



ST AGNES', WEST KIRBY

St Agnes Church

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Sunday 23rd January 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gospel: Luke 1: 1-4, 4:14-21)

WEEK COMMENCING 23rd JANUARY 2022		Church	Intentions
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
Monday 24th January: 9.15am	Requiem Mass for Beryl Keningley	St Catherine's	~
Tuesday 25th January: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 26th January: 9.15am	Requiem Mass for Anne Brady	St Agnes	~
Thursday 27th January: 9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Margaret Maddocks (RIP)
Friday 28th January: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	John Burke
Saturday 29th January: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tony Hearty (RIP)
Sunday 30th January: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Gary and Paul O'Connor (RIP)
Sunday 30th January: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Helen Rafferty (RIP)

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

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families especially: Margaret Anne Bowden, Anne Brady, Josie Crowley, Anthony Hearty, 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

 APP

 HANDWASHING

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The setting is the synagogue at Nazareth. Jesus has read passages from the book of Isaiah concerning the anointed prophet of God and declared that "today" this passage is being fulfilled in him. The second part of the narrative continues the theme of prophetic succession raised in the first part and adds two important elements to Luke's programmatic preface to Jesus's public ministry: Prophets often suffer opposition from their own people (the rejected prophet) and Jesus stands in the tradition of the prophets Elijah and Elisha (who ministered to non-Jews also). According to Luke, Jesus is the prophet of God par excellence. Yet the reception that Jesus gets from the people of his home area turns from initial curiosity and mild enthusiasm to hostility and even violence. As the first reading from Jeremiah 1 shows, prophets are seldom popular. Prophets tell hard truths and make people confront unpleasant realities. Jesus also stands in line with the prophets Elijah and Elisha who worked miracles outside their home areas and even outside the boundaries of Israel. Their ministry to non-Jews prefigures the spread of the Gospel outside the land of Israel, which is described by Luke in his second book, the Acts of the Apostles. As we begin a year of reading Luke's Gospel, perhaps reflect on why the Gospel this weekend has been called Luke's programmatic preface to Jesus's public ministry.

RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: Today the annual Collection for the Retired Priests' Fund is being 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.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION: A second collection will be held at all Masses on Saturday 29th January and Sunday 30th January for **The Friends of the Holy Land** in support of the Christian minority in Israel. Please be generous. Gift Aid forms will be available.



CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK SERVICES 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.

Sunday 23rd January: Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral 3pm
(Service of Choral Vespers with both Cathedral Choirs)

Monday 24th January: St Bridget's 5pm

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

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY JOB VACANCIES:

Clergy Welfare Officer: 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

Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser: The role of the Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser is to work with parishes in developing a Diocesan individual giving and legacy programme. This will include in person, offline and online activities promoting and developing regular giving in parishes, contactless giving, Gift Aid and legacy giving, as well as supporting giving to Diocesan appeals Hours: 25 hours per week. Salary £25K-£30K FTE pro-rata dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 18 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).

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21*

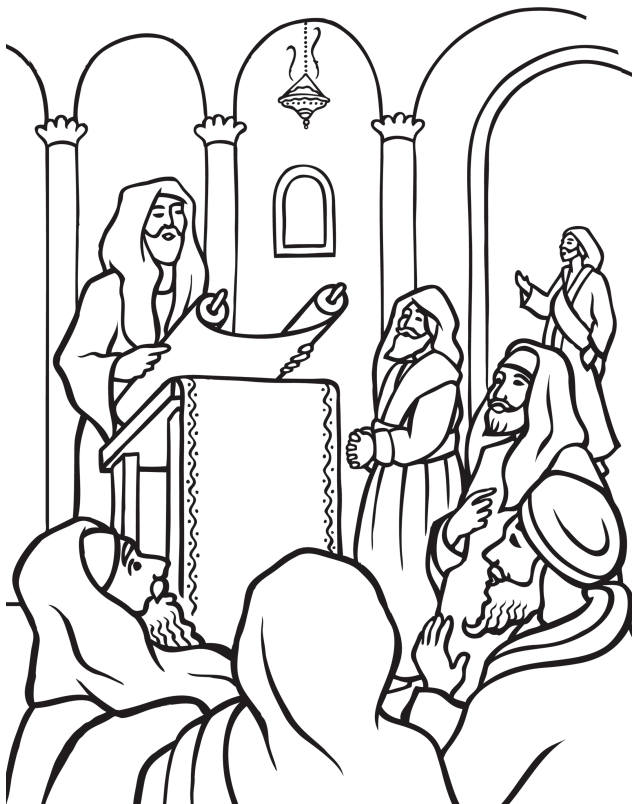


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