



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

St Agnes Church

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The Holy Family Sunday 27th December 2020

ST AGNES		Intentions
Saturday 26 Dec: 5.30pm	Mass	Gill Prescott Donald Mulryan RIP Ray O'Neill Thanksgiving Mass for parishioners and friends from the family of Tony Welsh Margaret Marks
Sunday 27 Dec: 10.30am	Mass	
Monday 28 Dec: 9.15am	Mass	
Wednesday 30 Dec: 9.15am	Mass	
Friday 1 Jan: 9.15am	Mass	
Saturday 2 Jan: 5.30pm	Mass	
Sunday 3 Jan: 10.30am	Mass	
Monday 4 Jan: 9.15am	Mass	
Wednesday 6 Jan: 9.15am	Mass	
Friday 8 Jan: 9.15am	Mass	
Saturday 9 Jan: 5.30pm	Mass	
Sunday 10 Jan: 10.30am	Mass	
ST CATHERINE'S		
Sunday 27 Dec: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Martin Leekham
Tuesday 29 Dec: 9.15am	Mass	For the survival of Armenian Christians and nation
Thursday 31 Dec: 9.15am	Mass	Vocations to the Priesthood and contemplative life
Sunday 3 Jan: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Desmond Harvey (Anniversary)
Tuesday 5 Jan: 9.15am	Mass	Private Intentions
Thursday 7 Jan: 9.15am	Mass	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 10 Jan: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Norman Morris RIP

MASS READINGS can be found at universalis.com/mass.htm.

FR DAVID'S CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

The distinguished German theologian Karl Rahner (1904-1984) described Christmas in these words: "God's remoteness is the incomprehensibility of his all-pervading nearness, says the message of Christmas. He is tenderly present. He is near. He touches your heart softly with his love. He says fear not. He is imprisoned within. We think he is not there, since there has not yet been a moment in our life when we have not already found him in the gentle sweetness of his nameless love as soon as we began looking for him. He is there like the pure light which, spread over everything, hides itself by making everything else visible in the silent lowliness of its being. Christmas tells you in the experience of solitude to: trust the nearness, it is not emptiness; let go and then you will find; give up and then you will be rich."

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

ANN WELSH AND FAMILY wish to say an enormous thank you for all prayers, love and support given so generously to Tony during his long illness and since his death. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness of so many parishioners and friends whose love and prayers have sustained us all through a very difficult time. We have asked Fr David to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for everyone's kindness and prayers.

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

CHURCHES TOGETHER WEST KIRBY are holding a Christmas Eve Service at 6.30pm on Facebook Live (Facebook.com/WestKirbyChurchesTogether) There will be carols, readings and prayers for our community. All are welcome and no Facebook account is needed (just click the 'not now button').

ONLINE MASS via Zoom will be on Sunday 27th December, Sunday 3rd January and Sunday 10th January 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. Please note there will not be Online Mass on Thursday 31st December or Thursday 7th December. It will resume the following week.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY via Zoom is not on over the Christmas Holidays. The group will meet again in January. Further details will be published in the next newsletter.

The SVP would like to thank everyone for their generosity in aid of their Christmas Appeal this year. Your donations have provided families in need with food and toys this Christmas.

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.



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