



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

St Agnes Church

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Sunday 30th January 2022

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gospel: Luke 4:21-30)

WEEK COMMENCING 30th JANUARY 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 29 th January: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tony Hearty (RIP)
Sunday 30 th January: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Gary and Paul O'Connor (RIP)
Sunday 30 th January: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Helen Rafferty (RIP)
Monday 31 st January: 9.15am	Requiem Mass for Helen Rafferty	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 1 st February: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 2 nd February: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 2 nd February: 1pm	Funeral Service for Patricia Styles	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 3 rd February: 9.15am	Service of Word and Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 4 th February: 12noon	Requiem Mass for Monica Malone	St Agnes	~
Saturday 5 th February: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tony Welsh (RIP)
Sunday 6 th February: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Joan Valentine (RIP)
Sunday 6 th February: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Margaret Marks (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.



FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today's selection from Luke's Gospel continues the narrative begun last Sunday. The setting is the synagogue at Nazareth. 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 to hostility. As our first reading shows, prophets are seldom popular. Prophets tell hard truths. It is generally true that real prophets seldom find acceptance among their own. Paul's celebration of love in our second reading is one of the most beautiful passages in the Bible. The original context for Paul's instruction about love was a young Christian community divided within itself and bickering about spiritual gifts. In that context Paul insisted that love is the most important spiritual gift and that all such gifts must be practiced in love. He also affirmed that genuine love sincerely seeks the good of others and is more something that we give rather than something that we are entitled to get. And Paul promises that when all our achievements and possessions pass away, love will abide in our eternal life with God as the greatest gift of all.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND COLLECTION: A second collection will be held at all Masses this weekend for **The Friends of the Holy Land** in support of the Christian minority in Israel. Please be generous. Gift Aid forms will be available.

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 dependent 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

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