

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



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Mass Programme for the week 6 – 13 September 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 5 September		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 7 September		9:30am	St Austin	November Dead List
Tuesday 8 September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	John Cuttell – Sick Eucharistic Service November Dead List
Wednesday 9 September		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	November Dead List November Dead List
Thursday 10 September		12 noon	St Austin	Robert Anthony
Friday 11 September		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List
Saturday 12 September	The Most Holy Name of Mary	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention 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 Cuttell – Sick Pro Populo

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.
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 will be this **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 this **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.

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.

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: Next Sunday (13th September) is designated as Education Sunday. A number of staff and children from St Austin's Primary School will be at 11am Mass to assist with the liturgy and also to tea/coffee to Parishioners in the Parish Centre after Mass. John Molyneux, the Headteacher will also speak at Mass to underline 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.

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 **this Friday**, 11 September 2026, so please consider urgently 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.

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.

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>

Congratulations to Mary Keane, August winner of the St Ignatius 100 Club with No71.

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.

Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) at St Ignatius will meet again this Monday, 7th September at 7:30pm following a short Summer break. Ladies from both Parishes are very welcome to join for fun and friendship.

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 is this Saturday 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: Marc from the Parish office will be in touch with all those attending the retreat to arrange for payment and organise travel arrangements. The plan is to have a minibus collect from (and return to) all three churches, timings and cost to be advised. There are still a couple of spaces spare if anyone wants to make a last minute decision to attend.

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!

African & International Mass will be celebrated at St Austin's next Saturday, 12th September starting at 12:30pm in St Austin's. There will be a reception in the Parish Centre after Mass to which everyone asked to bring food/drink to share. All are welcome.

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	£504.00	£711.23	£1274.57	£2489.80
St Ignatius	£178.25	£235.60	£411.23	£825.08

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

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 and 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Collect

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 33:7-9

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

[R] O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **[R]**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **[R]**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. **[R]**

Second reading

Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.