



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

## St Agnes Church

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**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

WEEK COMMENCING 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Richard Littler (RIP)
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Teresa Monaghan
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Helen Rafferty
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Jane, Tony and Theresa Hearty
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Philly & Gerry Collins (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who have died recently and their families especially John Boyle and Tony Breen.

**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.

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's gospel concerns the high cost of discipleship and the need to count that cost. It consists of three "hard" sayings and two parables. The first hard saying places before the prospective disciple the choice between following Jesus and family ties. This was an even more difficult choice in Jesus's culture than it is for us today. The term "hate" in the saying, while an obvious exaggeration, underlines the overriding importance of God's Kingdom and following Jesus. The second hard saying asserts that following Jesus can and will involve suffering. Those who decide to follow Jesus must be prepared to take up the cross, here understood as an instrument of shame as well as physical torment. The hard sayings are interrupted by two parables about counting the cost of discipleship. The first parable concerns a man who contemplates building a tower. Unless he carefully plans out the project and calculates the cost, he will not be able to finish it and he will appear as a fool before his neighbours. Likewise, a king who wants to go to war must take account of the strength of his own army and what he can expect from his enemies. The point of these parables is that we must take account of the high cost that discipleship may have. The third hard saying concerns renouncing material possessions to follow Jesus. This too would have been very challenging in Jesus's time. In some circles having many possessions was interpreted as a blessing from God. Moreover, there was no welfare state to provide the poor with the basic necessities of human life. Again the extreme nature of the challenge highlights the overriding importance of God's Kingdom and following Jesus. We can deal with the cost of discipleship, only if we are convinced that God is with us, directing and helping us along the way.

**PARISH TALK** in preparation for the Saint Bernadette Relic Tour 2022: To help us participate in this event, Barbara Davies has offered to give a talk on St Bernadette and her relics. This will take place at 8:15pm on Wednesday 7th September at St Catherine's Church after Adoration. Everyone is welcome. This may be especially helpful for those who would like to get to Chester but cannot do so.

**SAINT BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022:** the relic of Saint Bernadette will be in our Diocese on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September in Shrewsbury Cathedral and Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September in Saint Werburgh's Chester. Those wishing to venerate the relic are strongly encouraged to book a time to visit via the national website <http://www.stbernadette.org.uk>.

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:** The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. It will be held on Sunday 11th September 2022 at 2pm at St Columba, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. Please register your attendance and make any apologies or items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. Please note that all items for inclusion on the Agenda need to be received no later than seven days before the meeting. The agenda and draft minutes of the previous AGM will be available at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

**WEST KIRBY CHURCHES TOGETHER WALK** on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, starting at 11.30 from St Michael's Church in Newton with lunch (bring your own), finishing at Riverway opposite the White Lion at 4.15 with tea and cakes. A **poster** will be displayed in both our churches, giving full details. Marianne Ryan can give further information - please ring her on **625 5158**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** for children in Year 3 and above will begin in October with an Enrolment Mass. If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in this school year, please contact the Parish Office ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)) for an application form.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME** for young people in Year 9 and above will take place in this new school year. There will be a meeting for parents on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at St Catherine's Parish Centre. 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)).



**WIRRAL FOODBANK HARVEST LIST:** tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned soup, pasta sauce, shampoo, washing up liquid, biscuits and rice pudding. Thank you 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)).