



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

## St Agnes Church

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

ST AGNES		Intentions
Saturday 6th Feb: 5.30pm	Mass	Christine Warriner
Sunday 7th Feb: 10.30am	Mass	Lucy Gordon
Wednesday 10th Feb: 9.15am	Mass	Tom Constantine
Friday 12th Feb: 9.15am	Mass	Sheila Murphy
Saturday 13th Feb: 5.30pm	Mass	John Rowan
Sunday 14th Feb: 10.30am	Mass	Ronald Knoop
ST CATHERINE'S		
Sunday 7th Feb: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Andrew O'Connell
Thursday 11th Feb: 9.15am	Mass and online via Zoom	Marie Salkeld
Sunday 14th Feb: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Family and Friends of Fiona Dillon

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

### FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION

This week we continue Mark's account of a typical day in the life of Jesus. Last week we heard how Jesus could cast our demons; now he is shown to have power over sickness. There is a close connection between the two. Jews tended to think of sickness as due to demonic action. The early Christian community regarded the miracles of Jesus in a twofold light: as the manifestation of the power of God present in Jesus and as signs of redemption. In today's Gospel we hear how Simon-Peter tells Jesus that his mother-in-law is sick, then Jesus goes to her and raises her up and she is healed. The Greek text highlights the verb raise (egeiren) which connotes restoring someone to health but also means "to raise from the dead." After the healing of Simon's mother-in-law we told that she immediately starts to serve others. At first this seems jarring. Then we realise that Mark is telling us something about how God operates in the world. When we are touched in some way by Jesus, we follow a path of conversion and, walking this way of discipleship, we feel compelled to serve others. Part of the miracle is what happens to someone after they have an encounter with Jesus. Many of us are already in serving roles. For example, some of us are parents, serving the needs of our children. Or some take care of older parents or in-laws. Many of us have careers that involve service to others. I wonder how many of us see that these actions are indeed our discipleship. It is the way we follow Jesus in our own lives.

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

**PLEASE** remember in your prayers all those who are sick including Lydia Winstanley, Kate and Tom Ramsay.

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** for Gillian Prescott on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am when her funeral will take place at St Agnes. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family during this difficult time especially as funerals are restricted to 30 people.



**ONLINE MASS** via Zoom is on **Sundays** at **9am** and **Thursdays** at **9.15am**. 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 weekly.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is this Sunday. Please join us at 11.15am via Zoom. More information and how to get involved each week can be found on the Facebook Group 'St Catherine's Children's Liturgy'. Please email Phoebe ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)) in the Parish Office for details or if you have any questions.

**NATIONAL LOCKDOWN:** Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a new National Lockdown on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, St Agnes remains open for the public celebration of Mass. The new guidance refers to Places of Worship: **"You can attend places of worship for a service. However, you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble. You should maintain strict social distancing at all times."**

**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 and ensure it is worn correctly over your nose and mouth.** 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.**



**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY MASS** for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes will be live streamed on church services tv, <https://www.churchservices.tv/svdpknutsford> from St Vincent de Paul, Knutsford at 9.30am on 11th February 2021. A recording will be available to watch on the church services TV website. We will then be hosting a zoom social gathering that evening at 8pm, if you would like details to join in please email [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267.

**LENTEN RETREAT:** Fr Denis McBride will be leading a free online retreat this Lent, based on his two books Reflecting with Paintings. The retreat will launch on the Redemptorist website on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

**SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM** has had some great success with their Online Ministry over the last year. You can find them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram by searching for @Shrewsbury\_ymt and on YouTube by searching for Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team – SYMT. Some future events include:

- **The Collective** – This is a group of young adults (18+) who are meeting together for faith and friendship. The meetings run via Zoom by the team the aim is to reach out to young adults who want to grow in their faith. The dates for the collective are: 4<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April. For further information please email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)
- **Alter Servers Day** – After the success of the servers day last year they have decided to go online with their day this year. This year it is on 27<sup>th</sup> March via Zoom. More information will be coming out via email in the coming weeks. If you would be interested please do let the team know by emailing: [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)



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

Please email ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)). Thank you.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY...** Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law of a fever. When news spreads, many sick people flock to Jesus for him to heal them. Jesus goes away to pray somewhere peaceful. Then he begins to travel all over Galilee with his friends, healing people and telling them about God.

**A PRAYER TO SAY...** Father God, thank you for all the people who help us when we are sick, the doctors and nurses and everyone who cares for us. We pray for all those who are ill at this time. Amen.

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*Gospel: Mark 1:29-39*



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