



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

# St Agnes Church

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**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

(Gospel: Luke 3:1-6)

| ST AGNES                                   |                             | Intentions                                     |
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| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> December: 5.30pm  | Mass                        | Special Intention                              |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am   | Mass                        | Special Intention                              |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December: 9.15am    | Mass                        | Special Intention                              |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December: 9.15am | Mass                        | Special Intention                              |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December: 9.15am   | Mass                        | Special Intention                              |
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> December: 5.30pm | Mass                        | Special Intention                              |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am  | Mass                        | Edith Fintan RIP                               |
| ST CATHERINE'S                             |                             | Intentions                                     |
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> December: 9am       | Mass and online via Zoom    | Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December: 9.15am   | Service of Word & Communion | ~  |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December: 9.15am  | Mass                        | David Smith                                    |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December: 9am      | Mass and online via Zoom    | Daniel and Agnes Collins                       |

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

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who have died recently and their families especially Edith Fintan, Clare Johnson and Stephen Jubb.

**PLEASE** remember in your prayers all those who are sick.



**WE WELCOME** Julien Eoin Sierra Porteous to our parish community following his Baptism here last Sunday.

**ONLINE MASS** via Zoom is on **Sunday** at **9am**: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524>



## GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

**Thank you for continuing to think of your fellow parishioners.**

- please sanitise your hands on arrival and when leaving church.
- please continue to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and observe social distancing where possible.
- NHS Test and Trace contact sheet / QR code will still be available for you to use, however, this is not compulsory. Information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time.
  - please leave church promptly once Mass has finished.
- please do not come to church if you are ill or showing symptoms.

FRESH AIR

TESTING

FACE COVERINGS

APP

HANDWASHING

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Hope involves looking forward to something desirable in the expectation that it may become a reality. In the Bible God is the origin, ground and goal of hope. Today's Old Testament passages view Israel's return from exile in Babylon in the sixth century BC from three perspectives. The quotation from Isaiah 40 in Luke 3 reflects the beginning of the return. In Baruch 5 Jerusalem is personified as a woman witnessing the exiles' return. Psalm 126 indicates that Israel's hope had become a reality and reflects on the joy that the people felt. The origin of this hope was the God who created them, chose them and promised to be with them always. The ground was what God had done for this people in the exodus from Egypt. The goal of this hope was the renewal of the worship of God in the Holy City and the resumption of the life as a nation again. The biblical dynamic of hope did not stop in the sixth century BC. Today's New Testament readings show that while God remains the origin and ground of our hope, the goal has become even bigger and better. According to Luke, John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus as the way by which "all mankind shall see the salvation of God" (3:6). And Paul prays that the good work begun by God when the Philippian Christians accepted the Good News about Jesus might lead them to be found "pure and blameless" for the day of Christ, that is, the Second Coming and the last judgement. This week we could reflect on how we can prepare for the fullness of life with Jesus in God's kingdom.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year there will be not be a booking system for Christmas Masses.

Please arrive in plenty of time in order to be seated.

The Covid guidance for Christmas currently remains the same as weekday and Sunday Masses.

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| Christmas Eve: <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>   | 5pm Family Mass | St Catherine's |
|   | 8pm             | St Agnes*      |
| Christmas Day: <b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b> | 9am             | St Catherine's |
|   | 10.30am         | St Agnes **    |
| Boxing Day: <b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>      | 9am             | St Catherine's |
|   | 10.30am         | St Agnes       |

\*There will be Christmas carols prior to the 8pm Mass at St Agnes (order of service leaflets with words to carols will be provided). Please be seated by 7.40pm.

\*\*Please note there will not be a 5.30pm evening Mass at St Agnes on Christmas Day.

### SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

- **TOYS AND GIFTS:** If you have any new and unwanted toys or gifts at home, the SVP would be very grateful for any donations. Please place them in the marked box at the back of church.
- **COLLECTION ON SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> and SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** after Mass. Alternatively, if you wish, please put your donations 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.

**SVP WIRRAL** is running a community café drop in service on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 1pm to 3pm and on Fridays at 2pm-5pm. Tea, coffee, toast and biscuits, befriending, advice, Clothes Bank and Wifi. All are welcome. Please call in to St Vincent's Centre, 15-19 Grange Road West, CH41 4BY. Telephone: 0151 673 1313 / 07971 922 207 or email kevin@svp.org.uk.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:** The third Advent talk, by Deacon Tony Crisp on 'Advent Charity', will be this Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm in St Catherine's Parish Hall and on Zoom using this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84015861524> All welcome. Please contact Barbara on 07450 25273 if you have any questions.

**CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021:** The smallest contribution makes a big difference. Your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations across the Diocese, ensuring they have a Christmas meal and gifts to celebrate the Nativity of Christ and create happy memories in a time of crisis. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope marked 'Caritas at Christmas' and post it through the presbytery door. For further information on the work they do and how to donate online please visit: <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/>

**WEST KIRBY URC** is hosting a night of comedy, sing-along carols, general joyous fun and professional hilarity. Tickets are now available for **COMEDY AND CAROLS** at West Kirby United Reformed Church (opposite the Wro) on Friday 10th December at 7.30pm with the experienced and quick-witted TONY VINO plus Britain's Got Talent 2020 Semi Finalist REVEREND ALLAN FINNEGAN. A glass of wine or soft drink included in the ticket, Bring Your Own Bottle if you wish. Tickets £10 Adults, £5 accompanied 12-16 year olds. Please contact Paul Franklin: 0151 625 3998 or email [paul.franklin1958@gmail.com](mailto:paul.franklin1958@gmail.com).

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY** will be hosting a Mass to celebrate 70 years of the Lourdes pilgrimage on 12th December 2021 at 3pm at St Vincent's, Tatton Street, Knutsford, WA16 6HR. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please note there will be a Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Meeting before the Mass at 1.30pm. This meeting will take the form of a hybrid meeting, with both the option to attend in-person or via Zoom. Please note for this meeting Zoom will be audio only.

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83473360425?pwd=blluU1JtbTRTMjJuL0hQRTNIQnFRdz09>

Meeting ID: 834 7336 0425 You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom, on +44 131 460 1196.

Please register your attendance and make any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. The agenda and minutes can be found at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

All details of events can be found on the website: [www.teamshrewsbury.co.uk](http://www.teamshrewsbury.co.uk).

**WEST KIRBY MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY** (formerly WKLOS of which four of the St Agnes Choir are members) are performing their Christmas Concert at Heswall Hall this year " Sing a song of Christmas" on Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm. For booking and further details please visit [wkmtc.co.uk](http://wkmtc.co.uk).

#### **CHRISTMAS CARDS:**

- **Wirral Ark for the Homeless** are available online at [www.wirralark.org.uk/support-us/shop](http://www.wirralark.org.uk/support-us/shop) or contact Hanna at [hanna.ghariani@wirralark.org.uk](mailto:hanna.ghariani@wirralark.org.uk) or 0330 1755 330. As a parish we have supported this wonderful charity since its inception 30 years ago and from the basic support they offered the homeless then, they now have modern en suite rooms, training facilities, health support for addiction and flats for their residents to move to and live with help from the Ark staff. Many are also in full time employment.
- **Friends of the Holy Land** are available (£3.99 pack of ten) from Peter Ryan 0151 625 5158 (and can be delivered).

**SHOEBOX APPEAL:** THANK YOU to everyone who played a part in the Shoebox Appeal this year, whether filling a box or just contributing items. The total number of boxes handled by our local warehouse was a very impressive 3,504 and with 48,907 sent out altogether by Teams4U, they exceeded last year's total.

**PARKING:** Please be considerate of the neighbours around St Agnes when parking your car to attend church.



**Do you have any items for the newsletter?**

**Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week?** Please email Phoebe in the Parish Office. ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

## CAFOD CHILDREN'S LITURGY

### Second week of Advent

*"Someone is shouting in the desert: 'Get the road ready for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel.'" Luke 3:4*

#### Create your own bauble

The gospel this week calls us to get ready for Jesus. Write or draw on your bauble what you will try to do differently this Advent to get ready for Jesus.

#### A straight path

Gather some pebbles and decorate them with words or images that remind you what Advent is all about "hope", "peace", "joy", "love", "prepare" and think about how you will get ready for Jesus.

Make a straight path with your decorated pebbles in your home or outside to remind others who see them what this season is all about.

#### Prayer

Light two purple candles on your Advent wreath this week and say this prayer together as a family:

**Patient God, you gave John the Baptist a special job to do, to get people ready for the coming of Jesus.**

**Hear our prayers as we prepare:**

*(share your family's intentions here)*

**Help us to get our hearts ready for Jesus. Amen.**

