



ST AGNES', WEST KIRBY

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Sunday 16th January 2022

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gospel: John 2:1-11)

WEEK COMMENCING 16TH JANUARY 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 15th January: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Gillian Prescott RIP
Sunday 16th January: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Fr Anthony Reynolds
Sunday 16th January: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Julie Brown
Monday 17th January: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 18th January: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Catherine's	~
Tuesday 18th January: 11am	Christian Unity Service	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 19th January: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 20th January: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 21st January: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 22nd January: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Joseph Lyons RIP
Sunday 23rd January: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Anna Torpey RIP
Sunday 23rd January: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Justin and Diana

MASS READINGS can be found at universalis.com/mass.htm.

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families especially: Anne Brady, Josie Crowley, James Keaton, Beryl Keningley, Monica Malone, Helen Rafferty and Theresa Thompson.

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>



GUIDANCE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF MASS

Thank you for continuing to think of your fellow parishioners.

- please sanitise your hands on arrival and when leaving church.
- please continue to wear a face covering (unless exempt) and observe social distancing where possible.
- NHS Test and Trace contact sheet / QR code will still be available for you to use, however, this is not compulsory. Information will be kept by the Parish for 21 days and destroyed after this time.
 - please leave church promptly once Mass has finished.
 - please do not come to church if you are ill or showing symptoms.



FRESH AIR



TESTING



FACE COVERINGS



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HANDWASHING

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: In John's gospel, Jesus changing water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana, inaugurates a series of seven signs (miracles). These signs reveal the glory of Jesus and point toward his "hour" – the passion, death, resurrection and exaltation of Jesus taken as one great and glorious event. The occasion is a wedding celebration to which Jesus' mother as well as Jesus and his disciples have been invited. When the wine runs out, the mother of Jesus (she is never called "Mary" in John's gospel) approaches him and simply declares that they have no wine. Without saying so, she apparently believes that Jesus can and will do something effective to mitigate the embarrassment of the bridegroom and his family. Jesus seems to rebuff her and explains that his hour has not come. Nevertheless, she instructs the stewards to do "whatever he tells you." Jesus relents and transforms water into the best wine served at the wedding. The sign at Cana points forward to the hour of Jesus and to the banquet in God's kingdom. The biblical background for this first sign is the prophetic motif of abundant wine available in the last days (Isaiah 25:6, Jeremiah 31:12, etc.). The mother of Jesus displays perfect faith in Jesus and so deserves to be regarded as the mother of all who believe in Jesus (see John 19:25-27).



PEACE SUNDAY is today, Sunday 16 January. This year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'. The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media. Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022> Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards the parish contribution please give the parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: Next weekend the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund will be held. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online. To donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and this also explains how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods. Thank you.



CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 2022: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East. The story of the Magi visiting the Holy Family in Bethlehem is one very familiar to us. The Magi have sometimes been seen as a symbol of the world's diversity – different religions and cultures. The story might therefore represent the unity of all created that God desires.

SERVICES

Tuesday 18 th January	St. Agnes'	11am
Wednesday 19 th January	St Michael's	10am
Thursday 20 th January	Riverway	10.30am
Friday 21 st January	Methodist	9.45am
Monday 24 th January	St Bridget's	5pm

*The Service due to take place at Chester Cathedral on 22nd January has been postponed. The service will now be held in the summer.

JOB VACANCY: For a Clergy Welfare Officer has arisen within the Diocese. The role of the clergy welfare officer is to work with and supervise the welfare assistant to support and assist priests who are approaching retirement and those already in retirement, or on sick leave. The clergy welfare officer will provide, advice, practical assistance, and support on a wide range of issues including health, finances and housing. Hours: 21 hours a week. Salary £38,000-£42,000 FTE pro-rata dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 11 February. For further details please see <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org



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).

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: John 2:1-11



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