



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

# St Agnes Church

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**4th Sunday of Advent 20th December 2020**

ST AGNES		Intentions
Saturday: 5.30pm	Mass	Thomas and Winifred Topping Will Reynolds
Sunday: 10.30am	Mass	
Sunday: 11.15am	Children's Liturgy via Zoom	
Monday: 9.15am	Mass	
Wednesday: 9.15am	Mass	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		Dorothy Woods and Joseph Lyons
Thursday: 6pm	Christmas Mass (via ticket only)	
Thursday: 8pm	Christmas Mass (ticket only) and online	
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		Margaret Marks
Friday: 10.30am	Christmas Mass (via ticket only)	
ST CATHERINE'S		
Sunday: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Jean Roberts
Sunday: 11.15am	Children's Liturgy via Zoom	Doreen Beattie
Tuesday: 9.15am	Mass	
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>		Doreen Beattie
Thursday: 5.30pm	Christmas Family Mass (ticket only) and online	
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>		Josephine Clarke
Friday: 9am	Christmas Mass (via ticket only)	
Sunday: 9am	Mass	Martin Leekam

**MASS READINGS** can be found at [universalis.com/mass.htm](http://universalis.com/mass.htm).

### FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

Luke's annunciation narrative follows a pattern that reflects Old Testament announcements: an angel, fear, message, objection and confirmatory sign of God's presence. Two themes shape the Gospel narrative: the focus on Jesus as Son of the Most High and heir to the throne of David and the role of Mary which has so captured Christian art and imagination through the ages. Her consent opens the way for the coming of the child called the holy one and Son of God. Mary is the model disciple. Mary stands in awe of God's presence; she accepts a commission from God and she puts her faith in God's word. If we wish to experience the joy of Christmas, like Mary, we need to open our hearts to the overshadowing power of God's spirit, live in service of God's word and bring forth God's presence in the world by our kindness, goodness and love.

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who have died recently and their families, especially Barbara Formby, James Mayne, Patricia Meyer, Patricia O'Shaughnessy, Will Reynolds, Diane Tod and Tony Welsh.

**PLEASE** remember in your prayers all those who are ill including Anne Fordham.

**ONLINE MASS** via Zoom is this **Sunday** at **9am**. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524> All those who have contacted the Parish Office for the Zoom link will automatically be sent the link.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** via Zoom is on Sunday at 11.15am. This will be the final Children's Liturgy before the Christmas holidays.

**GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS:** In line with governmental and diocesan guidelines we have the following safety measures in place:

- on arrival for Mass, a steward will ask you to sanitise your hands and guide you to a suitable bench depending on whether you have come as part of a household or as an individual observing at all times the 1m+ social distancing procedures.
- everyone must wear face coverings; please bring your own covering with you. There will be some available if you do not have one.
- please remain in your bench at the end of Mass and wait to be asked to leave by a steward. This ensures safe distancing on exiting the church.
- we have calculated that a maximum of 80 people will be able to attend each Mass at St Agnes. If you are able to attend Mass in the week, please do come then so that those who can only attend Mass on a Sunday are able to. Booking is not required. We are sorry if church is at full capacity when you arrive, however, please understand the stewards are following guidelines to protect everybody. Please also bear in mind that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days remains suspended. Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December: 6pm and 8pm (BOTH FULL)**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am (LIMITED SPACES REMAINING)**

Thank you for all your booking requests for Christmas Masses. All tickets have now been sent out via email or will be available for collection at Mass by prior arrangement this weekend. If your situation changes and you find you will not be able to attend the Mass you requested/your bubble number decreases, please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)) as soon as possible. If you do have any queries or would like to be added to the reserve list for a Mass, please contact the Parish Office.

Please have your ticket ready for the stewards at the Christmas Masses and they will guide you to your bench. The seating has been allocated based on your bubble, so please do follow the stewards' guidance. Thank you.

We will be live streaming two Christmas Masses at 5.30pm via Zoom from St Catherine's and at 8pm from St Agnes: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524> We welcome everyone to join in this way should you not be able to attend Mass in person. Please bear in mind that the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days remains suspended. Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.



**FR DAVID, FR JOHN, DEACON BASIL, DEACON PETER and SR MONICA** thank you for your kindness over this difficult year. Thank you for all your cards and gifts. Wishing you Peace and Joy over this Christmas Season.

**TODAY IS SEA SUNDAY: 20 DECEMBER**, when the Church prays for all who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea) is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. To find out more about what they do and to donate, please visit [stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependant on voluntary donations.

**SVP SCHOOL HOLIDAY MEAL PROJECT:** Would you be able to volunteer two to four hours a week during the Christmas holidays to help with ordering, packing and distribution of food for families in the local area? No cooking is involved. Please contact either: Angie Aitken on 0151 625 8670 07760/455 6161, Jo Fear on 0151 625 0374, Pat Faragher on 0151 625 2303/07985 120508, or John Fegan on 07549 936098. Thank you.

**CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2020:** Caritas would like to provide food and gifts to those most in need in the Shrewsbury Diocese this Christmas and are asking for your support, even the smallest contribution will make a big difference. Online giving is available through Virgin Money Giving and links can be found on the Caritas website: [caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/contact](http://caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/contact).

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND** is offering a free eBook with every donation made. 'The Gates of Jerusalem' is a richly illustrated walking guide to the Old City's historic gates. It navigates the pilgrim reader around the ancient walls, providing historical and biblical background on each gate along the way, as well as devotional material for each stop. This has been written and recently released by Revd Dr. Don Binder, Chaplain to the Archbishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Further information can be found at: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

**THANK YOU!**  
*thank you!*

To our volunteer stewards who have ensured the safety of all parishioners at each Mass where public celebration has been permitted this year.



Would you like to receive the weekly newsletter electronically or do you know anyone who doesn't have access to the Internet and would like a paper copy sent to them? Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year B)**

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** (Redemptorist Publications)

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY...** The Angel Gabriel says to Mary, "Hail, full of grace" and tells her she is to have a baby who will be the Son of the Most High. Mary trusts God and says she will do whatever God wants.

**A PRAYER TO SAY..** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Amen.

Find Advent and Christmas prayers at [cafod.org.uk/prayers](http://cafod.org.uk/prayers)

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