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

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Mass Programme for the week 15th – 22nd November 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 14 November		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Anne-Denise Marshall RIP
Sunday 15 November	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Priest's Intention Elizabeth Whitworth RIP November Dead List Philip McDermott Pro Populo
Monday 16 November	St Edmund of Abingdon	9:30am	St Austin	Sheila & Lucy Taylor RIP
Tuesday 17 November	St Hilda	10:00am 11:30am 6:30pm	St Ignatius English Martyrs St Austin	November Dead List November Dead List Peter & Kateryna Spiwak - Anniversary
Wednesday 18 November	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul	9:30am 10:30am	St Austin English Martyrs	John Whitworth RIP Peter Cichocki RIP
Thursday 19 November		**7:00pm**	**St Austin**	November Dead List
Friday 20 October		**10:00am** 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Irene Shepherdson – Anniversary
Saturday 21 November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Reparation to Immaculate Heart Thomas Keane – Anniversary Patricia Eaton – Anniversary
Sunday 22 November	**Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe**	8:00am 9:30am 10:00am 11:00am 6:00pm	St Austin English Martyrs St Ignatius St Austin St Austin	Pro Populo Private Intention Sheila & Michael Gibson – Anniversary Leonarda Pogado RIP Priest's Intention

Please note various changes to Mass times as above – especially the slightly earlier time of Mass at St Ignatius on Friday

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 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)	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
Wednesday	Legion of Mary	St Austin	6:30pm	Joseph
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
Friday (fortnightly)	Society of St Vincent de Paul	St Ignatius	11:00am	John Sheerin

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.

Mass Intentions: If a specific date is requested for a Mass intention, please give at least 4 weeks notice by using the Mass intention envelopes at the back of all churches. Please note, it is not possible to accommodate requests for specific Priests to say specific Masses.

Piety Shops/Repositories are available at all churches, with the addition of a religious library at English Martyrs. **Christmas cards are now is stock** along with, advent calendars and 2027 wall calendars featuring beautiful Catholic imagery. Please do support them as they raise vital funds for the Parishes.

Fr Noble Joseph will return this 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 is planned for Sunday 6th December after Mass. Marc will be in touch with volunteers this week to arrange a planning meeting.

Legion of Mary will meet again on Wednesday 18th November at 6:30pm (and then every Wednesday) in St Austin's Parish Centre. All are welcome, especially those who have already expressed interest.

UCM at St Ignatius are collecting gifts for Christmas for the homeless and needy. Will you please bring any unwrapped gifts to St Ignatius on 13th December 2026 at the 10am Mass. If anyone wishes to donate but can't be at that Mass, please contact any member of the UCM.

Narthex: Despite repeated requests, Parishioners continue to use the Narthex as a standing area to participate in Holy Mass. 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 **do not use** as a creche/play area. **This is a serious health & safety issue** and we ask for everyone's co-operation.

Mens Group: Our next meeting will be this coming Wednesday (18th November) in the English Martyrs Parish Room, under the church. Please arrive from 7.45pm for a prompt 8.00pm start, finishing at 9.30pm. 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!

Parish Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome: Fr Sean will be leading a pilgrimage to both Assisi and Rome from 23-30 September 2027. A full itinerary is available by registering your interest with Marc in the Parish office. This will be 8 days/7 nights on a half board basis with ensuite rooms. The cost includes flights with 23kg baggage allowance, hotel accommodation, evening meals and some lunches, plus coach transfers both in the UK and in Italy. The pilgrimage will include many highlights, including but not limited to visits to all the Papal basilicas in Rome and visits to the tombs of St Claire and St Carlo Acutis in Assisi, along with the basilica of St Francis of course. The cost is £1875pp single; £1625pp twin/double and £1375pp sharing a triple room. A deposit of £300pp will be required asap to secure your place.

Christmas Lunch: The staff and pupils from St Ignatius school invite all Parishioners to join them for a festive lunch on Wednesday 2nd December. The children will be providing entertainment and it promises to be another fabulous event. Cost is just £5. Please contact the school office to book.

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 another day on Thursday 26th November at 11am and 1:30pm. Both English Martyrs and St Ignatius have already held their open days, but families can still make contact with the schools directly.

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**

Job Opportunity: St. Austin's Catholic Primary School is seeking 2 friendly, reliable and enthusiastic Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants who will play a key role in ensuring pupils enjoy a safe and enjoyable lunchtime, supporting their wellbeing and social development. Working hours are 12pm - 1.15pm Monday to Friday, term time only. For further details, please contact the school office on 01924 339435.

Society of St Vincent de Paul: It is a good few years since St Austin's & English Martyrs had a conference of the SVP, but there remains an active conference at St Ignatius. Meetings take place fortnightly in the Parish Centre after the Friday morning Mass. If anyone is interested in joining the SVP, please contact either John Sheerin or Marc in the Parish Office. Alternatively, if anyone is aware of a Parishioner from either Parish who would appreciate support from the SVP, please let John or Marc know.

100 & 200 Club: We are fast approaching the big £500 draw at both Parishes. St Ignatius will have a big winner in November and St Austin's & English Martyrs in December. There is still time to join! Please speak to Lynn at St Ignatius or Sharon at St Austin's & English Martyrs, or speak to Marc in the office.

Praise: Feast of Christ the Universal King Sunday. 22nd November. English Martyrs Church 2pm -3pm. All welcome to come and join our Praise hour.

Safeguarding Sunday: This year's theme is 'Love Protects'. It is rooted in the powerful words of 1 Corinthians 13, reminding us that safeguarding isn't just about policy or compliance, but a natural expression of Christian love in action. Please take time to look at the notice board in the Narthex at St Austin's which gives you more information. Safeguarding Sunday is an opportunity for our church to pause and reflect on your safeguarding journey – to celebrate the good work already happening, be honest about where things can improve, and commit to continuing to build safer places for everyone in our care.

Advance Notice: There will be a funeral Mass at St Austin's for **Anna Ainsworth RIP** on Friday 27th November at 12 noon. Anna will be received into church on Thursday 26th November at 6:30pm. There will be a funeral Mass at St Austin's for **Charles (Charlie) Kelly** on Thursday 3rd December at 12 noon.

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	£479.00	£644.46	£1132.80	£2256.26
St Ignatius	£154.25	£316.55	£411.23	£882.03

There is a 2nd collection **next** week (22nd Nov) for the Catholic Youth Service
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:
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St Austin & The English Martyrs - Mrs Lucinda Hamill, email **psr.lhamill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk**
St Austin & The English Martyrs – Ms Rebecca Hamill, email **psr.rhamill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk**
St Ignatius - Mr Rob Barraclough, email **psr.rbarraclough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk**

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon *Jer 29: 11, 12, 14*
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Collect
Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 *Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31*
A reading from the Book of Proverbs

An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a*
[R] Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **[R]**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. **[R]**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **[R]**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! **[R]**

Second reading *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *John 15:4a, 5b*
Alleluia, alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord.
Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 25:14-30*
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.
'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." '

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

Prayer over the Offerings
Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Ps 72:28*
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Prayer after Communion
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

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