



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th November 2020

| MASS ONLINE | |
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| Sunday: 10am | Mass online via Zoom (Parishioners) |
| Sunday: 11.15am | Children's Liturgy via Zoom |
| Thursday: 9.15am | Mass online via Zoom (Tess Linwood) |
| 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: The story of the wise and foolish virgins, like other parables, is taken from the world of everyday experience. The story is quite simple. Since the wedding party is delayed until midnight, the young women fall asleep, only to be awakened by a loud cry that the procession is near. They wake up and relight their lamps. When the foolish ones who had brought no oil ask the others to share theirs, they are told that there may not be enough and sent on a shopping trip...at midnight! When they return, the feast has started and the door locked. What does the parable mean? The usual interpretation sees it as an allegory to urge watchfulness during Jesus' absence. The foolish bridesmaids warn us against a presumptuous reliance on others, while the wise women are models for us to follow. The wise in the Gospel are both strong and realistic. This week perhaps we could prayerfully check the oil supply in our own lamps and recall those people whose wisdom has been a lamp in our lives.

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

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families, especially Nora Blennerhasset, Fr Mike Dyson, Mrs Goldring, Winefride Kearns, Jean Northam, Patricia O'Shaunessy, Diane Tod and Margaret Waring.

NEW NATIONAL RESTRICTIONS have now come into 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. 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: Boxes can be supplied or you can provide your own. The family boxes are popular, but the main effort goes into providing joy for children who live in the deprived communities of Eastern Europe. For details of what to put in the boxes, please phone Marianne Ryan 0151 625 5158.

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!

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Ten bridesmaids take their oil lamps and go to meet the bridegroom. Five are foolish and don't bring any extra oil. Their lamps go out before the bridegroom arrives and they miss the party going to get more oil. The five well-prepared and wise bridesmaids enjoy the celebrations.

A PRAYER TO SAY Dear Jesus, help me to be prepared to meet you. I give you my heart every day. Amen.