



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

Sunday 29th January 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12)

WEEK COMMENCING 29 th January 2023			Church	Intentions
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
Monday 30 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Patricia Collins-Morgan (Eden Florist)
Tuesday 31 st January	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	John Madden
Wednesday 1 st February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Mariane Smith
Wednesday 1 st February	2.00pm	Funeral Service for Julie Toolan	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 1 st February	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 2 nd February	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Private Intention (TM)
Friday 3 rd February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Atkinson
Saturday 4 th February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Jack Atherton
Sunday 5 th February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Agnes Fitzgerald
Sunday 5 th February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Lucy Parker

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Peter Atkinson, Pope Emeritus Benedict, Daniela Brandao, Patrick Gallagher, Canon John Marmion, 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>

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The audience for Jesus' first sermon is the crowd, along with the disciples. In the Bible, a mountain is often the place of divine revelation. The most obvious example is Mount Sinai (Exodus 19 - 24). By sitting down, Jesus assumes the posture of other Jewish teachers of his time. The beatitudes declare 'happy' or 'fortunate' persons who exhibit certain character traits or behaviours and promise them rewards in the future fullness of God's kingdom. Matthew includes nine beatitudes in comparison with the four in Luke 6:20-23. In two cases Matthew tends to spiritualise Jesus' points. For instance 'happy all the poor' becomes 'happy are the poor in spirit' and 'happy those who hunger and thirst' becomes 'happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right'. Most of the additional beatitudes in Matthew are rooted in biblical texts such as Isaiah 61 and Psalm 37. One may ask: what merit is there in being poor, hungry, afflicted? There is none. The 'blessedness of the poor' is in their very need, their distress. God is their champion - as he shows himself to be in Jesus. This week we could ask: how does the Sermon on the Mount shape and guide my life? How would I like it to shape and guide my life?

A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION will take place on Monday 6th February 2023 at 7.00pm at St Catherine's.

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

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

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION will take place at St Catherine's following Sunday Mass.

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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 tipple. All proceeds to Hoylake Pro-Life group Funds.

NEW! MASS INTENTION CARDS at St Agnes: there is a lovely selection of new Mass intention cards available in the card stand at the back of church.



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.

ST CATHERINE'S LOST PROPERTY: a silver drop earring was found after Mass. Please contact the Parish Office if this is yours. There is also a box of lost property at the back of church (umbrellas/glasses/gloves). Please do have a look to see if anything belongs to you!

Contactless donations at St Catherine's

A **DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE** is available to use at the back of church. If you wish, you can use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone to make a donation. Simply choose the amount you wish to donate on the screen and hold your card onto the reader. You can also opt-in for Gift Aid (one off registration) to increase your donation by 25%. If you are a UK taxpayer then donating with Gift Aid means that we can claim an extra 25p for every £1 received. Thank you for your support with this pilot scheme.



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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