

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



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Mass Programme for the week 4 – 11 October 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 3 October		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 5 October		9:30am	St Austin	Thiridy Pagdanganan & Family – Thanksgiving
Tuesday 6 October		10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List Maude Oxberry – Anniversary
Wednesday 7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	Private Intention Eucharistic Service
Thursday 8 October		12 noon	St Austin	Hadleigh Royston – Sick
Friday 9 October	St John Henry Newman	10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	John Cuttell Angela Hope
Saturday 10 October	St Paulinus	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention George & Mary Coyle – 60 th Wedding Anniv. John Francis RIP
Sunday 11 October	28th 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	Jenny Beverley & Ruth Wright – Anniversaries Safe Delivery November Dead List Mary O'Shea RIP Rosary & Benediction Priest's Intention

Please note any changes to Mass times as above



St Austin & The English Martyrs

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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).

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.

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 will visit all churches next weekend for a Mission Appeal. He asks for prayers for the Missionaries, especially for those who at present are working in difficult and dangerous conditions.

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.

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.

Film Club meets again this Wednesday 7 October in St Austin's Parish Centre, doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm 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.

CAFOD: Please return your family fast day envelopes as soon as possible, remembering to complete the gift aid certificate if applicable.

Chantry Chapel Recital: Join St Austin's Choir at the Chantry Chapel 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

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.

Congratulations to Phil & Liz Kitson, winners of the St Ignatius 100 Club for September with No 41.

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 on 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.

Our Lady of the Rosary: On this important Feast day, celebrated on Wednesday 7th October, Parishioners are invited to join the children from **all three primary schools** to pray the rosary in school. Anyone wishing to attend should arrive at each school for 9:45am. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our schoolchildren that they are valued members of our Parish communities.

Leeds Catholic Voice: There is a new monthly newspaper published by the Diocese of Leeds available at the back of all churches this weekend. Whilst it clearly says "FREE" on the cover, please do consider making a small donation to the costs, even just 50p or £1 would make a difference. Money can be paid via the Piety stalls or in any of the wall safes. There is an excellent article by Dominic about St Austin's in this edition.

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>

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.

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 8th October at 10am and 1:30pm; and Thursday 26th November at 11am and 1:30pm. English Martyrs on Thursday 5th November between 10am and 11am; and St Ignatius on Saturday 17th October between 10am and 12:30pm. Please share this information with any families having children starting school next year. It is important that families contact the school offices to register their interest. All contact details for our schools are on the front of the bulletin.

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	£465.70	£830.61	£1274.57	£2570.88
St Ignatius	£177.25	£236.37	£411.23	£824.85

Thank you for your continued generosity

Please remember the sick of our Parishes in your prayers, along with the recently deceased, especially Brian Gordon, Neil Clarkson and Ann-Denise Marshall.

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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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) – Votive Mass of St Francis of Assisi

Entrance Antiphon

Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

Collect

O God, by whose gift Saint Francis was conformed to Christ in poverty and humility, grant that, by walking in Francis' footsteps, we may follow your Son, and, through joyful charity, come to be united with you. 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 5: 1-7

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80(79):9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20. *R* Isaiah 5:7a
[R] The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots. **[R]**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **[R]**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **[R]**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. **[R]**

Second reading

Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

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, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

As we bring you these offerings, O Lord, we pray that we may be rightly disposed for the celebration of the mystery of the Cross, which Saint Francis so ardently embraced. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 5:3

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, we pray, O Lord, through these holy gifts which we have received, that, imitating the charity and apostolic zeal of Saint Francis, we may experience the effects of your love and spread them everywhere for the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.