



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

St Agnes Church

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Sunday 13th March 2022

Second Sunday of Lent (Gospel: Luke 9:28-36)

WEEK COMMENCING 13 th March 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 12 th March: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 13 th March: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Amal Shinto
Sunday 13 th March: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Moya Gladding (RIP)
Monday 14 th March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 15 th March: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Gillian Barry
Wednesday 16 th March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 17 th March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 18 th March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 19 th March: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Frank McFarlane
Sunday 20 th March: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Mrs Patricia Styles and family
Sunday 20 th March: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Edward McConnell (RIP)

PLEASE PRAY for all who have died recently and their families especially: Bernadette Allmand (Sarah Winston's mother), Francis Franey and Joseph Whitfield.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr Robin Sutton.

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



FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: On the Second Sunday of Lent it is customary to read about the transfiguration of Jesus. This episode emphasizes by way of anticipation the glorious aspects of the risen Jesus while noting that what awaits Jesus in Jerusalem is suffering and death. The distinctive way in which Luke tells the story of the transfiguration highlights his perception of Jesus' identity as the prophet of God par excellence and adds to his picture of the time of Jesus as the centre of salvation history. First, a prophet speaks for God and so must be close to God. Luke notes that Jesus goes up the mountain to pray. Indeed, at most of the pivotal moments in Jesus's ministry, Luke notes that he was at prayer. Second, Jesus stands in the tradition of the prophets of old. That is why Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the Prophets) appear in the narrative. Third, Jesus and the two prophets speak about Jesus's immediate future. According to Luke, they were discussing "his passing (Gk. exodos) which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem." By using the word exodus, however, Luke alludes to Israel's passage from slavery to freedom under Moses and suggests that Jesus's passion and death will lead to exaltation (resurrection and ascension) and to the possibility of freedom for all. Fourth, it is the fate of the prophet to be misunderstood and rejected. In this case, Jesus the prophet is misunderstood by Peter. By his suggestion to build three tents, Peter wants to prolong the present experience of Jesus's glory and to bypass the suffering associated with the mystery of the cross. Finally, the heavenly voice identifies Jesus as "my Son, the Chosen One," and says, "listen to him."

LENT 2022

Tuesdays	<p>11am: Stations of the Cross at St Agnes and St Andrew's, West Kirby 15th March, 29th March, 12th April at St Andrew's, West Kirby 22nd March, 5th April at St Agnes</p> <p>12noon: Mass at St Catherine's During Lent, Fr John will be celebrating Mass every Tuesday at St Catherine's. This will replace the usual 9.15am Mass time.</p> <p>6.30pm: Rosary for peace in Ukraine at St Agnes. During the rosary there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer until 7.30pm.</p>
Thursdays	<p>7pm: Taizé candlelit prayer service at St Catherine's</p>
Fridays	<p>11.15am: Lent Lunches at St Hildeburgh's, Hoylake are taking place on 18th March, 25th March, 1st April and 8th April. There will be a short service in St Hildeburgh's church at 11.15am followed by a light lunch of soup and bread in their church centre.</p> <p>12.30pm: Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's</p>

PRAY AS YOU GO LENTEN RETREAT 2022: Listen each week to this year's retreat written by Teresa White FCJ based on her new book, 'Hope and the Nearness of God. Visit [Pray as you go \(pray-as-you-go.org\)](http://pray-as-you-go.org) for further details.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL: “Every child should grow big and strong. Family Fast Day is Friday 11 March, a day when we eat simply and give generously to support mums around the world, like Amie in Sierra Leone, with expert training in growing and making healthy food. Your small act of love this Lent will make a big difference to many communities affected by extreme hunger and children suffering from malnutrition. You can donate in church using a CAFOD envelope found at the back of church or by visiting the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent).”

CLASSIC GUITAR RECITAL 27TH MARCH: A NIGHT AT THE OPERA (PLUS SOME ADAPTED BEATLES TUNES): St Catherine's is very pleased to have secured once again the talents of the Italian classic guitarist Davide Sciacca. In between playing at Liverpool Hope University, The Royal Northern College of Music and then flying to perform in Naples, Davide will give a one-hour recital in St. Catherine's church on **Sunday 27th March at 5.30pm**. All welcome, bring a cushion to sit on if you wish. Suggested donation at the door of £5 a head. And a chance to meet with and chat to Davide afterwards for a drink in the lounge.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the next tax year are now at the back of church, ready for collection. If you would like a box of envelopes (and/or a gift aid form) or have any queries, please write your name and contact details on the clipboard and John Brown will contact you. Thank you for supporting our parish.

FLOWER ROTA: We only require volunteers to arrange the flowers in vases. This would only take an hour of your time on a rota basis with whatever time you're happy to give. Please can you help! Please contact Martina Parry 07779948162 or Veronica Ramsey 07977190833.



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).