



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

St Agnes Church

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Sunday 18th July 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gospel: Mark: 6:30-34)

ST AGNES		Intentions
Saturday 17th July: 5.30pm	Mass	John Madden
Sunday 18th July: 10.30am	Mass	
Monday 19th July: 9.15am	Mass	
Wednesday 21st July: 9.15am	Mass	
Friday 23rd July: 9.15am	Mass	
Saturday 24th July: 5.30pm	Mass	
Sunday 25th July: 10.30am	Mass	
ST CATHERINE'S		
Sunday 17th July: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Private Intention (TM)
Tuesday 20th July: 9.15am	Mass	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life
Thursday 22nd July: 9.15am	Mass	Fr John McManus on his Golden Jubilee
Sunday 25th July: 9.15am	Mass and online via Zoom	Mrs Rita Dolan

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Images from the world of shepherds characterise today's readings. The gospel recounts the return of the disciples from their missionary journey (the gospel last week), and Jesus invites them to come away to a "lonely" place for rest, which ends up being short-lived as crowds arrive before them. Jesus then is moved with pity for them (literally "has compassion on"), for they were "like sheep without a shepherd," and he teaches them. This brief description is dense with biblical allusions. Like the people of Israel, the crowds are in the desert, where they will receive not only miraculous food (next Sunday's gospel) but guidance and instruction, just as the Torah (the law of Moses) was given in the desert of Sinai. Throughout the history of the Church, shepherding has been a prime image for leadership and care. Appropriately, the psalm this week is "The Lord is my Shepherd" (Ps. 23). Although used often at funerals, it is really a psalm about the journey of life. This week you could read prayerfully all of psalm 23 reflecting on your own life.

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick.

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



GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS: * Please do remember that restrictions remain in place at church. Please continue to observe them especially by staying in your seat until a steward comes to you and please do not congregate outside after 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 do not mingle after Mass and please leave the premises promptly.
- **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.**

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL has recently been awarded the RE Quality Mark (REQM) at Gold level. The award recognises outstanding learning in Religious Education. The children have the opportunity to explore world views and think about their place in society. Congratulations OLOP!



Wishing all the children a very happy and healthy summer holiday!



WIRRAL FOODBANK: If you would like to donate any items to the Foodbank, they are in need of baby wipes and shampoo. Please place any donations in the box at the back of church. Thank you.



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).

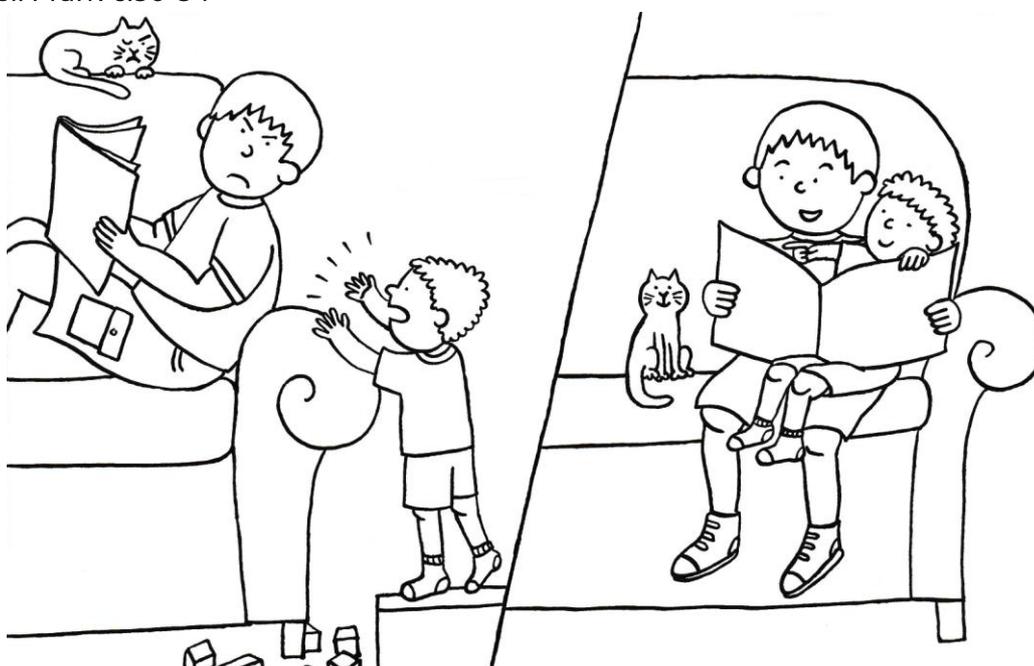
CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus realises that his friends have been working very hard spreading the Good News. He knows they need to rest and pray, so Jesus tells them they must all go to a quiet place for a while.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Father in heaven, sometimes I am so busy that I forget to have some quiet time with you. Help me remember that you are always with me, just waiting for me to give you some time. Amen.

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Find more activities and prayers at cafod.org.uk/families

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