



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 21st May 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

WEEK COMMENCING 21 st May 2023			Church	Intentions
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
Monday 22 nd May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Whittle Family (RIP)
Tuesday 23 rd May	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Sally Fitzpatrick (sick)
Wednesday 24 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Repose of the soul of Thomas Flannery
Thursday 25 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John & Pamela Kentleton (RIP)
Friday 26 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Powell Family (RIP)
Saturday 27 th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Edwards Family (RIP)
Sunday 28 th May	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	John Gilmore (Anniversary)
Sunday 28 th May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Norma Whittle (Thanksgiving)

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).

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Since the 16th century, it has been customary to refer to John 17 as Jesus' high priestly prayer, because he intercedes on behalf of his disciples and those who come to believe through them. But a more accurate description is "the prayer of God's Son." In John 17 Jesus prays as the Son of God that his followers may share in his intimate relationship with God as the Father. Jesus prays for himself, for his disciples, and for those who come to believe through them. He prays that his hour may be seen for what it truly is: a manifestation of God's glory. Just as in carrying out his work of revealing the Father, Jesus glorified God, now in his hour Jesus prays that he may once more glorify God and that God may glorify him. Thus the reader of John's Gospel is instructed to view what follows in chapter 18 - 19 not as a tragedy but rather as part of an exaltation or triumph. Jesus prays for his disciples in a way that portrays them more positively than they appear in the rest of John's Gospel. They are the ones to whom Jesus has revealed God and God's glory, and they have received Jesus' words and have come to know that he was sent by God. Moreover, though they remain in the world, as Jesus' disciples they belong to God and participate in the relationship between the Father and the Son.

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.



ST AGNES' FIRST SACRAMENTS PARISH CELEBRATION MASS: This Sunday's Mass at 10.30am will be in celebration of the children who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass – everyone is very welcome!

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

FR THOMAS will be celebrating Mass with Fr David this Sunday 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 is this Sunday 21st May. 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." Further information can be found on the Bishops' Conference website 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.

ROSARY AT ST AGNES: On Saturday 27th May at 10am there will be a Service of Word and Communion followed by the Rosary. Rosary intentions have now been taken to Lourdes.

ST AGNES' MISSIO APPEAL: On behalf of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, thank you for raising a wonderful £5,121.25 in 2022 through the Red Box and direct giving, including direct debits and online donations! Thank you for your continued support to the global Church, through prayer and generous giving, despite the challenging times we live in. If you do have a red box at home please bring them into church at any time and they will be collected.

WIRRAL COASTAL WALK FOR THE SVP: On 11th June a member of St Agnes' SVP will be walking the Wirral Coastal Walk from New Brighton as far as West Kirby for the SVP (about 10 miles). If anyone would like to sponsor her, SVP members will be available after Mass in St Agnes' on Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June with sponsorship forms. Thank you in advance for your support.

REFLECTIONS ON THE CHURCH: Having looked at the Council's answer to 'Who is the Church', we continue our reflections on Vatican II with the next question *Lumen Gentium* addresses: 'How is the Church?' – what structure did Christ will for her? Podcast 8 and its handouts are now available at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. A leaflet outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you cannot access this material, or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 07730 526821 or at barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

CARITAS 'LOVE THE STRANGER': In light of the challenges we face in the UK, advocating for the dignity of refugees and migrants amidst a hostile environment, the Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) which Caritas Shrewsbury is a member of, welcomes the teaching document *Love the Stranger* from the Department of International Affairs at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales (CBCEW). You can download the call to action at www.csan.org.uk/love-the-stranger-call-to-action/

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s) 'DISCERNING GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE' 26-28 MAY 2023

LIVERPOOL: Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See'. The weekend, organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org



WIRRAL FOODBANK: Items urgently required: tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables shampoo, jam, tinned fruit, tinned custard, female hygiene, toothbrushes/paste and deodorant. 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).