



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

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Sunday 3rd April 2022

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Gospel: John 8:1-11)

WEEK COMMENCING 3 rd April 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 2 nd April: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Eileen Coburn (RIP)
Sunday 3 rd April: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Sick of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd April: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Philip Riby (RIP)
Monday 4 th April: 10am	Requiem Mass for Joseph Whitfield	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 5 th April: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Jim and Elizabeth Tobin
Wednesday 6 th April: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Teresa Nunes (RIP)
Thursday 7 th April: 9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John Kentleton (RIP)
Friday 8 th April: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Joseph Hemington
Saturday 9 th April: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intentions
Sunday 10 th April: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Maura Grealis (RIP)
Sunday 10 th April: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	James Crowley (RIP)

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families especially Francis Franey and Joseph Whitfield.

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: The Sunday Gospel readings for this Lent have given particular attention to Jesus's efforts at balancing the justice and the mercy of God, the two great divine attributes in the biblical tradition. His opponents bring forward a woman caught in adultery. The penalty for such an offence was death by stoning. The opponents want to use the occasion to embarrass Jesus, since he had the reputation of proclaiming God's mercy toward sinners. If he takes the side of the adulterous woman, he is open to the charge of ignoring God's law and God's justice. If he insists on following the law exactly, his reputation as a prophet of God's mercy will be open to question. This is the dilemma that the opponents construct for Jesus. In John 8, Jesus most obviously manifests the mercy of God. And yet Jesus the wise and merciful teacher devises a way to get her out of the situation, to save her life and let her begin over again. In manifesting the mercy of God, Jesus also upholds the justice of God. He does not reject the biblical commandment against adultery. Instead he stalls for time by doodling in the ground. Then he delivers a penetrating challenge, "If there is one of you who has not sinned let him be the first to throw a stone at her." His challenge has the effect of turning the accusers' attention back on themselves and making them realise that they too are sinners. In his parting words to the woman Jesus again manifests both mercy and justice. He does not condemn her and does not shrink from calling certain actions "sins." He forgives the sinner but does not excuse or explain away sin. At this point in Lent, the Gospel challenges us to both confess our sinfulness and accept God's mercy and forgiveness.

THE GREAT WEEK: The history and liturgy of Holy Week, a talk by Fr David, will take place on **Monday 4th April** at 7pm-8.30pm in St Catherine's Parish Lounge. All very welcome.

CELEBRATING EASTER: a message from Fr David

The season of Lent leads us to the three Easter Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil. Think of them as three parts of one great act of prayer and please try to commit yourself to taking part in all three. One of our most precious commodities is time. The Easter Liturgies are longer than Sunday Mass but in this Holy Week of the year, let us give of our time generously to God: to hear again the great stories of God's providence; to pray earnestly for the peace of our world and the needs of the church; to beg God's inspiration and direction of our life and parishes.

HOLY WEEK TIMES

Monday 11 th April	7pm: Service of Reconciliation	St Catherine's
Holy Thursday 14 th April	7pm	St Agnes
Good Friday 15 th April	11am: Children's Stations of the Cross 3pm 3pm	St Catherine's St Catherine's St Agnes
Easter Vigil 16 th April	9pm	St Agnes
Easter Sunday 17 th April	9am 10.30am	St Catherine's St Agnes

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LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE: Chester Across Group will leave for Lourdes from St Columba's, Chester on Thursday 14th and return on Saturday 23rd July. They will travel overland by Jumbulance. Accommodation is the four star Mediteranne Hotel, which has adapted bedrooms, hospital beds and accessible showers. There are vacancies for a Doctor, nurses, helpers and sick and disabled people. There may be some COVID risks to take into account but please do enquire. The cost is £950. Nurses and younger helpers pay half. However, the Group has funds raised to provide financial help where necessary. For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk, www.across.org.uk and search for Bev's story.

LENT 2022

Tuesdays	11am: Stations of the Cross at St Agnes and St Andrew's, West Kirby 5 th April at St Agnes, 12 th April at St Andrew's, West Kirby, 12noon: Mass at St Catherine's During Lent, Fr John will be celebrating Mass every Tuesday at St Catherine's. 6.30pm: Rosary at St Agnes
Thursdays	7pm: Taizé candlelit prayer service at St Catherine's
Fridays	11.15am: Lent Lunches at St Hildeburgh's, Hoylake: 1st April and 8th April. 7pm: Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's



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