



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

## St Agnes Church

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**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent (Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)**

WEEK COMMENCING 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Rodger Hemington (RIP)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	John Kentleton (RIP)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Jim Forsey
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Jim Forsey
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April: 1.30pm	Funeral Service for John Scott	St Catherine's	~
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Eileen Coburn (RIP)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Sick of the Parish
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Phil Riby (RIP)

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who have died recently and their families especially Francis Franey and Joseph Whitfield.

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

**WE WELCOME** Lily Rose and Cian Kirkland to our parish community following their Baptisms here last Sunday.



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

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** One of the most beloved parts of the Bible is the parable of the prodigal son. In the context of Luke 15 it serves to explain why Jesus spent so much time and energy in ministering to the religiously marginal persons such as tax collectors and sinners. The parable presents the younger son as a model of the need for repentance and conversion. He has spent his father's money foolishly and prodigally, acted immorally and reached "bottom" as a feeder of pigs (unclean animals for Jews). Instead of wallowing in despair or giving up totally, the prodigal son takes positive action. He determines to return home, admit his guilt to his father, ask for forgiveness and accept whatever his father might decide. On arriving home he acknowledges his foolish behaviour, confesses his sins and throws himself on the mercy of his father. In the early twenty-first century, it is unusual and refreshing to hear anyone taking responsibility for foolish or immoral actions. Everybody today has an excuse, it seems. Politicians, athletes and other public figures hire agents, lawyers and public relations experts to make excuses ("spin") for them. In fact, it seems that accepting personal responsibility has become the last resort of scoundrels who have simply run out of excuses. By contrast, the prodigal son's admission that he has sinned is a clear statement from someone who has taken responsibility for his own bad actions. While the son is prodigal (negatively) in wasting his father's money, the father is also prodigal (positively) in the love he displays toward his returning son. At this point in Lent the parable conveys a set of important truths. We can turn our lives around. We can go home again. God wants our repentance and wants to forgive us. God never gives up on us. And so we need never give up on God or on ourselves.

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## LENT 2022

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>11am:</b> Stations of the Cross at St Agnes and St Andrew's, West Kirby 29 <sup>th</sup> March, 12 <sup>th</sup> April at St Andrew's, West Kirby, 5 <sup>th</sup> April at St Agnes <b>12noon:</b> Mass at St Catherine's During Lent, Fr John will be celebrating Mass every Tuesday at St Catherine's. <b>6.30pm:</b> Rosary at St Agnes
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>7pm:</b> Taizé candlelit prayer service at St Catherine's
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>11.15am:</b> 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. <b>7pm:</b> Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's

**CLASSIC GUITAR RECITAL 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE GREAT WEEK:** The history and liturgy of Holy Week, a talk by Fr David, will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm-8.30pm in St Catherine's Parish Lounge. All very welcome.

**MERSEYSIDE REFUGEE SUPPORT NETWORK** is asking for help to find a house for a Ukrainian man, his mother and young brother, and grandmother, arriving in Liverpool. The family are arriving under the family visa scheme, so it is rental property that is needed. Please contact Sr. Monica 07531240 457.

**THANK YOU** for your generous donations to CAFOD's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal last weekend (cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Ukraine-Humanitarian-Appeal). Cafod is part of one of the largest aid networks in the world – Caritas Internationalis, and because of their global reach and local presence, they are there when an emergency hits. Their Ukrainian and neighbouring Caritas local aid workers and volunteers are part of the communities they work with and so understand people's immediate needs.

- **Caritas Ukraine** has 19 centres across the country. They are extremely experienced, having been active for 30 years and have been responding to the conflict in eastern Ukraine since 2014. They are already helping by:
  - Running warm and safe 'collective centres' which provide beds, food, washing facilities and safe spaces for children. Displaced families can also receive up-to-date information, referrals to local services and psychosocial support.
  - Transporting people to friends, family, or the collective centres for shelter and support;
  - Organising Child-Friendly-Spaces where children can play sports and do arts and crafts as a means of coping with their experiences.
- **Caritas SPES**, a charity of the Religious Mission of the Roman Catholic Church in Ukraine, is helping children and families to reach safe locations. They are also distributing humanitarian aid in their centres across the country and to people who have fled to the borders.
- **Caritas Poland, Caritas Romania and Caritas Moldova** are all supporting people who have fled Ukraine and are in need of food, water, shelter and means to continue their journeys to safety.



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](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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