

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



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Mass Programme for the week 25 October to 1st November 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 24 October		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 26 October	St Chad & St Cedd	9:30am	St Austin	Private Intention
Tuesday 27 October		10:00am 11:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Funeral Mass – John Middleton RIP
Wednesday 28 October	St Simon & St Jude	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Dr Cyprian Afunugo RIP November Dead List
Thursday 29 October		12 noon	St Austin	Michael Donoghue - Anniversary
Friday 30 October		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Terence Auty – Birthday Anniversary
Saturday 31 October		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention 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

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 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	4:30pm	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.

Parish Groups: Parents & Toddlers, the Thursday Club and Singing for Pleasure are all taking a well earned break for half term this week, returning fully refreshed on Thursday 5 November.

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 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.

Links with our schools: It was wonderful for our primary schools to lead the sessions last week to seek ways to enhance the relationships between our Parishes and our schools. Many good ideas were shared to improve the visibility of the schools, their pupils and their staff with the Parishes; and also for our Parishioners with the schools. Our schools foster the future of our Parishes with the next generation of Catholic adults; and we must all make every effort to ensure that all are welcome as our schools encourage increased Mass attendance.

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.

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/votersult> 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.

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	£380.00	£852.21	£1121.26	£2353.47
St Ignatius	£186.85	£360.70	£411.23	£958.78
World Mission				£496.63

Thank you for your continued generosity

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

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 Eileen Worton, email psr.eworton@dioceseofleeds.org.uk
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- St Ignatius** - Mr Rob Barraclough, email psr.rbarraclough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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

Exodus 22:21-27

A reading from the Book of Exodus

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18(17):2-3a, 3b-4, 47, 51ab. R2

[R] I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength;
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. **[R]**

My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!'
and see, I am saved from my foes. **[R]**

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed. **[R]**

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

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

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we

had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John:14:23

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion

May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.