



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16)**

WEEK COMMENCING 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2023			Church	Intentions
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Jack Atherton
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Agnes Fitzgerald
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Lucy Parker
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Patrick Gallagher
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation	St Catherine's	~
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	John Walker
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Peter Atkinson	St Agnes	~
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Requiem Mass for Dorothy Scott	St Agnes	~
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Constantine
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Eileen McAlvey
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Daniela Brandão

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Peter Atkinson, Pope Emeritus Benedict, Daniela Brandão, Patrick Gallagher, Canon John Marmion, Lucy Parker, Lynden Payne, Philip Pye, Dorothy Scott, Julie Toolan, Susan Waring and Stephen Wright.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS for Canon John Marmion RIP:** Canon John Marmion's mortal remains will be received into Saint Joseph's Church, Upton on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February with a Vigil Mass at 7.00pm. The Requiem Mass will be offered at St Michael & All Angels' Church, Woodchurch, Birkenhead on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30am, followed by interment at Frankby Cemetery. Please note parking will be limited.

**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:** For the ancient, salt was one of the most important necessities of human life, for everything from preserving and seasoning food to making covenants. The rabbis compared the Torah to salt. The point of the parable is that the disciples have an important, vital function to play in the world. If the disciples lose their sense of moral fervour and stop witnessing to the world by their good deeds, they are as useless as salt from the Dead Sea, which, because of chemical impurities, could decompose and lose its taste. In the Fourth Gospel, Jesus says: "I am the light of the world" (8:12). If Jesus is 'the light of the world' his disciples are meant to enlighten in their measure. The Christian is a lamp designed to give the light: One betrays one's calling if one lives only for oneself. Christians ought to bear witness to Christ before fellow Christians and before unbelievers. This is their calling. They do not have to go out of their way to do it; the authenticity of their lives is the best witness.  
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**ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE:** Every 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.

**ROSARY:** Saturday 11 February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. There will be a Service of Word and Communion followed by the Rosary at 10am at St Agnes.

**ST AGNES TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS:** Come and join us on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February after 10.30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Everyone very welcome!

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:** Members are warmly invited to join the parishioners of St Mary's, Crewe, for a Healing Mass to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 11 February. The Mass will be at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. If you wish to attend, please let the Hospitality Secretary know so that she can collate the numbers to pass on to the parish for catering purposes. Lucy can be contacted at [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text [07451 249267](tel:07451249267). St Mary's is situated at 13 Gatefield Street, Crewe CW1 2JP.

**CHANGE OF DATE! 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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!**....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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March for a Ceilidh at St Agnes! Further details to be announced soon.

**LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE:** Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. There are vacancies for nurses, helpers, and sick and disabled pilgrims. We have taken people with a wide range of health problems such as stroke, cancer, MS, Motor Neurone Disease, etc. The cost is £995. Nurses and under 25s in full time education pay half. However, financial help may be available for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount. COVID Vaccinations compulsory. For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881 656974 or [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk)

**WEDNESDAY WORD:** a weekly scripture and prayer resource, is available at the back of church every week. Please do help yourself to a copy.



**WIRRAL FOODBANK FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY:** Tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned fish, squash, UHT milk, instant mash, pasta sauce, packet soup, custard and sugar. Thank you.



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