



ST AGNES', WEST KIRBY

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Sunday 24th October 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gospel: Mark 10:46-52)

ST AGNES		Intentions
Saturday 23 rd October: 5.30pm	Mass	Special Intention
Sunday 24 th October: 10.30am	Mass	Sharma Family
Monday 25 th October: 9.15am	Mass	Tom Constantine
Wednesday 27 th October: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	~
Friday 29 th October: 9.15am	Requiem Mass for Anthony Baker	~
Friday 29 th October: 12.15pm	Requiem Mass for Lisa McGrath	~
Saturday 30 th October: 5.30pm	Mass	Special Intention
Sunday 31 st October: 10.30am	Mass	Tom and Winnie Topping
ST CATHERINE'S		Intentions
Sunday 24 th October: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Denys Clarke
Tuesday 26 th October: 9.15am	Mass	Vocations to the Priesthood & consecrated life
Thursday 28 th October: 9.15am	Mass	Persecuted Church
Sunday 31 st October: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Repose for the soul of Ieuan Ellis

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

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families especially Anthony Baker, Lisa McGrath and Frank McGreevy.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER on Friday 29th October for Anthony Baker when his Requiem Mass will take place at 9.15am and for Lisa McGrath whose Requiem Mass will take place at 12.15pm at St Agnes. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families during this difficult time.

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>



FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jericho was the last stop on the route to Jerusalem, the city of David. It would have been a popular place for the city's beggar population. The odds were good that the pilgrims going to Jerusalem would have the mood and means to give alms. It is here that Jesus and the disciples meet Bartimaeus, the destitute blind man. The narrative is often presented as a model story of discipleship. A person is in dire need, blind and begging; he or she hears of Jesus, utters a prayer for help ("Son of David, have pity on me"), meets strong opposition, but persists in prayer ("but he only shouted all the louder"); others in the community help the person and speak of the call of Jesus. Bartimaeus throws aside his cloak (symbolising the baptismal divesting?). A meeting with Jesus brings the gift of sight and the person becomes a disciple. This is certainly a legitimate interpretation but perhaps there is more. There seems to be an implied class contrast between the discipleship of Bartimaeus and the non-discipleship of the rich man we encountered in the gospel two weeks ago (10:17-30). The rich man could not give away his fortune, but poor Bartimaeus throws away his cloak, his sole element of livelihood (beggars spread out their cloaks to receive alms). The one at the top of the social scale rejected a direct call, but the one at the bottom does not even wait for a call, springing up and "followed him along the road" (10:52). There is also a devastating contrast with the gospel last week. Jesus asked James and John, "What do you want me to do for you?" To the beggar's petition, Jesus responds with exactly the same words. But how different the requests! James and John wanted status and privilege; the beggar simply "let me see again." Only if the disciples (and us!) renounce our thirst for power and status – in a word, only if we recognise our blindness and seek true vision – can the adventure of discipleship carry on.

GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

We have made some small changes following the lifting of national restrictions and we ask that you think of your fellow parishioners as we move into this next phase of the pandemic:

- please continue to sanitise your hands on arrival and when leaving church.
- NHS Test and Trace will still be available for you to use, however, this is not compulsory. This will remain in place as long as the system is in operation nationally. The information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time.
- we ask for your continued support to observe social distancing where possible and to **continue to wear a face covering** (unless you are exempt).
- there will now be two points at the front of church to receive Holy Communion. Please come up row by row (starting from the front of church) observing social distancing.
- please leave church promptly once Mass has finished.
- please do not come to church if you are ill or showing symptoms.

Thank you very much for your co-operation and understanding.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is this Sunday 24th October, when the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please support Missio in helping missionaries to work alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Join in on this special day that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission to share God's love with all people. Please visit Missio's website for further information: missio.org.uk.

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 deceased loved ones included in the November List please place their names in an envelope and put 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 offering Mass for all the names on the November List on Tuesday 2nd November at 7pm at St Catherine's and on Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm at St Agnes.

MASS FOR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC: Fr David will be offering Mass to remember loved ones who have died during the Covid pandemic. Names of loved ones will be read out at Mass on Wednesday 10th November at 7pm at St Agnes and on Thursday 25th November at 7pm at St Catherine's. Please place names of loved ones in an envelope and put it through the presbytery door.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: DATES FOR THE DIARY: Christmas is coming... which means that so, too, is the (largely!) forgotten season of **Advent**. Would you like to prepare for this special time and celebrate Christmas more deeply? Come and join us for an evening of reflection and see if that helps. **Themes and Speakers:** *Advent Faith* (Fr David Roberts); *Advent Hope* (Miss Barbara Davies); *Advent Charity* (Deacon Tony Crisp). **When:** Wednesday 24th November, 1st December and 8th December at 7pm. **Where:** St Catherine's Parish Hall. Transport can be arranged. Please contact: Barbara on 0745025273.

OBLATE RETREAT AND SPIRITUALITY CENTRE is holding an Advent Day Retreat on Wednesday 1st December at Wistaston Hall in Crewe. There are also a small number of places left on their weekend Advent Retreat (3th-5th December). For further information and to book online visit: www.orc-crewe.org.



WIRRAL FOODBANK: The Harvest List 2021: tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, sugar, squash, coffee, tuna, custard, washing up liquid, size 6 nappies, packet/cup a soup, shampoo, toothbrushes, jam, rice pudding, instant mash, biscuits, rice pudding, toothpaste. Many thanks for any donations.



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).



Pause for hope is a prayer initiative for dealing with cancer and on Sunday 14th November 2021 at 3pm St Columba's church, Plas Newton Lane Chester we will be holding our Chester Pause for Hope Service.

Pause for Hope services are:

- Open - Everyone is welcome and there is no need for a ticket; attendees can be of any faith, or none at all.
- Ecumenical - Representatives of all denominations lead the congregation in hymns and prayers.
- Informative - A short address is given by an invited speaker and a poem is read.
- Musical - A selection of music is played and choirs take part. Hymns are sung.
- Reflective - Individual candles are lit by members of the congregation for someone with cancer or in memory of someone lost to cancer.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY... Bartimaeus wants to see again. Jesus wants to help him and listen to his calls for help. Bartimaeus knows Jesus loves him and he trusts Jesus. As soon as Jesus heals him, Bartimaeus leaves his old life and follows Jesus.

A PRAYER TO SAY... Dear Jesus, thank you for hearing me when I call for help. Help me to trust in you and know that you are always there. Amen.

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Mark 10:46-52*

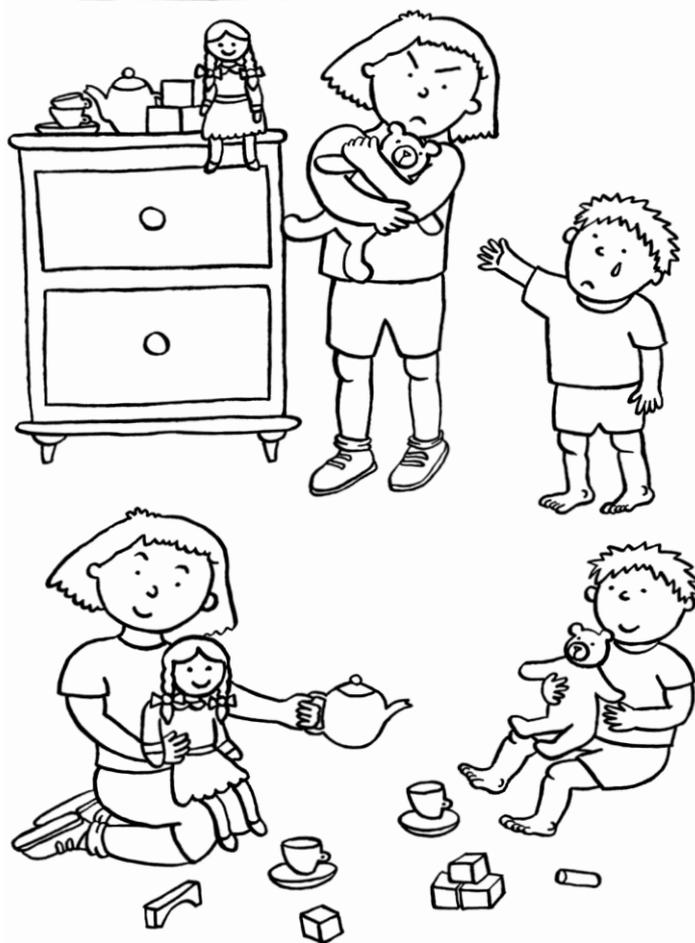


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