

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



St Austin's, Wentworth Terrace, WF1 3QN
English Martyrs, Dewsbury Road, WF2 9DD
St Ignatius', Storrs Hill Rd, WF5 0DQ



Parish Priest: Fr Sean Crawley
Assistant Priests: Fr Philip Thornley and Fr Joshy Philip

Parish Administrator – Marc Auty

www.catholicchurchwakefield.co.uk
www.catholicchurchossett.co.uk

Tel: 01924 372080

Mob: 07714 944587

office.staustin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

office.stignatius@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

St Austin's School

Back Duke of York Street,
Wakefield WF1 3PF
Headteacher: Mr John Molyneux
Tel: 01924 339435
Email: jmolyneux@sa.bkcat.uk

English Martyrs' School

Dewsbury Road, Wakefield. WF2 9DD
Exec Headteacher: Mrs Sarah Spencer
Exec Head of School: Mrs Bridget Kerrigan
Tel: 01924 299244
Email: office@ems.bkcat.uk

St Ignatius' School

Storrs Hill Rd, Wakefield, WF5 0DQ
Headteacher: Mrs Helen Cooke
Tel: 01924 271625
Email: hcooke@stig.bkcat.uk

Mass Programme for the week 11 – 18 October 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 10 October		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	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
Monday 12 October	St Wilfrid	9:30am	St Austin	Esther Hope RIP
Tuesday 13 October	St Edward the Confessor	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List Eucharistic Service Dr Cyprian Afunugo RIP (School attending)
Wednesday 14 October		9:30am 12 noon	St Austin English Martyrs	Birth of Noah Scott – Thanksgiving Funeral Mass – Brian Gordon RIP
Thursday 15 October	St Theresa of Jesus	12 noon	St Austin	Mary Hepworth RIP
Friday 16 October		10:30am 11:45am	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Funeral Mass – Neil Clarkson RIP
Saturday 17 October	St Ignatius of Antioch	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Private Intention 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

Please note any changes to Mass times as above



St Austin & The English Martyrs

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



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: 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 a colleague will visit all churches this 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.

Welcome Mass: All Parishioners are invited to join the St Thomas a Becket Community for a Year 7 Welcome Mass at St Austin's Church, on Tuesday 13th October at 6.30pm. Students, parents, carers and the wider community are invited to come together in thanksgiving and prayer as we celebrate our wonderful young people. This will be an opportunity to reflect on the exciting journey ahead, pray for their continued growth and happiness, and encourage them to develop their unique talents and become the very best version of themselves. We hope you can join us for this special celebration.

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 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

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.

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.

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 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.

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	£442.20	£675.65	£1274.57	£2392.42
St Ignatius	£197.25	£323.02	£411.23	£931.50
CAFOD				£TBA

There will be a 2nd collection **next** 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 Brian Gordon, Neil Clarkson, 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

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Collect

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 25:6-10a

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

[R] In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **[R]**

He guides me along the right path, for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **[R]**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **[R]**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **[R]**

Second reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of The Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.