



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

## St Agnes Church

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**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 (Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45.47-48)

ST AGNES		Intentions
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> September: 5.30pm	Mass	Dennis Elliot RIP
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September: 10.30am	Mass	Karen Stanley
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> September: 9.15am	Mass	Timothy Radcliffe OP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September: 9.15am	Mass	Catherine Bobby
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September: 2pm	Funeral for Gerry Maxwell	~
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October: 5.30pm	Mass	Private Intentions (EC)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October: 10.30am	Mass	John Kennedy
ST CATHERINE'S		Intentions
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> September: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Mrs Joan Ryan
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	~
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September: 1.30pm	Funeral for John Kelly	~
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September: 9.15am	Mass	Hannah Jones
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October: 9.15am	Requiem Mass for Ieuan Ellis	~
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	Colin Cushion RIP

**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 Janet Hollingsworth, Gerry Maxwell and Rita Wilkinson.

**PLEASE PAUSE** for prayer for Gerry Maxwell on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm when his funeral will take place at St Agnes. Please remember his family and friends during this difficult time especially as some restrictions remain in place.

**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:** In the gospel today, it appears that someone was performing exorcisms while using the name of Jesus as a kind of magical instrument. Only here in Mark's gospel does John serve as the spokesman for the disciples. Whereas the disciples tried to stop the strange exorcist, Jesus displays a remarkably tolerant attitude: "Anyone who is not against us is for us." The mood of Jesus' teaching now changes. The setting returns to that of Mark 9:36 (the end of last week's gospel), where Jesus is holding a child, and now he warns dramatically not to be an "obstacle to bring down one of these little ones". In Greek, a 'skandalon' is an "obstacle" or "stumbling block" that trips someone up along the way. Here it serves as the keyword for the saying, which warns that it would be better for those who cause simple believers to stumble to be drowned at sea than to face punishment from God. The following three sayings warn that it would be better for those who allow their hands, feet or eyes, respectively, to cause themselves to stumble to cut off the offending member than to endure the eternal punishments they deserve. The imagery is rough indeed ("cut it off"), but the imagery is justified by the issue: heaven or hell? Whatever causes you to sin, whatever supplants God in your life, get rid of it! Whatever the cost – even life itself – let it go!

## 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.**



TESTING



FACE COVERINGS



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HANDWASHING

**OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is holding open days for parents of children starting school in September 2022 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am-10.30am and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm-7.30pm. Come and visit the school to see it in action! Please phone 0151 677 6262 or email: [schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk) to book your place.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Our First Holy Communion programme is now restarting following the delay due to Covid. If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in this school year, is in Year 3 or 4 and does not attend Our Lady of Pity RC Primary School, please contact the Parish Office ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)) for an application form.

### CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER:

CAFOD's local experts are helping people all over the world to adapt to climate change and protect our common home. By donating to CAFOD this Family Fast Day you can help communities affected by the worst impacts of the climate crisis. You can donate online through the CAFOD website or give via text. Text CAFOD10 to 70580 to donate £10\*. Or choose to give any whole amount between £1 and £20 by texting CAFOD, followed by the amount you would like to donate, to 70580. \*Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70580. For more information, please see their Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/privacy](http://cafod.org.uk/privacy)



**WIRRAL FOODBANK:** The collectors' rota has now resumed and donations to the Foodbank box at the back of church would be very welcome. The Harvest List 2021 is: 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.

**ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE** was given the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in June with a special commendation for work done during the pandemic. The organisation will receive their award from the Lord Lieutenant in the Town Hall on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021. The event is by invitation only and numbers are restricted, however, the event will be live streamed from 6pm to 8pm via [www.twitch.tv/asylum\\_link](http://www.twitch.tv/asylum_link).

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY – NEXT MEETING:** the next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be on Sunday 10th October at 2pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. This is a hybrid meeting with both the option to attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the online password, apologies or items for the agenda at [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83042732100?pwd=WEFueU9wd0JNREQvT3ZnV2hjMHlnUT09>

Meeting ID: 830 4273 2100

You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom, on +44 203 481 5237. The agenda and minutes can be found at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>



**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)).

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

(Redemptorist Publications)

### 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**IN THE GOSPEL TODAY...** Jesus' friends are worried about someone who is doing miracles in Jesus' name, but who isn't part of their group. But Jesus is not worried at all! Anyone who is helping others is doing what God wants. The Holy Spirit works through all people who are kind and helpful.

**A PRAYER TO SAY...** Dear Jesus, help me show other people that you are my friend by trying to treat other people in the way I know you would. Help me to be kind and helpful. Amen.

