



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 14th May 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

WEEK COMMENCING 14 th May 2023			Church	Intentions
Saturday 13 th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Betty Roberts
Sunday 14 th May	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Mary, Susan & Peter Helsby
Sunday 14 th May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Deceased relatives of Devlin & Pinder families
Monday 15 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Clare Williams
Tuesday 16 th May	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Nuala Harrison
Wednesday 17 th May	7.00pm	Vigil Mass: Ascension of the Lord	St Agnes	Vocations to the priesthood
Thursday 18 th May	9.00am	Mass: Ascension of the Lord	St Catherine's	Fr Anthony Reynolds
Thursday 18 th May	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Patricia Byrne	St Agnes	~
Thursday 18 th May	12noon	Funeral service for Catherine Moscrop	St Catherine's	~
Friday 19 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
Friday 19 th May	11.00am	Funeral service for Mary Hellon	St Agnes	~
Saturday 20 th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Dorothy Potter
Sunday 21 st May	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Francis Thomas O'Connell
Sunday 21 st May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	People affected by the earthquake in Turkey & Syria

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Patricia Byrne, Vera Hawthorne, Mary Hellon, Catherine Moscrop, Francis O'Connell, Betty Roberts (Fr David's mother), Philip Storry and James Whittam.

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

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families especially Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole (3rd May).

WE WELCOME Laurie and Ayla Clarke to our Parish Community following their baptisms at St Catherine's last Sunday.



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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: With chapter 14, John's Gospel begins a series of farewell discourses that extends through to chapter 17. Jesus' statements are mainly assurances to his disciples about the importance of faith and love and promises that the disciples will receive divine help in the absence of the earthly Jesus. The first Paraclete (translated "Advocate" in the Jerusalem Bible, which we use at Mass) passage explains how the disciples will be able to carry on in the future without the presence of the earthly Jesus. The Greek word *parakletos* ("someone called to the side of") is a legal term; it means an 'advocate,' designating one who comes to another's aid; supports a defendant in a trial. The "world" (those forces opposed to Jesus and his followers) does not accept the Spirit of truth because it neither sees nor knows the Holy Spirit. Jesus' followers will be given "another Advocate," someone who will stand in for Jesus and continue his work.

ADORATION is every Wednesday at 7pm at St Catherine's.

SCRIPTURE GROUP is every Thursday at 7.30pm at St. Agnes in the Parish Rooms.

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ST AGNES' FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME: We welcome 16 children and their families on Saturday 20th May for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you to our catechists and parents for all they have done in preparing the children for this sacrament. There will be a Parish Celebration the following day at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass – all very welcome!

FR THOMAS will be celebrating Mass with Fr David on Sunday 21st May at St Catherine's. We look forward to seeing Fr Thomas whilst he is visiting from Italy. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Parish Lounge. Please join us!

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY will be celebrated next Sunday 21st May. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." Please visit the Bishops' Conference website for more information: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day There will be a second collection after the Sunday Masses if you would like to support this work or you can donate online here: cbcew.org.uk/donate-world-communications-day.

LUMEN GENTIUM: Thank you to the many people who have been in touch to say how helpful they find **the reflections on Vatican II**. We continue **Part III On The Church** by asking the question: **'Who is the Church?'** The relevant **podcast** and **handout** are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org in the section on 'News and Events'. A leaflet is also available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please contact Barbara via E: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

CARITAS COLLECTION BOXES: St Catherine's would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Angela Gough for her 28 years of service as a collection box agent for Caritas! Angela has now stepped down and so if anyone would like to take on this volunteer role, please contact the Parish Office. In the meantime, if you do have any funds in boxes at home, please send them directly to Caritas or donate via their website. Thank you.

ART FOR THE SOUL (A MINISTRY RUN BY ST HILDEBURGH'S) has a prayerful art group, open to all. The aim is to explore spirituality through creative expression. Each session, at St Hildeburgh's Church Hall Thursdays 2-3.30pm, has a theme to enable reflection on who you are, how you feel and what you believe. Equipment is provided and sessions are run on a donation basis. For more information, contact Alice: alicejprice@hotmail.com or follow @artforthesoulhoylake on Facebook.

CALDAY GRANGE GRAMMAR SCHOOL is raising funds to refurbish a primary school in Koz Agam Afghanistan, an area that has been devastated by conflict and where students are prepared to risk their lives to attend school. Any donations would be much appreciated via the just giving link: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/HALOKozAgam?success=true>

UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is launching a paper copy on Friday 19th May. For further information, please contact michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk



WIRRAL FOODBANK: Items urgently required: tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables (peas, carrots, sweetcorn), shampoo, jam, tinned fruit, tinned custard, female hygiene, toothbrushes/paste and deodorant. Many thanks for your support.



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