



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

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Sunday 24th April 2022

Second Sunday of Easter (Gospel: John 20:19-31)

WEEK COMMENCING 24 th April 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 23 rd April: 9pm	Mass	St Agnes	Ray O'Neill (Anniversary)
Sunday 24 th April: 9am	Mass	St Catherine's	Betty Blackburn (Anniversary)
Sunday 24 th April: 10.30am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Agnes	Special Intention
Monday 25 th April: 10.15am	Funeral Service for Patricia Gillbanks	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 26 th April: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 27 th April: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 28 th April: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 29 th April: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 30 th April: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	John and Shenna Scott (RIP)
Sunday 1 st May: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Timothy Colm O'Toole (Anniversary)
Sunday 1 st May: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Peace and Justice for Ukraine

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families especially Patricia Gillbanks and Eileen Webster.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr Robin Sutton.

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Why did the early Christian movement succeed? Why has it lasted almost two thousand years? The most basic reason is the resurrection of Jesus. The early Christians believed that through Jesus it had become possible to be freed from the domination of sin and death and be freed for life in the Holy Spirit. Today's gospel from the second half of John 20 features two narratives about coming to believe in Jesus's resurrection. The first episode takes place on Easter Sunday afternoon. When the disciples see the risen Jesus, they come to believe in his resurrection. Having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are sent on mission. Mission is the proper response to encountering the risen Jesus. The second episode concerns another appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples, this time on the Sunday after Easter. It features Thomas the doubter. Because he was absent on Easter afternoon, Thomas refused to believe that Jesus had really been raised. He came to believe only when challenged by the risen Lord to make an empirical test by touching him. Despite his initial scepticism, Thomas goes on to make the highest confession of faith in John's Gospel. He proclaims the risen Jesus to be "my Lord and my God." A higher form of Easter faith, according to the Johannine Jesus, is to believe without seeing the empty tomb or the risen Jesus. The risen Jesus declares as blessed those who have not seen and nevertheless have believed. This is what the first readers of John's Gospel were invited to do, and that is what we today are invited to do.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY MEETING will take place on the 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm. This meeting will take the form of a Zoom meeting:

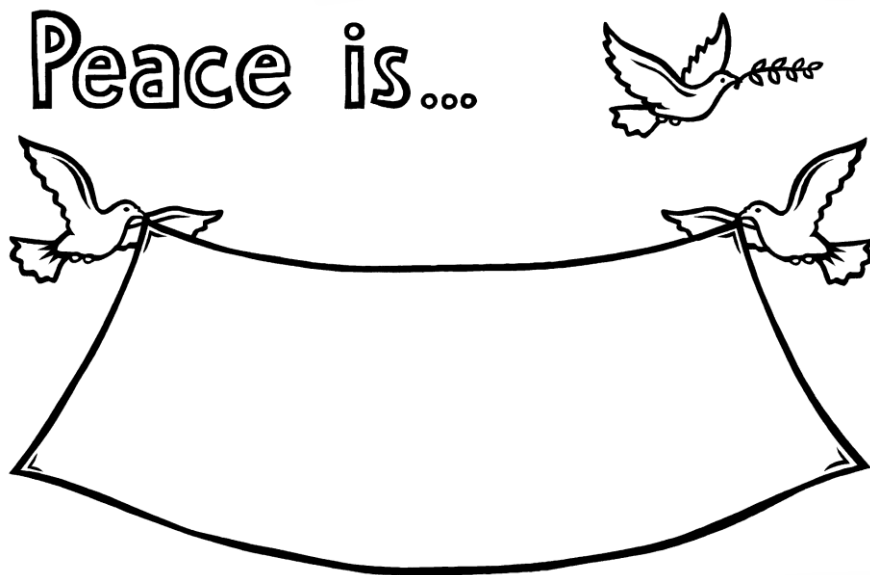
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Meeting ID: 831 5526 5809. You can also call in if you don't have access to Zoom: +44 131 460 1196. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. The agenda and minutes can be found at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

SVP COLLECTION: There is a Ukrainian family, including a nine year old boy, who are living very close to St Agnes. If anyone is able to donate a bike for the nine year old boy or a laptop for the family or alternatively would like to make a financial contribution towards these items, the SVP would be grateful. Monetary donations in envelopes can be put through the Presbytery Door for the attention of Angie Aitken, SVP contact (0151 625 8670). Thank you.

WIRRAL FOODBANK urgently require the following items: tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, squash, sugar (small packet if possible), UHT milk, instant mash, tinned fruit, jam, deodorant and washing up liquid. If you would like to donate any of these items, please use the Foodbank box at the back of church. Thank you for your support and also to our team of volunteers who take the items to the Foodbank weekly.

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