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

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Mass Programme for the week 8th – 15th November 2026

DAY	FEAST	MASS	LOCATION	INTENTION
Saturday 7 November		5:30pm 6:15pm	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Mary Kitchen RIP
Sunday 8 November	**32nd 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 Peter Cichocki RIP Margaret Barraclough – Anniversary The War Dead Pro Populo
Monday 9 November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9:30am	St Austin	Mary O'Shea RIP
Tuesday 10 November	St Leo the Great	**9:30am** 6:30pm	**English Martyrs** St Austin	O'Brien & Elley Families Agnes Hoban – Intentions
Wednesday 11 November	St Martin of Tours	9:30am **9:30am** 10:30am	St Austin **St Ignatius** English Martyrs	Irene deTute – Birthday Anniversary November Dead List November Dead List
Thursday 12 November	St Josaphat	12 noon **7:00pm**	St Austin **St Ignatius**	Patricia Burns Mass for Deceased Catenians – all welcome
Friday 13 October		10:30am 12 noon	St Ignatius St Austin	November Dead List Fergal Hughes RIP
Saturday 14 November		9:30am 5:30pm 6:15pm	St Austin St Ignatius St Austin	Priest's Intention 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

Please note various changes to Mass times as above – especially Mass at St Ignatius on Wednesday and not Tuesday. All Parishioners are then invited to walk with the schoolchildren to the Ossett War Memorial where Fr Sean will lead the Service of Remembrance.

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

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 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)	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.

Deanery: Bishop Marcus has appointed Fr Sean as Vicar Forane (Dean) of the Wakefield & Pontefract Deanery. This encompasses Parishes across Wakefield, Ossett, Normanton, Castleford, Pontefract and Hemsworth. We keep Fr Sean in our prayers as he takes on this office and his extended pastoral ministry.

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 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 asap in the Parish Office. Marc will be in touch with volunteers to arrange a planning meeting and a date will be announced for the Fair imminently. Watch this space.

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 not as a creche/play area. **This is a serious health & safety issue** and we ask for everyone's co-operation.

St Ignatius: We are lucky to have a very dedicated team of Welcomers at Saint Ignatius, but we need to increase our numbers at both Sunday Masses. Two adults usually welcome, but it would also be lovely to have some children to welcome with parents or grandparents. You will only need to welcome at approximately one mass per month. It's a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners. If you think you can help, please have a word with any of the Welcomers at mass or ring Brenda on (07969) 553243. We look forward to welcoming you to our team.

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.

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.

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 are now available. 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.

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. Both English Martyrs and St Ignatius have already held their open days, but families can still make contact with the schools directly.

Legion of Mary: There will be a meeting on Wednesday 11th November at 6:30pm in St Austin's Parish Centre for all those who expressed an interest in forming a Praesidium within our Parishes. All are welcome, regardless of whether initial interest was expressed at the time.

Congratulations to our October winners - Christine Woodhouse, winner of the St Ignatius 100 Club with No75. Congratulations also to Catherine Barber who wins £200 with No289 and Emma Watson who wins £50 with No83 in the St Austin's & English Martyrs 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.

Interfaith Week Community Event: Monday 9th November 11am – 3pm at St Swithun's Community Centre, Arncliffe Rd, Wakefield, WF11 4RR. Join us for a day featuring: Inspiring talks from guest speakers, interactive workshops, networking opportunities, exhibition stalls and a complimentary lunch by WH Kitchen. Hosted by Wakefield Hospice and The Prince of Wales Hospice.

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. **Tickets are almost sold out so act fast to secure your place!**

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.

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	£624.00	£684.59	£1121.26	£2434.85
St Ignatius	£203.25	£314.46	£411.23	£928.94

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 Ignatius - Mr Rob Barraclough, email **psr.rbarraclough@dioceseofleeds.org.uk**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Ps 87: 3*

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Collect

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. ℟ cf. 6*

[R] For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **[R]**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **[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]**

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **[R]**

Second reading *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of The Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Matthew 24:42a, 44*

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

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 ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon *Mt 5: 8-10*

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.

Prayer after Communion

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

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