



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

St Agnes Church

16 Darmond's Green, West Kirby, Wirral CH48 5DU 0151 625 6367
 Parish Priest: Father David Roberts Deacon: Rev Basil Stephens
 Retired Deacon: Rev Peter Jackson Parish Sister: Sister Monica Howes SND
 Parish safeguarding representative Maria Burchall telephone 625.9759
www.st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk stagneswestkirby@gmail.com

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th November 2020

| MASS ONLINE | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Sunday: 10am | Mass online via Zoom (Parishioners) |
| Sunday: 11.15am | Children's Liturgy via Zoom |
| Thursday: 9.15am | Mass online via Zoom (Frank & Tricia McGrath) |
| PRIVATE PRAYER | |
| Tuesday: 9.15am-10.15am | St Catherine's |
| Wednesday: 10.30am-11.30am | St Agnes |

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The real shock in the Parable of the Talents is the apparent harsh treatment of the third servant. When summoned to give account, he states that he knew the master to be a hard man and that he was afraid. He believed that in hiding his talent he had been prudent. However, the master casts him outside, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. There is nothing in the parable to suggest the master was a hard man. Rather it was timidity that spelled the downfall of the third servant. Out of fear of failure, he refused even to try to succeed. The tragic flaw of the one-talent man is that he lived out of fear even when gifted. The time before the return of Jesus is, for Matthew, a time to be used responsibly. Have we used the time well? The church today has been given vast treasures of "talents." will these increase or remain hidden and guarded? Perhaps this week we could prayerfully reflect on our gifts and talents. We might then ask how we could use them for the good of the church.

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

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families, especially Patricia O'Shaunessy, Diane Tod and Tony Welsh.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER for Patricia O'Shaunessy on Monday 16th November at 9.15am when her funeral will take place at St Agnes.

NEW NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS are now in effect for a month until Wednesday 2nd December. This means that St Agnes is now closed for the celebration of Mass, Baptisms and Weddings. However, it is open for private prayer on Mondays: 9.30am-10.30am and Wednesdays 10.30am-11.30am. Funerals are exempt from the restrictions and are able to take place in church with a maximum number of 30 people. Fr David will celebrate Mass via Zoom on Thursdays at 9.15am and Sundays at 10am. Children's Liturgy via Zoom continues on Sundays at 11.15am. There is now one link to access both Masses: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524> This link will take you straight to the Mass. The link is also available on our website. Those who are already on the Online Mass mailing list will continue to be sent the link each week together with the recording of Sunday Mass shortly after Mass has been celebrated. Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com) if you would like to receive the link and the weekly recording of Sunday Mass.

Please note there will be no Private Prayer on Monday 16th November at 9.30am due to Patricia O'Shaunessy's funeral being held during this time

NOVEMBER is the month when we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way through the November List. If you wish to have the names of your departed loved ones included in the November List then please put their names in an envelope and post it through the presbytery door. Each envelope will be opened and all intentions will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar and any offerings will be put aside for banking. Fr David will be remembering all our deceased loved ones during Mass in the month of November and will offer Mass for all the names on the November list. Towards the end of November there will be the annual Mass of Remembrance.

GUIDANCE FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: In line with governmental and diocesan guidelines we have the following safety measures in place:

- on arrival 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 a 2m social distancing procedure. A maximum of ten people are permitted in the church at any time during private prayer.
- everyone must wear face coverings; please bring your own covering with you. There will be some available if you do not have one.
- individual private prayer is for 15 minutes duration. Please support the stewards by keeping to the guidance. You may be politely reminded when your 15 minutes has elapsed.
- you can choose whether you would like to leave your name and contact details as part of the NHS Test and Trace service. You can either use the QR code on the posters which can be found at the entrance, or you will find a card and pen in your bench to do so. This information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time.
- Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.

LOOKING AFTER EACH OTHER: If you are in need of help or would like a friendly voice on the phone, please do email Fr David frdavidjroberts@gmail.com.

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.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: This week the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund is being held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. If you are visiting Church for private prayer, please leave your donation in the basket provided near the entrance. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is now available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND are selling Christmas Cards this year and are happy to deliver to you if required. A pack of 10 cards is £3.50 with a choice of designs. Please contact Peter Ryan on 0151 625 5158. Thank you.

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: This year is very different as unfortunately the SVP is unable to collect gifts as they would normally in November, however, should you wish to contribute with a monetary donation, please either post it through the presbytery door in an envelope marked 'SVP Christmas Collection' or via bank transfer using the following details: F180810 SVP St Agnes-West Kirby, 60-60-04, 46079416. Thank you for your support.



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).

DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER? Please send them to stagneswestkirby@gmail.com. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... A master gives three servants some gold to look after. One has five talents, or coins, another servant has two and the last has only one. The first servant uses his gold talents to make five more, the second makes an extra two talents, but the third buries his in a hole. The master is pleased with the first two, but cross with one who buried his gold.

A PRAYER TO SAY Dear Jesus, thank you for the gifts you have given us. Help us to use them wisely and always to try our best. The gift of a smile is something we can always use to make other people happy, help us to do that. Amen.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30



Illustration: Erika Pal Charity no 1160384 and a company limited by guarantee no 09387398

Find more activities to do as a family at cafod.org.uk/families