Retreat: Could everyone attending the Parish retreat please contact Marc in the Parish Office on the usual email address. He is away all this week but picking up emails as normal. There are not enough wanting to travel by minibus so car sharing or taxis will need to be arranged. All rooms have been paid for and Marc will be collecting the contributions over the next couple of weeks. Arrival time is anytime after 3pm on Friday 18th and departure after lunch on Sunday 20th. The address is The Briery, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley LS29 9BW and guests are reminded to take their own towels.

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.

Heritage Week 2026: As part of Heritage Week 2026 there will be a display and talk this 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.

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.

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.

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.

St Thomas à Becket Catholic Secondary School are holding an open evening for all current Year 5 and Year 6 students and their families on Thursday 24th September, 6pm to 8pm. Come and discover what makes St Thomas à Becket's such a unique school. Meet our staff and students, hear from our Headteacher Mr Moran, explore our facilities and enjoy subject taster sessions. At St Thomas à Becket, every child is known, valued, and encouraged to achieve their very best.

Lourdes Roadshow & Quiz Night: St Austin's will be hosting the Lourdes hospitality team on Saturday 3rd October in the Parish Centre, starting at 7pm (or straight after the Vigil Mass). They promise an evening of fun and fellowship alongside information on the 2027 Diocesan pilgrimage and volunteering. Tickets are £5 in advance or £6 on the night which includes a pie and peas supper. Bring your own alcohol or soft drinks. For advance (cheaper) tickets, please contact Marc in the Parish office. Please come along and support this wonderful cause.

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>

Lunchtime Supervisor: St. Austin's Catholic Primary School seeks to recruit friendly, reliable and enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisors to join our team at school with immediate effect. Successful candidates will play a key role in ensuring our pupils enjoy a safe and enjoyable lunchtime, supporting their wellbeing and social development. Key responsibilities include: Supervising pupils during lunchtime in the dining hall, playground, and other areas, assisting children with meals, encouraging healthy eating, and promoting good table manners, ensuring the safety and welfare of pupils at all times, encouraging positive play and resolving minor incidents and supporting the school's behaviour policy and promoting a positive school environment. If you are dedicated to making a positive impact on children's lives and are excited to be part of our friendly team, we would love to hear from you! If you would like further information about this post and an application form, please ring the school on 01924 339435 and request to speak to Miss Brearey.

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!

Advance Notice: A Funeral Mass for **Terence Mulready RIP** will be held at St Ignatius on Monday 21st September at 11am. A Funeral Mass for **Mary O'Shea RIP** will be held at St Austin's on Wednesday 23rd September at 1pm. Mary will be received into church at 6pm on Tuesday 22nd at 6pm before evening Mass.

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	£550.00	£719.38	£1274.57	£2543.95
St Ignatius	£178.25	£255.60	£411.23	£845.08

There will be a 2nd collection **this week** (13th) for the Catholic Education Service

There will be a 2nd collection **next week** (20th) for Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)

Thank you for your continued generosity

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

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:

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Sir 36: 18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Collect

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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

Sirach 27:30-28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. RB

[R] The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **[R]**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **[R]**

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **[R]**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **[R]**

Second reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.

So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. 'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord.