



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – Fourth Sunday in Lent (Gospel: John 9:1-41)

WEEK COMMENCING 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2023			Church	Intentions
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Grillo Luiginoz
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Fr Anthony Reynolds
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Edward Keenan
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Teresa Little
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Noel McEvoy
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Philip Pye
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Carol McCurry
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Jo Kellam
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Daniela Brandao
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	For all those preparing for their First Holy Communion

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Rose Bradbury, Eileen Browne, Patrick Gallagher, Josephine Kellam, Isobel Morrissey, James Whittam and Victor Young.

**PLEASE remember** in your prayers all those who are sick especially Ronald Lewis.

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



**WE WELCOME** Jacob Joseph Edwards to our Parish Community following his baptism at St Catherine's last Sunday.

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Like the episode of the Samaritan woman (the Gospel last Sunday), this too, is a lesson on growth in faith. The miracle of the giving of sight to a blind man is a 'sign': Jesus thereby reveals that he is 'the light of the world'. In granting physical sight, Jesus demonstrates that by his teaching, life and personal presence he was the source of the spiritual vision which we call believing. The whole account reads like a picturesque, symbolic presentation of the way in which one comes to believe in Jesus as 'Lord'. Healed quickly of his physical infirmity, the man is the object of a gradual, spiritual illumination until, finally, he comes to faith: 'Lord, I believe'. He opened his life to the light who is Christ and recognised that in Christ God had revealed his plan for humankind. Henceforth he was as prepared to model his life on the pattern of Christ as he was to trust the physical light in his eyes. The man's faith grows as he stoutly defends Jesus against those who reject him. He becomes more and more convinced that Jesus is a true worshipper of God, he is truly a man from God. Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, though they are physically sighted, become progressively more and more spiritually blind.

### LENT 2023

<b>TUESDAYS 11am</b>	Stations of the Cross: 21 <sup>st</sup> March St Agnes, 28 <sup>th</sup> March St Andrew's and 4 <sup>th</sup> April St Agnes.
<b>TUESDAYS 6pm</b>	Sacred Heart Church, Moreton: there will be a time for private prayer and conversation with the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 7pm. Prayer will centre on the Eucharist and Justice.
<b>FRIDAYS 11.30am</b>	St Hildeburgh's, Hoylake: Lent Lunches (a short service followed by a light lunch).
<b>FRIDAYS 7pm</b>	St Catherine's: Stations of the Cross.

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

**A SERVICE OF FIRST FORGIVENESS** will take place at St Agnes's on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March for 16 children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.

**SYRIA/TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** Thank you for your generous response to this humanitarian emergency. The amounts sent to CAFOD were £804.95 (St Agnes) and £595.40 (St Catherine's).

**CEILIDH FOR THE CLIMATE:** We've all missed seeing each other socially over the last few years. Come to connect with old and new friends, for a good cause, at our Ceilidh for the Climate, at St Agnes Hall, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Doors open at 7pm, Ceilidh starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 at the door, or after 10.30am Mass on Sunday at St Agnes. Under-18s free. Bring your own bottle.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023:** World Youth Day 1-6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 is the largest international gathering of young people. It is held every three years being first established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985. As a diocese we have a limited amount of places booked, for those aged 18 – 35, at the cost of £1,200 which is inclusive of meals, travel, accommodation, and World Youth Day passes. For any questions, or an application form, contact: [clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for the new tax year are now available for collection at the back of church. If you would like a box of envelopes, or are interested in setting up a standing order and/or gift aiding your contributions, please let us know. You can write your name and contact details on the form at the back of church (at St Agnes), or speak to one of the stewards (at St Catherine's). Thank you for your support.

**FLOWERS AT ST AGNES:** We urgently need help with Flower Arranging. Experience very helpful, but not necessary. We are just asking for simple arrangements. You will be shown what to do. Chris Owen has now retired and we would like to thank her very much for all her hard work and beautiful arrangements over many years. Please contact Martina Parry on 0151 625 9032 / 07779948162 or Veronica Ramsey 0151 625 8658 / 07977190833.

**ST AGNES CLEANERS ROTA** is now available in sacristy for collection. We are in need of two more volunteers. If you have any spare time and could help, please contact Jo Forsey on 07936 435073.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES:** The Diocese is looking to appoint a Youth Mission Team Member to engage with young people in schools and parishes across the Shrewsbury Diocese, based in Stockport. Salary £19K to £22K depending on experience. For more information please visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Closing date Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2023. There is also an opportunity for an RGN/Welfare Officer. Closing date for applications: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for an application form for either post.

**\*\*Would anyone like a good working electric sewing machine? Please contact Sr. Monica 07531 240457.\*\***



**LENT WIRRAL FOODBANK APPEAL:** A huge thanks for your continued response to the Foodbank Appeal at St Catherine's. This Sunday it is rice and pasta week. Any donations would be very gratefully received. (The trolley has kindly been loaned to us by Sainsbury's in Hoylake.)

**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](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).



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