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

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Mass Programme for the week 1st – 8th November 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 31 October		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Isabelle Hughes RIP
Sunday 1 November	**All Saints**	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am **2:30pm** 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin **Sugar Lane** St Austin	Priest's Intention Norman Hazell - Anniversary November Dead List Aditya Jason & Maria Vandana Bangaru – Thanksgiving **Blessing of Graves at Cemetery** Pro Populo
Monday 2 November	All Souls	**9:30am** **10:30am** **12 noon** **7:00pm**	English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	All the Faithful Departed November Dead List Ruben Sr. Pagdanganan RIP The Holy Father's Intention
Tuesday 3 November	St Winefride	10:00am 11:30am **12 noon**	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Priest's Intention Alberto Pereira de Magalhães – B'day Anniv
Wednesday 4 November	St Charles Borromeo	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Lionel (Leo) Osmund – Birthday Anniversary **Eucharistic Service**
Thursday 5 November		**9:00am** 12 noon	**English Martyrs** St Austin	Priest's Intention (School Mass – all welcome) Charles Markham – Anniversary
Friday 6 October		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Amelia P de M Osmund – Anniversary
Saturday 7 November	St Willibrord	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart of Mary November Dead List Mary Kitchen RIP
Sunday 8 November	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am **10:50am** 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Peter Cichocki RIP Margaret Barraclough – Anniversary The War Dead Pro Populo

Please note any changes to Mass times as above.

Donations to your Parish can be made online by scanning the relevant QR Code

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 9th & 23rd of November, 7th & 21st December.
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	Liz Bleek
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.

All Souls Day: Please make every effort to attend Mass on Monday 2nd November as we pray for the souls of the faithful departed. Mass is being celebrated at all three churches at various times of the day and again in the evening at St Austin's for those working during the day.

Deanery: Bishop Marcus has appointed Fr Sean as Vicar Forane (Dean) of the Wakefield & Pontefract Deanery. This encompasses Parishes across Wakefield, Ossett, Normanton, Castleford, Pontefract and Hemsworth. We keep Fr Sean in our prayers as he takes on this office and his extended pastoral ministry.

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.

Fr Noble Joseph will return on Thursday 19th November to celebrate Mass at St Austin's at 7pm followed by a social event and buffet in the Parish Centre to thank him for his time with us. Parishioners from both Parishes are encouraged to attend to say a formal goodbye and present him with his collection.

November Dead List: Envelopes for offerings for remembering deceased friends and relatives are now available at the back of both churches. Please write clearly the names of those to be remembered on a sheet of paper, or simply "the deceased friends and family of…" and enclose this sheet with your offering. Envelopes can be added to the offertory collection, handed to one of the priests or put through the St Austin's Presbytery letterbox.

St Ignatius Christmas Fair: Thank you to the volunteers who have stepped forward – but many hands make light work! If anyone is able to help with organising and running stalls, refreshments etc, then please contact Marc in the Parish Office. A planning meeting will be called over the next week or so and a date announced for the Fair imminently. Watch this space.

Chantry Chapel Recital: Join St Austin's Choir at the Chantry Chapel this Friday 6th November for an evening of beautiful choral music dedicated to St Mary the Virgin, after whom the chapel is named. Featuring a selection of early chants and timeless Renaissance polyphony, this recital marks the finale of the choir's historic "bridge chapel pilgrimage." Having already performed at St Mary's in Derby, the St Leger Chapel in St Ives, Cambridgeshire and Rotherham's bridge chapel, the choir will now bring their journey full circle right here at the Chantry Chapel. Tickets (£10.00) are available from the box office of Wakefield Theatre Royal on 01924 211 311, or via the theatre website, or email: **info@staustinschoir.com**

Narthex: There was a minor medical emergency recently 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.

St Ignatius: We are lucky to have a very dedicated team of Welcomers at Saint Ignatius, but we need to increase our numbers at both Sunday Masses. Two adults usually welcome, but it would also be lovely to have some children to welcome with parents or grandparents. You will only need to welcome at approximately one mass per month. It's a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners. If you think you can help, please have a word with any of the Welcomers at mass or ring Brenda on (07969) 553243. We look forward to welcoming you to our team. In addition, we are looking at recruiting a caretaker for the Parish Centre. Please contact Marc in the Parish office if interested.

Film Club meets again on Wednesday 5 November in St Austin's Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:30 pm for a 7pm start. Details of the film showing is displayed on posters in all 3 churches and everyone is welcome. For more details text Anne on 07963 740575 and join our WhatsApp group. No charge but donations welcome for St Austin's Restoration Fund

First Friday: Refreshments will be served on Friday in the Parish Centre after Mass at St Ignatius.

Remembrance Sunday will this year be held on Sunday 8th November. The Act of Remembrance at St Austin's will commence at 10:50am at the war memorial on Wentworth Terrace, before Mass at 11am. Please arrive early. The Act of Remembrance at St Ignatius will take place immediately after the 10am Mass. Naturally, outdoor events are weather permitting for health & safety reasons.

Advent Retreat: 27–29 November 2026, The Briery Retreat Centre, Victoria Avenue, Ilkley. Before the hectic Christmas season begins, why not take a little time out to draw closer to the Lord? What better way to begin Advent and prepare your heart for the joy of Christmas! Come and join fellow parishioners, along with others from across our Diocese, for what promises to be a truly uplifting and inspiring weekend of prayer, reflection, friendship and spiritual renewal. The retreat will be led by Fr Chris Thomas, a nationally recognised speaker and experienced retreat leader, whose previous retreats at The Briery have left participants feeling uplifted, encouraged and inspired. So whether you've been on retreat before or this would be your first time, why not give yourself the gift of a little time with the Lord this Advent? You may find it's just what you need! Requested offering: £230pp full board, including two nights' accommodation and all meals. Friday 27th November (4pm) – Sunday 29th November (after lunch). To reserve your place, or for more information, simply contact The Briery directly: Tel: 01943 607287 Email: **admin@briery.org.uk**

Christmas Raffle: Colin & Eileen are organising the usual raffle at St Ignatius with all proceeds going to Church funds. Tickets will be available from 31st October but, in anticipation, if anyone has any offers of prizes, please leave these clearly labelled at the back of church or hand them to either Colin or Eileen.

Assisted Dying: Following on from the defeat of 'The Assisted Dying' Bill, there is an urgent need to push for better and more accessible palliative care services across our region. The following link takes you to a suggested draft letter to your MP, which is based on how your MP voted on the 11th September. **https://righttolife.org.uk/voteresult** This draft letter can be edited.

School Open Days: Our wonderful primary schools are holding open days for Parents with children due to start school in September 2027. It is important to secure a place early to take advantage of the fabulous Catholic education they offer. St Austin's will be holding their days on Thursday 26th November at 11am and 1:30pm and English Martyrs on Thursday 5th November between 10am and 11am. The St Ignatius open day has already been held, but families can still make contact with the school directly.

Christmas Concert: Jubilate will once again take to the stage at St Ignatius School on Friday 18th December at 7:30pm. Tickets priced at £10 (which includes a glass of mulled wine a mince pie) are sure to sell out fast so don't delay. Tickets are available from Marc in the Parish office or from Karen Dales at St Ignatius on 07738 092908. All profits this year go to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Posters are displayed at the rear of each church with ticket information. **Over half of the tickets have already gone so act fast to secure your place!**

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	£426.00	£511.59	£1121.26	£2058.85
St Ignatius	£178.25	£272.04	£411.23	£861.52

Thank you for your continued generosity

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

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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All Saints

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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 *Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14*

A reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6*

[R] Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **[R]**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. **[R]**

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **[R]**

Second reading *1 John 3:1-3*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 11:28*

Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12a*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'

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

Prayer over the Offerings

May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Mt 5: 8-10*

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord.

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