



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

Sunday 22nd January 2023 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23)

WEEK COMMENCING 22 nd January 2023			Church	Intentions
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
Monday 23 rd January	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Philip Pye	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 24 th January	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 25 th January	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 25 th January	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 26 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Eileen McAlvey
Friday 27 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Saturday 28 th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	James Potter
Sunday 29 th January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Gary & Paul O'Connor
Sunday 29 th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Lucy Gordon

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Pope Emeritus Benedict, Daniela Brandao, 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.

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

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Matthew situates Jesus' public ministry just after John has been arrested. Jesus' preaching, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand,' continues the Baptist's call to conversion; he takes up the torch from the hand of John. Jesus summons his hearers to 'repent' (change their lives) because they had not allowed the reign of God to become effective in their lives. The expression 'kingdom of heaven' is rich in meaning. It signifies God's rule on earth, his reign in people's hearts. The kingdom is here and now present in history in that the power of evil spirits is broken, sins are forgiven, sinners are gathered into Jesus's friendship. The proclamation of the kingdom of heaven and the call to conversion were personalised by Jesus inviting Peter, Andrew, James and John to discipleship. The evangelist's description of the call is more interested in the theological aspect than in the facts. When Jesus called, all four answered immediately, leaving their nets (symbol of their earlier way of life) behind them. The creative word, meeting them in their everyday world, laid hold of them and changed their lives forever. This call of the first disciples became the model for all calls to discipleship in the Church.  
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A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place on Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.00pm at St Catherine's.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being 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. An electronic leaflet about the Fund is also available online. www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

ST AGNES' FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME: This Sunday we welcome the children who are beginning their preparation to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist with an Enrolment Mass.

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

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 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.

HELP NEEDED! ST AGNES TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: We would like to hold a February coffee morning but at present we require a volunteer Co-ordinator to oversee this plus any future events. There will be help and support for anyone who would be willing to volunteer for this. We do also require volunteers to help on the day to put out tables and chairs before and afterwards. If you would like to help or require any further information, please contact Jo Forsey on 07936435073.

ST AGNES' AND ST CATHERINE'S CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME will begin with a social event at Toast in West Kirby 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.

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 7th February** 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.

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 St Catherine's Parish Centre! Entrance £5 (pay at door). Light refreshments provided but bring your own tippie. All proceeds to Hoylake Pro-Life group Funds.

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or help by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk or 07920 232936.

SVP and their work in the community..."one school support worker told me how three children had arrived in school proudly displaying their new coats which had been provided by SVP. They were the first new clothes that they had ever had, normally everything came from charity shops. When we visited them a few days later (during the school holidays) one of the boys still had his coat on. His mother explained that he had refused to take it off. He followed us to the car telling us how much he loved us. The children had made us a lovely card. This family had been evicted from a previous home. Another very young woman with three small children was sitting on the floor of her new home as she had no furniture. Her former partner is serving a very long prison sentence. The Council had provided limited support of beds and some white goods. SVP will provide furniture and bedding. At present we do have council funding for this type of support but not enough for what people need."



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.



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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