

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



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Mass Programme for the week 27 September– 4 October 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 26 September		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 28 September		9:30am	St Austin	Healing
Tuesday 29 September	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Private Intention
Wednesday 30 September	St Jerome	9:30am 10:30pm	St Austin English Martyrs	Hubert Barber RIP – 100 th Birthday Denis Clare - Anniversary
Thursday 1 October	St Therese of the Child Jesus & the Holy Face	12 noon	St Austin	Phyllis (RIP) & Joe O'Brien – Wedding Anniversary
Friday 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels	10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Fr Nick Palmer – Ordination Anniversary
Saturday 3 October		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary Priest's Intention Baby Preston RIP
Sunday 4 October	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Votive Masses of St Francis of Assisi)	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Peter Cichocki RIP Margaret Barraclough – Birthday Anniversary Safe Delivery Rosary & Benediction Pro Populo

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	Gospel & Prayer	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.

Rosary & Benediction will be held each Sunday throughout October at 5pm at St Austin's. Please make every effort to attend in the month of Our Lady. Rosary will also be recited during exposition before all weekday Masses (after Mass on Saturday morning).

Children's Sacraments at St Austin's and The English Martyrs: Any parent who couldn't attend the information meetings for First Confession or Confirmation **MUST** make contact with Beccy or Cindy on catechist.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk immediately or children will have to wait until next year to receive their sacraments.

Preparation for adult Sacraments: An invitation to adults who wish to be baptised or become Catholics; and to those who are already baptised Catholics who may wish to make their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. There will be an initial information evening on Tuesday 6th October at 7:15pm (after Mass) in the Parish Centre at St Austin's.

Confirmation at St Ignatius begins this Sunday (27th September) at 11:30 after Mass.

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.

Congratulations to the September winners of the St Austin & English Martyrs 200 Club. Joyce Bartram wins £200 and Jill Newton wins £50.

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!

Closer relationships with our primary schools: We are blessed to have 3 excellent primary schools in our Parishes. The Trust has a planned a day to come together and explore how to strengthen the links between our school, families and Parishes. **This will be on Friday 23rd October.** The morning begins at 9.00am with a welcome, followed by a talk from Fr Bill Bergin at 9.15am. From 10.00am, parishioners will join school staff, governors and clergy for discussion and planning, with schools sharing their ideas from 11.00am to 11.45am. Mass will then follow at 12 noon, followed by lunch together. Your memories, ideas and hopes for our parish community would be greatly valued. To register your attendance (to accommodate lunch planning), please email Marc in the Parish office. The St Ignatius event will be held in school followed by Mass in church. There will be a joint event for St Austin's and English Martyrs which will be held in the Parish Centre at St Austin's followed by Mass in church. Please do think seriously about attending so that the school staff can understand how to enhance the good work already done for the benefit of our schoolchildren. The children are the future of our Parishes so please do attend if you can.

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.

Groundforce Day: Can you spare a couple of hours to help tidy up the school grounds at St Austin's Primary School? Saturday 3rd October is the day planned for as many volunteers as possible. No gardening experience necessary. Please contact the school office if you can help.

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.

Mass for St Francis of Assisi: Sunday 4th October marks the Feast of St Francis. Yr6 confirmation candidates from St Ignatius Parish will be enrolled at the 10am Mass. Following Mass, to mark the Feast day and the association of St Francis with animals, Fr Sean will bless any pets that Parishioners want to present. There will of course be chance after Mass to go home and collect pets, bringing them back for a blessing before everyone enjoys a shared “bring your own” lunch in the Parish Centre.

Gospel & Prayer: 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.

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.

Narthex: There was a minor medical emergency last weekend where an ambulance had to attend a Parishioner at the 11am Mass. There were 43 people stood or sat in the Narthex, many with children, which made matters very difficult. This is a repeated plea that the Narthex is specifically there to allow families with distressed or crying children to move temporarily to calm the child, before rejoining Mass in church. It is not designed to sit or stand during Mass – everyone attending Mass should sit within the main body of the church. Please use the Narthex for the intended purpose and not as a creche/play area.

BKCAT Senior Choir: All children in Year 6 and above are invited to the BKCAT Senior Choir open rehearsal on Thursday 1st October. If your child enjoys singing and would like to get a taste of what being in a choir is all about, then this is an amazing opportunity for them to experience the joy of singing with a welcoming and friendly choir. Our choirs give children access to expert vocal coaching from professional musicians and so many performance opportunities. All of this is completely free! The rehearsal will take place at St Austin's Church (6 Wentworth Terrace, WF1 3QN), 4.30 - 6.00pm. To register your child, please contact Joe, the choir director, on:

josephhilling@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

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	£492.00	£679.29	£1274.57	£2445.86
St Ignatius	£188.25	£308.50	£411.23	£907.98
Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission Sunday)				£470.72

There will be a 2nd collection next week (4th October) for CAFOD using the envelopes provided for Family Fast Day.

Thank you for your continued generosity

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

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Collect

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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

Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R. 6a

[R] Remember your compassion, O Lord.

O Lord, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. **[R]**

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **[R]**

Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **[R]**

Second reading

Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being

born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.