

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



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Mass Programme for the week 20 – 27 September 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 19 September		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	The Noble Family Christine Gudin 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
Monday 21 September	St Matthew	9:30am 11:00am	St Austin St Ignatius	November Dead List Funeral Mass – Terence Mulready RIP
Tuesday 22 September		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	NO MASS TODAY November Dead List Frances Noonan (North) RIP
Wednesday 23 September	St Pius of Pietrelcina	10:30am 1:00pm	English Martyrs St Austin	NO MASS TODAY Funeral Mass – Mary O'Shea RIP
Thursday 24 September	Our Lady of Walsingham	12 noon	St Austin	Jennifer Young RIP
Friday 25 September		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Sally Topley - Anniversary
Saturday 26 September		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Geraldine & James – Ruby Wedding Cyprian Da Costa RIP
Sunday 27 September	26th 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 Terry Mawn RIP Angelina & Apolinario Rosalejos RIP Safe Delivery

Please note any changes to Mass times as above, especially Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday



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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 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
Tuesday	Lectio Divina	St Ignatius	7:00pm	Carla Barker
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 and return it to one of the Priests as soon as possible..

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.

Education Sunday: It was a pleasure to welcome staff and pupils from all our Primary schools last weekend. They supported the liturgy through the readings, prayers of intercession and the offertory procession plus serving refreshments in the Parish Centre. They are all a credit to their schools and our Parishes. If anyone feels they can help with the appeal for volunteers or Governors, please have a word with the Headteachers (details at the top of the bulletin each week) or send an email to Marc in the Parish office.

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!

Holy Mass with Anointing of the sick: The SVP have arranged this Mass on Friday 25 September at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend, whether you wish to receive the Anointing or not. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is appropriately received from time to time by anyone suffering from an ongoing illness, either physical or mental, by those who are elderly, or those who are about to undergo or are recovering from surgery or serious treatment. Sometimes there are misunderstandings at two extremes about who can receive this sacrament; it is not reserved only for those who are dying, but nor is it for those with a passing illness such as a cold or a sprained ankle.

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.

Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony: The staff of St Ignatius Catholic Primary School are delighted to invite members of the Parish community to join the children in the school hall on Friday 25th September 2026 at 2:30pm for our Mini Vinnies Commissioning Ceremony. This will be a very special occasion as our new Mini Vinnies make their promises and begin their journey of serving others within our school and wider community. It would be fabulous if members of the Parish family could join them to celebrate and support our children on this important occasion.

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.

Gospel & Prayer: Lectio Divina - prayerfully reading and listening to the Gospel. Tuesday evenings at 7pm at St Ignatius Parish Centre. Come along as we spend time with the Gospel reading of the week, going a little deeper and discovering how the living Word speaks to each of us in our own lives. We'll pray, listen and reflect together, with a break for tea and coffee. There's no need to have any experience or knowledge of Scripture - just come as you are. There's no pressure to speak; you're welcome to listen and join in as much as you feel comfortable. Everyone is welcome.

Film Club meets again on Wednesday 7 October in St Austin's Parish Centre, doors open at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start. Details of the film are displayed in posters in all our 3 churches and for more information join the Film Club WhatsApp chat on 07963 740575. 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.

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>

CAFOD: Family fast day is Friday 2nd October. Donation envelopes and information about the work of CAFOD are available at each church and there will be an appeal at all Masses at the end of September. The envelopes can be placed in the offertory collection alongside your usual weekly offering. Please remember to complete the gift aid declaration if applicable.

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.

Walsingham: The annual Leeds & Middlesbrough Diocesan pilgrimage will take place this coming 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: There will be a Funeral Mass for **Brian Gordon RIP** at English Martyrs church on Wednesday October 14th at 12 noon. There will be a Funeral Mass for **Neil Clarkson RIP** at St Austin's on Friday October 16th at 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	£423.00	£744.77	£1274.57	£2442.34
St Ignatius	£151.25	£275.07	£411.23	£837.55
Catholic Education Service				£477.10

There will be a 2nd collection **this 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 Mary O'Shea, Brian Gordon and Neil Clarkson.

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

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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 Worton, email psr.eworton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Collect

O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. *R*18a

[R] The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. **[R]**

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 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

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.