



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 15th January 2023 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: John 1:29-34)

WEEK COMMENCING 15 th January 2023			Church	Intentions
Saturday 14 th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	L & N Forsey
Sunday 15 th January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	James & Mary Grealis
Sunday 15 th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Members of the choir
Monday 16 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Tuesday 17 th January	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Jo & Joseph Lyons
Wednesday 18 th January	9.15am	Requiem Mass for Lucy Parker	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 18 th January	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 19 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Jack Turner
Friday 20 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Patricia Collins-Morgan
Friday 20 th January	10.00am	Funeral Service for Susan Wearing	St Catherine's	~
Saturday 21 st January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Gillian Potter
Sunday 22 nd January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	John Utting
Sunday 22 nd January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Mr & Mrs Lynchehaun

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Pope Emeritus Benedict, William (Billy) Agnew, Sister Jo Bird, Margaret Kelly, Lucy Parker, Lynden Payne, Philip Pye, Dorothy Scott, Julie Toolan, Susan Wearing and Stephen Wright.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially John Irwin and Ronald Lewis.

WE WELCOME Daire and Saoirse Blyth to our Parish Community following their baptisms at St Agnes last Sunday.



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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: In the first chapter of the Fourth Gospel the Baptist is one of a string of witnesses brought forward to tell the reader who this Jesus is. John's witness is that Jesus is servant of God, Messiah, and Lamb of God. By designating Jesus as 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world', the Baptist may be thinking of the servant of the Lord who is compared to a lamb in Is 53: 7 - 12. (In Aramaic the noun 'talya' can mean 'servant' or 'lamb'). Or he may have in mind the Passover lamb. More than likely, the evangelist may be thinking at once of both the one and the other – he has put the death of Jesus at the time when the Passover lambs were being slaughtered. In any event, Jesus is the one who will destroy the sin that envelops humankind, by his death on the cross. The Baptist could have said that Jesus existed before him if he had regarded him as the new Elijah. For the evangelist, of course, he was with the Father from the first (1: 1 - 2). Jesus is the one on whom the spirit descended and rested – he has permanent possession of the Spirit. He will 'baptize' by sharing his spirit, the evangelist knows that the glorified Jesus bestowed the Holy Spirit (20: 22). Finally, the Baptist bore witness that Jesus is the 'Elect of God,' the servant of the Lord.

A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place on Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.00pm at St Catherine's. This is to replace the service cancelled before Christmas.

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE: Come and join us each Sunday after Mass in the Parish Lounge.

SCRIPTURE GROUP is every Thursday at 7.30pm at St. Agnes in the upper small room. All very welcome.

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PEACE SUNDAY is today. This year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'. He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place? Our active Catholic peace movement is Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media. Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you would like to donate, please do so via: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi'. Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY Tel: 0208 203 4884.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available online and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) as well as gift aiding your donation.

WIRRAL AGE UK TECHY TEA: would you like some help with your electronic devices (tablet / smart phone / laptop)? The next session will take place on **Tuesday 17th January** 9.45am-11.45am at St Catherine's Presbytery. Please look out for the appointment sheet in the porch at St Catherine's or contact the Parish Office.

A WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18th - 25th January 2023: A service at St Agnes will take place on Monday 23rd January at 2.15pm. Please see the notice at the back of both churches for details of further services.

ST AGNES AND ST CATHERINE'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME will begin with a social event at Toast on Sunday 29th January at 6pm. An email has been sent to all those who registered in September. However, if you have not received an email or would like to register for this year's programme (young people in Year 9 and above), please contact the Parish Office.

QUIZ NIGHT! SAVE THE DATE....after an absence of some years quiz nights are due to return! Dave Robinson (Quizmaster Extraordinaire!) has agreed to create and present one on Friday 17th February in the Parish Centre! Entrance £5 (pay at door). Light refreshments provided but bring your own tipples. All proceeds to Hoylake Pro-Life group Funds.

SVP writes "Many thanks to all your parishioners for their help and support which enables us to support people across Wirral with a range of services. This Christmas we were aware of around 40 families in homeless family units across Wirral. This included 67 children. Working with housing agencies we ensured that each child received a present and a pair of pjs. Local conferences are running seven Keep Warm Projects together with Birkenhead SVP Centre. There are numerous such projects across Wirral but ours are different as we recognise that people need more support at home to keep warm rather than just for a few hours a week. We therefore provide duvets, hot water bottles and flasks plus fruit and vegetables to improve people's health. We have also opened two clothes banks in Wallasey area. Parishioners at St Catherine's did a wonderful job of collecting and collating the donations."

THE PARLIAMENTARY HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE is currently seeking public opinion on the legalisation of Assisted Suicide under certain circumstances. They are asking members of the public to complete a short, straightforward questionnaire online. The questionnaire can be found on the website of the Parliamentary Health and Social Care Committee <https://committees.parliament.uk/work/6906/assisted-dyingassisted-suicide/> **The closing date for submissions is 20th January.**



WIRRAL FOODBANK: Tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, fruit squash, jam, biscuits, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, washing up liquid and nappies (size 6). Thank you.

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