



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

St Agnes Church

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Sunday 16th May 2021
Seventh Sunday Of Easter

ST AGNES		Intentions
Saturday 15 th May: 5.30pm	Mass	Kennedy Family
Sunday 16 th May: 10.30am	Mass	Winefride Kearns
Wednesday 19 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Kearney Family
Friday 21 st May: 9.15am	Mass	Mrs E Lewis
Saturday 22 nd May: 5.30pm	Mass	Barry Family
Sunday 23 rd May: 10.30am	Mass	Finn Family
ST CATHERINE'S		
Sunday 16 th May: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Susan, Mary and Peter Helsby
Tuesday 18 th May: 9.15am	Mass	Deceased Priests of our Parish
Thursday 20 th May: 9.15am	Mass and online via Zoom	People of India
Sunday 23 rd May: 9.15am	Mass and online via Zoom	McCarthy Family

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Since the sixteenth century, it has been customary to refer to chapter 17 of John's gospel as Jesus' high priestly prayer, because he intercedes on behalf of his disciples and those who come to believe through them. But a more accurate description is "the prayer of God's Son." In John 17 Jesus prays as the Son of God that his followers may share in his intimate relationship with God as the Father. Jesus prays for himself (17: 1-5), for his disciples (vv. 6-19) and for those who come to believe through them (vv.20-26). Unfortunately, the Lectionary excerpt that we hear at Mass today (17: 11-19) is poorly chosen since it breaks up both the unity of chapter 17 and Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Nevertheless, what we hear today is how Jesus prays for his disciples in a way that portrays them more positively than they appear in the rest of John's gospel. They are the ones to whom Jesus has revealed God and God's glory, and they have received Jesus' words and have come to know that he was sent by God. Moreover, though they remain in the world, as Jesus' disciples they belong to God and participate in the relationship between the Father and the Son. Jesus prays that "they may be one, as we are one," and that God will protect them from the world and the evil one. He also prays that they may enter into the chain of mission ("as you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" 17:18), and that they share in divine holiness and truth.

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 **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 GROUP is on this Sunday. This will be our last Zoom Liturgy. Thank you to all the families who have joined us over the last year. It has been wonderful to join together online when we haven't been able to do so in person.



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 (with the exception of Holy Week). 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.**

SVP PROJECT - PLANNING APPLICATION - ASSISTANCE NEEDED: The SVP nationally is exploring the possibility of having a centre in Birkenhead. Negotiations for the grant of the lease are on going and it will be necessary to make a planning application for change of use. The team who are working to get the project off the ground are seeking someone with experience of CAD who may be able to draw plans of the existing building to assist in submitting a planning application for change of use so the building can offer the provision of food and training. Anyone who could assist in drawing up the building plans please contact Rose Mullarkey on 07905 952798 or any SVP Member. Many thanks.



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

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IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Jesus prays to God the Father, asking God to look after his disciples. Jesus has taught his friends all about God the Father and how much God loves them. Jesus wants us all to know God's joy in our hearts.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Jesus, we know that you love us – thank you! May we feel the joy in our hearts that loving you brings. Help us to share our joy with other people. Amen.

