



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

Sunday 20th November 2022 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43)

WEEK COMMENCING 20 th November 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 19 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Emmon Kilbane
Sunday 20 th November	9.00am	Mass (+ online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Michael Laurence Chapple (RIP)
Sunday 20 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Tony Welsh
Monday 21 st November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Nora Lough (RIP)
Tuesday 22 nd November	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Drew Cockton (RIP)
Wednesday 23 rd November	7.00pm	Remembrance Mass	St Agnes	For Loved Ones
Wednesday 23 rd November	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 24 th November	7.00pm	Remembrance Mass	St Catherine's	For Loved Ones
Friday 25 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Friday 25 th November	12noon	Funeral service for Margaret Howell	St Catherine's	~
Saturday 26 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Blenerhasset (RIP)
Sunday 27 th November	9.00am	Mass (+ online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Ann Crisp (anniversary)
Sunday 27 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Holy Souls in Purgatory

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

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Margaret Holmes, Ronald Lewis and Mgr Canon Peter O'Neill.

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:** The liturgical year concludes with this relatively new feast, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It affirmed the primacy of Christ in the face of rising nationalism and fascism. Our main guide during this past year has been Luke, a master of spirituality. With his characteristic simplicity and subtlety, Luke throughout his Gospel illustrates many times over the wisdom of Jesus and the good example that he gave. In today's reading Luke has us confront the mystery of the cross. The inscription on the cross reads, "This is the king of the Jews." The title reflects popular Jewish speculations about Jesus's possible identity as the Messiah of Israel. It was surely intended by the Romans to be ironic. To them Jesus was just another Jewish religious troublemaker who had to be dealt with quickly and brutally. The double irony, of course, is that to Luke and other early Christians that title was correct, since the kingship of Jesus was made manifest most perfectly in his suffering and death on the cross. That means that Christian spirituality cannot ignore the realities of suffering and death. Moreover, even on the cross Jesus continues his ministry of reaching out to marginal persons when he promises the "good thief" a place in God's kingdom. That means that Christian spirituality must have a social dimension and be open to all kinds of persons. Christ is no ordinary King. His kingship reaches back to and carries on the kingship of his ancestor, David. His kingship is manifest especially in the mystery of the cross. His kingship extends over all creation and lasts forever. His kingship should give us confidence in the present and hope for the future.  
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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 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: This weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is being held. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund. Thank you for your support.

ST CATHERINE'S WINTER WRAP UP APPEAL: Do you have any winter clothing that you no longer need (coats/hats/gloves/scarves for adults or children) or could you donate a new duvet, hot water bottle or flask? All items kindly donated will be passed on through the SVP to those who are in need on the Wirral. There are collection points at both churches. Thank you for your support.

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. Contact: Angie Aitken on 0151 625 8670.

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS - 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Come and join us in the Parish Lounge after Mass on Sunday 27th November for tea and coffee. All very welcome! **Help needed:** we would like to restart a rota for tea and coffee, so if you are able to help one Sunday after Mass please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office. Thank you!

RETURNING TO CHURCH AFTER THE PANDEMIC: Would you like to attend Mass but find it difficult to get to church? Would you feel more comfortable with a socially distanced bench? Could we help you access Mass online via Zoom? Please get in touch with Phoebe in the Parish Office at St Catherine's or St Agnes.

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR is being held in the school hall on Friday 25th November 3.45pm-6pm. All very welcome to come along and join in with the festive fun!

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 (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) / call St Catherine's Parish Office to arrange a convenient time.

FR JOHN SLINGER: There's still time to put a donation in one of the envelopes marked "Fr. John Slinger" before the presentation at the Celebration Lunch after the 10.30 Mass on Sunday 27th November. If you haven't put your name on the list to attend, please do so as soon as you can.

WEST KIRBY WARM SPACES INITIATIVE is looking for volunteers to help at any of the local churches offering a Warm Space during the week. A new poster with details will soon be available at the back of church.

ST ANSELM'S COLLEGE 6th FORM OPEN EVENING will take place at the College on Wednesday 23rd November 6pm-8pm. This is for boys currently in Year 11 with admission to 6th Form in September 2023.

CHRISTMAS MARKET UPTON HALL SCHOOL is taking place on Tuesday 22nd November from 6pm. Variety of craft stalls with games and activities with festive music, food and drinks. Raffle to be drawn on the evening. Free entry.



WIRRAL FOODBANK: Tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, squash, biscuits, jam, nappies (size 6), washing up liquid, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant are currently needed. Thank you for your support.



Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week? Please email St Catherine's (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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