



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

## St Agnes Church

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**Sunday 24th July 2022: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 31st July 2022: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

WEEK COMMENCING 24 July 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Joan Jones (RIP)
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Mary, Susan and Peter Helsby
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> July: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Vicky, Mark and Baby Welsh
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> July: 10.30am	Requiem Mass for Barbara Scott	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Pat and John O'Hanlon
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> July: 9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Sr Frances Pollard (RIP)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> July: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Deceased priests of St Agnes & St Catherine's
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> July: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Constantine Family
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Kathleen O'Keeffe (anniversary)
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> July: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Margaret Hawes (RIP)
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Margie Elmer and McWatt family intentions
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August: 9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Gerard Shawcross (RIP)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> August: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> August: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Gerald Brear
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> August: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Anne & David Potts (60th wedding anniversary)

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who have died recently and their families especially Joan Jones, Pat O'Hanlon and Barbara Scott.

**PLEASE** remember in your prayers all those who are sick.

**ONLINE MASS** via Zoom is on **Sunday** at **9am**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524>

**ADORATION** is every Wednesday 7pm-8pm at St Catherine's.

**CARITAS BOXES:** Please bring your boxes to be emptied and leave them in the sacristy or contact Jo Forsey on 07936 435073.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** for young people in Year 9 and above will take place in the coming school year. Any young people who are interested in joining the programme please email Phoebe Gibson in the Parish Office to register ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: 17th Sunday:** In our Sunday Gospel, Jesus tells us what to pray for, how to pray and why we should pray. Luke's notice that Jesus was at prayer, indicates the importance of what follows. In response to his disciples' request, Jesus gives them and us a sample prayer. It is what we call the "Our Father." Jesus teaches us first of all to address God as a loving father. Next, he prays for the full coming of God's kingdom and for the time when all creation will acknowledge and celebrate the holiness of God. Then he teaches us to ask the Father for sustenance in our everyday life, for forgiveness of our sins (provided we forgive others) and for protection during the trials or tests accompanying the full manifestation of God's kingdom. Having shown us what to pray for, Jesus then teaches us how to pray – with persistence and boldness. The point of the parable is the idea that if we are persistent and bold enough in prayer God will eventually give into our petitions. And Jesus's own repeated insistence on the almost automatic efficacy of the prayer petition ("ask and you will receive") further encourages persistence and boldness in prayer. The best reason why we should pray is that God wants to answer our prayers. And God wants to give us the greatest gift of all, the Holy Spirit.

**18th Sunday:** For some people the pursuit of wealth and possessions seems to function as a kind of religious substitute. The Gospel teaches that we should not make material possessions into a god, that life is fragile and ultimately in God's hands and that we need to sort out what is really important and lasting before it is too late. To illustrate this point, Jesus presents the parable of the rich fool. The rich man had a very good harvest. Instead of enjoying the fruits of his harvest, however, the rich man put all his thoughts and energy into planning for building even larger barns to hold the abundant harvest. But the new barns never get built, because the man dies suddenly. Instead, the fruits of his labours are passed on to someone else, and he finds no enjoyment in them. In the divine judgement he is called "Fool!" The parable reminds us that we never know when death may come to us, that we cannot place our ultimate trust in money and material possessions because they too are fragile and that in our life we must not let material possessions become more important than fulfilling our commitment to God, ourselves and other persons. Otherwise, we too may merit the summons, "Fool!"

**WIRRAL AGE UK 'TECHY TEA' MORNING TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 10am-12noon ST CATHERINE'S:** Would you like some help with your electronic devices (tablet / smart phone / laptop)? Wondered how to use Whatsapp, make a video call or make a doctor's appointment (e-consult) using your device? Well, bring it to our 'Techy Tea' morning on Tuesday 2nd August. Members of the Wirral AGE UK IT team will be on hand to guide you and help you make the most of your technology equipment. We will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits, so come along to St Catherine's Parish Hall, learn something new and show your family and friends how it's done!

**SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE DAY FOR PARISHES:** Parishes and parish groups are invited to book a pilgrimage day at the Cathedral. This will include a tour of the Cathedral, Mass at 12.15pm followed by a light lunch provided by the on-site Orchard Café. The cost of the day is £10 per head. A flyer and booking form can be found at the back of church.

**MISSION FOR CATECHESIS:** Do you wish you knew more about your faith? Would you like to become a catechist? Would you like help to pass on your faith to your children? Shrewsbury Diocese has partnered with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute to bring faith formation courses to every parishioner. It is free of charge and you can sign up at <https://franciscanathome.com/shrewsbury>.



**\*UPDATED LIST\* WIRRAL FOODBANK** require the following items: tinned meat, biscuits, squash, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, jam, Thank you for your generous donations over the recent months and for your continued support.



**Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week?** Please email Phoebe in the Parish Office. ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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