



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gospel: Luke 21:5-19)

WEEK COMMENCING 13 th November 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 12 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Drew Cockton (RIP)
Sunday 13 th November	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Betty Blackburn (anniversary)
Sunday 13 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Will Reynolds and Tony Welsh
Monday 14 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Blenerhasset (RIP)
Tuesday 15 th November	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Will Reynolds and Tony Welsh
Wednesday 16 th November	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 16 th November	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 17 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John Gilmour (RIP)
Friday 18 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	John Madden
Saturday 19 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Emmon Kilbane
Sunday 20 th November	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Michael Laurence Chapple (RIP)
Sunday 20 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Tony Welsh

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families including Tom Blenerhasset, Mary Thomas, Margaret Howell and William McKenna.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Margaret Holmes and Ronald Lewis.

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

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's selection from Luke 21 ends with a sentence that is unique to Luke's version of the apocalyptic discourse, "your endurance will win you your lives." The word translated as "endurance" is sometimes rendered as "patience" or "perseverance." These are not popular virtues in twenty-first century Britain. We want fast food, fast cars, and fast computers. We have short attention spans and we communicate in sound bites and instant emails. However, the kind of endurance recommended in today's Gospel text is not apathy or laziness or timidity. In the biblical concept of endurance there is an element of active resistance in the face of opposition. It is inspired by confidence and hope in God. Hope and endurance are two sides of the same coin. Hope without endurance is anxiety and ends in madness. Perseverance without hope leads to resignation, fatalism and indifference. As Christians we hope for the full coming of God's kingdom, the resurrection of the dead, the last judgement and just rewards and punishments. We expect that all these events will come about in God's own time and way. In the meantime, we try to conduct our lives as people of faith, hope, and love, fully aware of the fragility of human existence and of the world around us. In the midst of fast-paced change, we need the biblical kind of patience and endurance to live one day at a time, seizing the moment and living it to its fullness, all the while moving forward in hope to eternal life in God's Kingdom.  
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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR: Fr David will be offering Mass to remember loved ones who have died in the past year on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm at St Agnes and on Thursday 24th November at 7pm at St Catherine's. Names of loved ones will be read out at Mass and a candle will be lit for each person. Please place names of loved ones who have died in the past year in an envelope and put it through the respective presbytery door.

St Agnes 0151 625 6367 st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk | St Catherine's 0151 632 4388 stcatherineshoylake.org

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend the annual collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. The future of our Diocese depends on the training and formation of Priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund.

DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS AND SERVICE – YOUR ROLE AND MISSION IN THE CHURCH: A day of reflection, prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help you know how you can best use your gifts in the service of God and neighbour. Run by the diocesan Mission for Catechesis team and Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Alban's Parish Hall, Macclesfield, Saturday 26th November, 10am-5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To book please contact lisa.martinez@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

WIRRAL AGE UK TECHY TEA: would you like some help with your electronic devices (tablet / smart phone / laptop)? Bring it along and learn something new with help from the Wirral AGE UK IT team. The next two sessions before Christmas will take place on **Tuesday 29th November** and **Tuesday 13th December** 9.45am-11.45am at St Catherine's Presbytery. The sessions will be via 15 minute appointments. Please look out for the appointment sheets in the porch at St Catherine's or email (stcathoylake@gmail.com) / call St Catherine's Parish Office to arrange a convenient time.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 2pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. The EGM is being held to discuss constitutional change (as discussed at the AGM) and any proposals **need to be received by no later than 14 days before the meeting**. Agenda items for the General Hospitality Meeting need to be received **no later than 7 days before the meeting**. Please register your attendance/apologies to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call [07451 249267](tel:07451249267).

WARM SPACES DIRECTORY FOR HOYLAKE, MEOLS AND WEST KIRBY: Warm Spaces are free, non-judgmental public places where people can go to get warm, save money on their heating costs, avoid social isolation, receive vital support and advice while staying as well as possible. A directory can be found on both parish noticeboards.

ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: a gift collection (new/unwanted) will take place on the weekend of 19/20 November and a monetary collection on the weekend of 3/4 December. ****Request for help:** chests of drawers and small wardrobes. (The SVP is unable to accept any large items.)** Please contact Angie Aitken on 0151 625 8670.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS CARDS coming soon! £3.99 for a pack of ten. If you are interested in purchasing cards now, please contact Marianne Ryan on 0151 625 5158.

MARY'S MEALS - Double the Love: From 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023, donations made to Mary's Meals will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.5million. Today, we face some of our greatest challenges yet in a world devastated by conflict, food insecurity and the cost of living crisis. There are many ways to get involved, find out more at marysmeals.org.uk

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND: 27th March 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. Please contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.



WIRRAL FOODBANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: this runs throughout November. Copies of the calendar are available to take home if you wish. 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 St Catherine's (stcathoylake@gmail.com) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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