



# NEWS FROM THE PARISHES OF ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY AND ST CATHERINE'S, HOYLAKE

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Gospel: Luke 15:1-32)

WEEK COMMENCING 11 <sup>th</sup> September 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Philly & Gerry Collins (Golden Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Will Reynolds
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Chester Across Group - Lourdes
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Repose of the Soul of Queen Elizabeth II</b>
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5.30pm	Mass (+ online)	St Agnes	Michael Thorpe
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Martin O'Neill (RIP)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Pat & Chris McManamon (Golden Wedding Anniversary)

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Tony Breen, John Boyle, John Butler and Johanna Ryan.

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

**WE WELCOME** Imogen Priestman (St Catherine's), Fiadh James (St Agnes) and Matilda Ayre (St Agnes) to our Parish Community following their recent baptisms.



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

## HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II

### Statement from Cardinal Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales

On 21 April 1947, on her twenty-first birthday, Princess Elizabeth said, 'I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service.' Now, seventy-five years later, we are heartbroken in our loss at her death, and so full of admiration for the unflinching way in which she fulfilled that declaration. Even in my sorrow, shared with so many around the world, I am filled with an immense sense of gratitude for the gift to the world that has been the life of Queen Elizabeth II. At this time, we pray for the repose of the soul of Her Majesty. We do so with confidence, because the Christian faith marked every day of her life and activity. In her Millennium Christmas message, she said, 'To many of us, our beliefs are of fundamental importance. For me the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life. I, like so many of you, have drawn great comfort in difficult times from Christ's words and example.' This faith, so often and so eloquently proclaimed in her public messages, has been an inspiration to me, and I am sure to many. The wisdom, stability and service which she consistently embodied, often in circumstances of extreme difficulty, are a shining legacy and testament to her faith. Our prayer is that she is now received into the merciful presence of God, there to be reunited with her beloved Prince Philip. This is the promise of our faith, and our deep consolation. Queen Elizabeth II will remain, always, a shining light in our history. May she now rest in peace. We pray for His Majesty the King, as he assumes his new office even as he mourns his mother. God save the King.

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's Gospel reminds us that God actively seeks out the lost, wants their repentance and rejoices when the lost is found. Luke 15 contains three parables about finding something that was lost, a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. The primary audience for these parables is Pharisees and scribes. The Pharisees were very religious persons devoted to safeguarding the tradition and practise of their people, while the scribes were experts in the Scriptures and religious laws and so were the theologians and lawyers of their day. Their complaint about Jesus was that this "good" teacher was spending too much time and energy on "bad" people. Tax collectors were suspected of dishonesty and disloyalty, and sinners by their occupations and lifestyles showed disregard for essentials of Jewish life. In response to these complaints Jesus tells three parables about the "lost." The third parable – (usually called "the prodigal son") – the longest, most beautiful and most memorable of the three – was read on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. So here I will focus on the first two parables. The structure in both short parables is the same. The major figure searches for what was lost, finds it and rejoices. The theological application is the same. This dynamic takes place with God when a sinner repents. The surprising feature in these parables is the active role played by God (and Jesus) in seeking out the lost. Just as the shepherd actively seeks out the lost sheep and the woman actively seeks out the lost coin, so God (and Jesus) actively seeks out the lost. God (and Jesus) really care for the lost and want their return. We the devout need to hear this message. And if and when we ever are or feel lost, we need to recall Jesus's parables about the lost and respond positively to God's offer of mercy.

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II** will take place at St John's, Meols on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. All are welcome to attend this ecumenical service.

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY AGM: CHANGE OF LOCATION (significant roadworks occurring.** It will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 2pm. Join us at **St Marys, Gatefield Street, Crewe, CW1 2JP**. If you could 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](tel:07451249267). The agenda and draft minutes of the previous AGM will be available at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

**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. <http://www.stbernadette.org.uk>.

**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. For further information, please see the poster at the back of church or call Marianne Ryan on 625 5158.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME** for children in Year 3 and above will begin in October with an Enrolment Mass. Please contact the respective Parish Office for an application form by the end of September.

**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.

**ST CATHERINE'S LITTLE CATERPILLARS:** playgroup is back! Starting on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, parents, carers and children 0-4 are warmly invited to St Catherine's Parish Centre. Every Friday in termtime 1.30pm-3pm.

**WIRRAL AGE UK TECHY TEA:** our next drop in will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10am-11.30am at St Catherine's Presbytery. Would you like some help with your electronic devices (tablet / smart phone / laptop)? Bring it along, learn something new with help from the Wirral AGE UK IT team and show your family and friends how it's done!

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**A COLLECTION FOR FR JOHN SLINGER** will take place in the forthcoming weeks. Fr John was ordained at St Agnes and celebrated his Golden Anniversary on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**HOMES FOR UKRAINE SCHEME:** If anyone could offer a home to a Ukrainian woman and her 15 year old son through the scheme please call Nancy on 07804 125548. They have family already in West Kirby so are keen to be in this area.

**THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY:** Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE introductory offer by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE at St Catherine's** is now available to use at the back of church. If you wish, you can use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate on the screen and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid (one off registration) to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Thank you for your support with this pilot scheme.



**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.



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