



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 18th December 2022 – Fourth Sunday of Advent (Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24)

Sunday 25th December 2022 – The Nativity of the Lord (Gospel: John 1:1-18)

Sunday 1st January 2023 – Mary, Mother of God (Gospel: Luke 2:16-21)

WEEK COMMENCING 18 th December 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 17 th December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Geraldine & George Moore
Sunday 18 th December	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	John Utting
Sunday 18 th December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	William Boylan
Monday 19 th December	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 20 th December	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Mary Mawdsley
Wednesday 21 st December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
Wednesday 21 st December	1.30pm	Funeral Service for William Agnew	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 21 st December	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 22 nd December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Eileen McAlvey
Friday 23 rd December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Terry Fallan
Saturday 24 th December	5.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Jack Turner & Fennelly Family
Saturday 24 th December	8.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass	St Agnes	Vincent Roper
Sunday 25 th December	9.00am	Christmas Day Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	John and Pamela Kentleton
Sunday 25 th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Monday 26 th December	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 27 th December	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 28 th December	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 29 th December	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 30 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Saturday 31 st December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Neil Oliver
Sunday 1 st January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Vincent & Mary Curtis
Sunday 1 st January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Desmond Harvey
Monday 2 nd January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Protection of the unborn child
Tuesday 3 rd January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Fr Thomas (belated birthday)
Wednesday 4 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	World Peace
Thursday 5 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Rose & James McCrave
Friday 6 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	David McLoughlin
Saturday 7 th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Thanksgiving (TM)
Sunday 8 th January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Mary & Frank McGuirk
Sunday 8 th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Ann Byrne

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families including William (Billy) Agnew and Sister Jo Bird.

The funeral service for William (Billy) Agnew will take place at St Catherine's on Wednesday 21st December at 1.30pm.

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

ONLINE MASS via Zoom is on **Sundays** at **9am**. **Christmas Eve Mass** at **5pm** will also be streamed.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524>

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FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: For our Christmas reflection, I have chosen the readings for Mass during Christmas Day. The readings are concerned more with indicating the significance of Jesus' birth than with supplying the details surrounding the event. The Old Testament passage from Isaiah 52 celebrates the return of God's people from exile and the restoration of Jerusalem as God's dwelling place. As was the case throughout Advent, the reading situates Jesus in relation to God's special people Israel. The reading from the Gospel according to John, celebrates Jesus as the "Word" of God. In Jesus, God has spoken. In him God has revealed to us what God most eagerly wanted to communicate to us. Jesus' identity as both the revealer and the revelation of God is the key to understanding John's Gospel and indeed the entire New Testament. Jesus' role as the Word of God and the Wisdom of God is affirmed also in today's second reading from Hebrews. There he is described in terms like those used in the book of Wisdom: "the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature." The whole of the Advent season leads up to the proclamation made in John 1:14: "The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth."



FR DAVID, FR JOHN, SR MONICA and DEACONS JOHN, TONY, BASIL, PETER wish you peace and joy over this Christmas Season. Thank you for all your cards and gifts.

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS: Sunday 18th December will be the last date before Christmas. It will re-start in the New Year.

ADORATION AT ST CATHERINE'S will take place on Wednesday 21st December at 7pm before taking a two-week break.

ST AGNES CHRISTMAS EVE MASS: Carols and a period of reflection will take place prior to 8pm Mass. Please could all be in their seats by 7.40pm.

ST AGNES CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS 10.30am: if your child would like to take part in a Christmas tableau during Mass, please contact Fliss on 0746 484962, as soon as possible. All ages, are welcome, from 3 upwards!

SVP ST AGNES would like to thank everyone for their generosity for the Christmas monetary appeal. A total of £1,526 was raised.

SVP ST CATHERINE'S: The people of Sudan and South Sudan still bear the scars of civil war with millions of displaced people living in camps. For the third consecutive year, severe flooding has disrupted food production, leaving millions of people at risk. The SVP provides funding towards a Child Feeding Centre, basic rations, medication, support for a healthcare project and a project to rescue, educate and care for boys who would otherwise be living on the streets. If you would like to support the SVP in this special work then please put your donation in an envelope marked SVP SUDAN and place it in the Offertory Collection. Please make cheques payable to SVP SS Catherine & Martina Hoylake.



WIRRAL FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL TOP TEN ITEMS: Tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, fruit squash, jam, sugar, UHT milk, pasta sauce and tinned custard. Thank you.

Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week?
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