



# NEWS FROM THE PARISHES OF ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY AND ST CATHERINE'S, HOYLAKE

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Third Sunday of Advent** (Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11)

WEEK COMMENCING 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Mass (+ online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Johanna Ryan (RIP)
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Philip Pye
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Vincent Roper
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Rose Merino (RIP)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Persecuted Church
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation	St Catherine's	~
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Asylum seekers and refugees
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Geraldine and George Moore Intention
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Mass (+ online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	John Utting (RIP)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	William Boylan

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families including Christopher Allmand, Tom Blenerhasset, Margaret Howell, William McKenna, Mgr Canon Peter O'Neill, Mary Thomas and Emily Wright.

**PLEASE remember** in your prayers all those who are sick especially Margaret Holmes and Ronald Lewis.

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

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's portrait of John is quite different from last Sunday's thundering, charismatic figure preaching to the crowds along the Jordan. John has been imprisoned by Herod for publicly denouncing the king's incestuous marriage to Herodias. John knows that his life is about to end. This was an anxious time of doubt and despair for John – he had staked his life on proclaiming the long-expected Messiah would come, and his witness would soon cost him his life. John had to wonder if he had been deluding himself. Truth be told, John and the people of Judaism had been expecting a much different kind of Messiah than the gentle, humble worker of wonders from Nazareth; so John sends friends to ask Jesus if he is, in fact, the Messiah Israel had been waiting for. Jesus sends the messengers back to John to report all they have seen Jesus do, fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah and the prophets of old. Praising John for his faithful witness to the Messiah, Jesus promises his hearers that great things will come to all who become prophets of the reign of God.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022

Christmas Eve: Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm	St Catherine's
Christmas Eve: Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	8pm	St Agnes
Christmas Day: Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	St Catherine's
Christmas Day: Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	St Agnes

**CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB** at St Catherine's on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Come along for some festive cheer!

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**CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Bishop Mark writes: "2022 has proven to be another challenging year...many people and families in our communities are suffering and now face a winter of rising prices, where incomes are often unable to keep up. Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury continues to respond to this situation and exercise within our Diocese, the ministry of charity. Thanks to your help and an unwavering support, Caritas can continue to be this force for good, reflecting the love and compassion of Christ." Please find the poster at the back of church and if you can, please support Caritas by scanning the QR code to donate. To find out more about their work, Impact Reports are available at St Catherine's or visit [caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://caritasshrewsbury.org.uk).

**ADVENT 2022: WHAT SHALL WE DO?** Every Tuesday in Advent at Sacred Heart Church Moreton. Blessed Sacrament 6pm-7pm, followed by Mass at 7pm. Please see the poster for further details.

**WIRRAL AGE UK TECHY TEA:** would you like some help with your electronic devices (tablet / smart phone / laptop)? Bring it along on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.45am-11.45am** and meet the Wirral AGE UK IT team. Please sign up for a 15-minute appointment at St Catherine's / [stcathoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com) / call St Catherine's Parish Office.

**PARISH OF ST JOSEPH & ST ALBAN LPA 21 ADVENT RETREAT** 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December in St Alban's Parish Hall, Liscard and on 17<sup>th</sup> December in St. Joey's Meeting Room, Seacombe. 10am-4pm. All are welcome! On 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm there will be an LPA Advent Recollection at Holy Apostles & Martyrs. On 16<sup>th</sup> December 7pm-8.30pm there will be a special talk for people who cannot make it during the day at St. Alban's Parish Hall.

**THE SINGING BLUEBIRDS COMMUNITY CHOIR** invites you to their Christmas Afternoon Sing-A-Long Charity Event on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-4pm at St Catherine's. £4 entry for charity (includes raffle, mince pie and hot drink).

**ST AGNES CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS 10.30am:** if your child would like to take part in a Christmas tableau during the Mass, please contact Fliss on 0746 484962, as soon as possible. All ages, are welcome, from 3 upwards!

**ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS:** Come and join us in the Parish Lounge after Mass on Sunday. **Help needed:** could you help one Sunday after Mass, please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office. Thank you.

**ST CATHERINE'S WINTER WRAP UP APPEAL:** This is the last Sunday for donations. We have had a wonderful response to the appeal, thank you very much to both parishes!

**SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP** will take a break for Christmas and will restart on Thursday 12th January at 7.30pm in the small Parish Room at St Agnes.

**OUR MISSION TOGETHER:** Over the last five years, Our Mission Together has successfully supported the three pillars of Strengthening Parishes, Providing for Clergy, and Mission and Social Outreach. Through the generosity of donors, the initiative has achieved some amazing results which are highlighted in the Our Mission Together Impact Report. Copies of the report are available for you to take home.

**THANK YOU FROM CAFOD:** Your support over this past year has been life-changing and very much appreciated. Thank you for praying, campaigning, donating or volunteering to support people and communities in their struggles against poverty. Have a joyful Advent and a happy Christmas.



**WIRRAL FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL TOP TEN ITEMS:** Tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, fruit squash, jam, sugar, UHT milk, pasta sauce and tinned custard. Thank you.

Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week? Please email St Catherine's ([stcathoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).



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