



St Agnes Church

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Christ the King 22nd November 2020

ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

MASS ONLINE	
Sunday: 10am	Mass online via Zoom (Parishioners)
Sunday: 11.15am	Children's Liturgy via Zoom
Thursday: 9.15am	Mass online via Zoom (Deceased loved ones and November List)
PRIVATE PRAYER	
Monday: 9.30am-10.30am	St Agnes
Tuesday: 9.15am-10.15am	St Catherine's
Wednesday: 10.30am-11.30am	St Agnes

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: In the 1930s, Pope Pius XI realised that Europe's royal kingdoms would soon become the stuff of fairy tales. However, the pope was convinced that the new rulers of such kingdoms as Nazism, socialism and communism would not save people because these modern kingdoms would also lord it over their subjects and rob them of their freedom as daughters and sons of god. Pius XI wanted to challenge these new emerging kingdoms. He wanted to lead people to the one true throne. And so he proclaimed the Feast of Christ the King. We may be inclined to think that a feast that emerged from a specific political context may not be a relevant feast for us to celebrate. Sadly only recently Pope Francis expressed his concern regarding the rise of a disturbing nationalism. The pope has had to affirm that the right to live with dignity cannot be denied to anyone and since rights have no borders, no one can remain excluded, regardless of where they are born.

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

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

MASS will be celebrated for Simon Lavin (RIP) whose anniversary is on 21st November.

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.

NOVEMBER is the month when we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way through the November List. Fr David will be remembering all our deceased loved ones and all the names on the November List at Mass on **Thursday 26th November at 9.15am via Zoom**. All the names on the November List from both parishes (St Agnes and St Catherine's) will be placed in baskets before the altar. If you are unable to attend Mass via Zoom, please keep all our deceased loved ones in your prayers on this day. Mass will be recorded and the link will be available on St Catherine's website under the 'New National Restrictions' page.

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 leave your contact details with a steward. 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.

WIRRAL ARK HOMELESS CENTRE CHRISTMAS CARDS have been produced this year but not in the usual quantity. We are unable to sell them at church as we normally would do but there are some available at the Centre though they are selling fast. Contact Elliot at The Ark 0746 310 2130.

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.

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. On Saturday 5 December at 10am FHL will feature the widows cared for at St Martha's House in Bethlehem demonstrating the preparation of traditional Palestinian Christmas lunch. You need to register in advance by sending an email to: peter.rand@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: This year is very different as 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.

SHOEBOXES Thank you to all those who sent in boxes and donations. The family boxes will be especially welcome this year. They will be going to Moldova, Belarus and Romania. Over 2,000 boxes have been sent from the Birkenhead warehouse (10,000+ last 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).

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus says that whenever we are kind to another person we are being kind to him.

A PRAYER TO SAY Father God, you are so good to us. Help us to be as kind as we can be to all the people we meet every day. Amen.