

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



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Mass Programme for the week 11 – 18 October 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 17 October		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	Martin Cawley – Sick Philip Shaw RIP
Sunday 18 October	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Safe Delivery O'Brien & Elley Families Priest's Intention Nadia Mucha RIP Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention
Monday 19 October		9:30am	St Austin	Phyllis O'Brien - Anniversary
Tuesday 20 October		11:30am 6:00pm 6:30pm	English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin	Rev Mariusz Bilski – Ordination Anniversary November Dead List (SVP Mass) Priest's Intention
Wednesday 21 October		9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Aloysius Norbert – Anniversary Peter Cichocki RIP
Thursday 22 October	St John Paul II	12 noon	St Austin	Brother Peter Monaghan
Friday 23 October		12 noon 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Janice Bailes - Anniversary
Saturday 24 October		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention Alex Noble RIP Irene de Tute RIP
Sunday 25 October	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 5:00pm 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Anne Theresa Lowrie – 2 nd Anniversary Sophie Lowrey – Anniversary James & Bernard Finnerty and Peggy Massarella Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention

Please note any changes to Mass times as above, especially at St Ignatius on Tuesday and Friday.



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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 26 th October, 9 th & 23 rd of November, 7 th & 21 st 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.

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).

Preparation for adult Sacraments: After the information session which took place last Tuesday, preparation for adults who wish to be baptised, received into full communion with the Catholic Church and confirmed will continue this coming Tuesday in the parish centre at St Austin's at 7:15pm. Those who were not able to be present last week are welcome to join us this week.

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.

Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers): Fr Melaku and Fr Martin thank everyone for their prayers and support last weekend as they visited all 3 churches of our Parishes..

Legion of Mary: There will be an appeal this weekend at St Austin's & English Martyrs to look at creating a local branch (praesidium) of the Legion of Mary. There will be an appeal at St Ignatius next weekend. If there is sufficient interest, there would be only one praesidium covering both Parishes.

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 schools, 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, everyone will come together 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.

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.

Mens Group: Picture the friendly atmosphere of a pub gathering – only here, instead of a pint, we share friendship, Sunday Gospel reflections, conversations that lift the spirit and the occasional bit of wisdom from each other's life experiences! The group was started with the simple aim of giving men a chance to come together each month, enjoy good company, explore and reflect on life and faith, and recognise how God is at work in their lives. So, whether you've been part of parish life for years or are just starting to reconnect, and whether you'd like to share your thoughts or simply come along and listen, you'll be made very welcome - so why not join us! Our next meeting will be this coming Wednesday (21st October) in the English Martyrs Parish Room, under the church. Please arrive from 7.45pm for a prompt 8.00pm start, finishing at 9.30pm.

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: Due to falling numbers of volunteers this event is unlikely to take place this year, which would be a desperate shame. If anyone is able to help with organising and running stalls, refreshments etc, then please contact Marc in the Parish Office. The UCM have done a tremendous job over many years of organising this but it cannot simply be left to them every time.

Chantry Chapel Recital: Join St Austin's Choir at the Chantry Chapel on 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 and the St Leger Chapel in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, the choir will visit Rotherham's bridge chapel in October before bringing 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

Blessing of Graves will take place at Sugar Lane Cemetery on Sunday 1st November at 2:30pm

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.

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.

African & Caribbean Mass & Healing Service: Sunday 25th October. Healing Service, Exposition and Rosary starts at 1pm with Holy Mass at 1:30pm. All are invited. Written prayer petitions are collected at start of Mass. Refreshments and Music follow immediately after mass in the Cathedral Hall.

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.

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	£462.00	£754.30	£1274.57	£2490.87
St Ignatius	£143.25	£245.67	£411.23	£800.15
Comboni Missionaries (Verona Fathers)				£1238.10
CAFOD				£1186.82

There will be a 2nd collection **this weekend** (18th October) for World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Ann-Denise Marshall & John Middleton.

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96(95):1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a, c. R7b

[R] Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **[R]**

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **[R]**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and power;
ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **[R]**

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God,

that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.