



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent (Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12)**

WEEK COMMENCING 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00am	Rosary	St Agnes	~
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	Lisa McGrath
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+ online via Zoom)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	David Smith and John Hill
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	Vocations to Priesthood & Consecrated Life
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Funeral Service: Emily Wright	St Catherine's	~
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Charlotte Cheney
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peace in the world
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John Butler (RIP)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	Special Intention
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+ online via Zoom)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	Johanna Ryan (RIP)
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	Philip Pye

**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>

**A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** for both parishes will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at St Catherine's.

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Matthew's description of John recalls the austere dress of the great prophet Elijah. The Jews believed that Elijah would return from heaven to announce the long-awaited restoration of Israel as God's kingdom. For Matthew, this expectation is fulfilled in John the Baptist. John challenges two of the ruling classes of the Jewish establishment. The Pharisees ("separated ones") were a group of particularly observant and influential Jews, respected for the faithful keeping of the Torah in everyday life. Little is known of the Sadducees ("righteous ones"). They seem to have been an elite class of priests associated with the temple in Jerusalem. The Sadducees were especially influential in matters of politics and temple administration. Matthew writes that John strikes a responsive chord in the people who have come to the Jordan River to hear him; but John has strong words for the Pharisees and Sadducees who step up for his baptism but have no intention of embracing the spirit of conversion and renewal to make their own lives ready for the coming of the Messiah. John's confrontation with the Pharisees and Sadducees previews the clash between Jesus and the Jewish leaders that will develop as Matthew's Gospel unfolds. His teachings consist of three warnings: do not imagine that merely undergoing the ritual of baptism will protect you, do not think that merely belonging to the children of Abraham (i.e. Israel) will save you, and do not waste the short time that is left.  
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## 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

**FR JOHN SLINGER** wishes to express his gratitude for the celebration of his Jubilee last Sunday. To Fr David, parishioners and to the Committee who prepared the refreshments. He is extremely grateful for the cards and donations received. May St Agnes' be blessed.

**ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS:** Come and join us in the Parish Lounge after Mass on Sunday. **Help needed:** we would like to re-start a rota for tea and coffee, so if you are able to help one Sunday after Mass, please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office. Thank you!

**ST CATHERINE'S WINTER WRAP UP APPEAL:** We have had a fantastic response to the appeal. Thank you for your support! Last date for any further donations is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December. There are collection points at both churches.

**ADVENT 2022: WHAT SHALL WE DO?** You are invited to pray together every Tuesday in Advent at Sacred Heart Church Moreton, trying to hear what God wants us to do with our lives this Advent. Blessed Sacrament 6pm-7pm, followed by Mass at 7pm. Please have a look at the poster at the back of each church for further details.

**SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP** is every Thursday in the small Parish Room at St Agnes at 7.30pm. Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Introducing Matthew's Gospel. All very welcome.

**ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** There will be a monetary collection this weekend after Mass. Alternatively, if you wish, please put your donations through the presbytery door in an envelope marked 'SVP Christmas Collection' or via bank transfer: F180810 SVP St Agnes-West Kirby, 60-60-04, 46079416. Thank you. Further information: Angie Aitken on 0151 625 8670.

**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 learn something new with help from 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 to arrange a convenient time.

**OUR LADY OF PITY ANNEXE PRESCHOOL AND RECEPTION CLASS** warmly invite you to their Nativity Play taking place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am at St Catherine's.

**ST CATHERINE'S LITTLE CATERPILLARS:** Parents, carers and children 0-4. Every Friday in termtime 1.30pm-3pm.

**A QUIZ NIGHT** is to be held in St Catherine's parish centre of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January to raise funds for the Hoylake Pro-Life Group. Entrance £5, pay at the door. Doors open 7:30pm. 8pm start. Light refreshments included. Bring your own tippie!



**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 for your support.

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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