



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

## St Agnes Church

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### Sunday 29th May 2022: Seventh Sunday of Easter

(Gospel: John 17:20-26)

### Sunday 5th June 2022: Pentecost

(Gospel: John 20:19-23)

WEEK COMMENCING 29th May 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> May: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Dorothy Potter
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Tony Walsh
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> May: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Prof Will Featherstone (RIP)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May: 1.45pm	Funeral Service for Marianne McDonough	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Fr Michael Dyson
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Elizabeth Cole (RIP)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June: 9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Fr Anthony Reynolds (RIP)
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Ukraine and Russia
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Timothy Colm O'Toole
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Elizabeth Cole (RIP)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Prof Will Featherstone (RIP)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Mr PA George
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who have died recently and their families especially Marianne McDonough, Monsignor Chris Lightbound, Fr Robin Sutton and Eileen Webster.

**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>

**FR ROBIN SUTTON'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:** Reception of the body and Vigil Mass on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm at Holy Apostles and Martyrs in Wallasey. On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon, a Requiem Mass will take place at St Alban's, Liscard.

**ADORATION** is every Wednesday 7pm-8pm at St Catherine's.

**TAIZE** will take place at St Agnes on Thursday 9th June at 7pm.

## FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:

**Seventh Sunday of Easter – C:** Today's Gospel urges us to work for greater unity. The theme of unity is best expressed in Jesus's prayer near the end of John 17. Often called Jesus's high priestly prayer, it is the Son of God's prayer on his behalf and on behalf of his disciples and those who become disciples through them. This unity is not first and foremost a social or organizational unity. Rather, it is a unity "from above," a theological unity in the highest sense. The unity is rooted in the unity between God the Father and Jesus the Son. Whatever social or organizational unity there may be among Christians is the result of the prior theological unity that exists among the persons of the Trinity and us; it has been made possible through the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus. Our unity in Christ stems from the risen Jesus who brings together peoples from many lands and languages. Those who observe this unity in Christ should be led to inquire about it. Unity in Christ is an important and effective means by which Christian faith may be spread. Therefore working for greater unity among Christians is an essential part of the Christian mission. And yet we realise how difficult it is to achieve unity. We experience disunity in our families, churches, cities, nation and world. And yet we cannot be satisfied with disunity or grow accustomed to it. We have a mandate from Jesus to work so that all may be one.

**Pentecost – C:** In Greek "Pentecost" means "fifty." In the Jewish calendar Pentecost is fifty days after Passover. In the Christian calendar it is fifty days after Easter. It marks the end of the Easter season. It celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first disciples of Jesus gathered in Jerusalem. It is sometimes described as the birthday of the church. The scripture readings for the day are rich in imagery and theology. However, one theme that runs through them all may be missed. It is the insistence that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. Luke's account of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus's apostles and other disciples (including Mary) in Acts 2 has shaped the imagination of Christians about Pentecost for many centuries. In both Hebrew and Greek the word for "wind" (ruach and pneuma) is the same word for "spirit." The references to wind and fire in the narrative echo John the Baptist's prophecy about the "more powerful" one coming with a baptism of the "Holy Spirit" and fire (see Luke 3:16). What may get overlooked is that the disciples immediately devote themselves to sharing the good news about Jesus with pilgrims who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. The first disciples recognized that the gift of the Holy Spirit was not something to be hidden away and enjoyed privately. Rather it moves its recipients into action and inspires them to share it with others. The Gospel passage highlights the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will provide the power by which the movement begun by Jesus can continue. Moreover, the gift of the Spirit expresses itself in mission. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus is described as the one sent by God. Now the risen Jesus urges his disciples to carry on his mission: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." The gift of the Spirit will enable them (and us) to fulfil that commission.



**JUBILEE CELEBRATION!** St Catherine's is celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the churches of St John's and St Andrew's in Meols. Come along on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 11am-2pm for a community celebration on the green outside St John's in Meols. There will be messy church craft activities, fun games for the children, craft stalls, musical entertainment, BBQ, and ice creams. Proceeds will go to Wirral Mind. There is also a treasure trail for children to take part in around Meols. All very welcome!

## **CELEBRATE PENTECOST AND THE PLATINUM JUBILEE WITH THE TWO CATHEDRALS SERVICE: SUNDAY**

**5TH JUNE 3:00 PM AT LIVERPOOL METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL:** The traditional Pentecost service returns to Liverpool 40 years after Pope John Paul II made his historic visit to both cathedrals in 1982. The ecumenical Pentecost celebrations also form part of the cathedral's celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The celebrations start with an act of worship on the steps of the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3pm. Worship continues with an all-age family service at Liverpool Cathedral starting at 3:45 pm. Following this, there will be a Big Picnic for the Platinum Jubilee. You're invited to bring a picnic and join in the fun!

**ST LUKE'S, HOYLAKE** is excited to welcome acclaimed Christian singer/songwriter Paul Field in concert on Sunday 29th May at 7pm. Tickets are £5 and can be booked at [stlukeshoylake.com](http://stlukeshoylake.com) or contact [craigp@wirralmethodist.org.uk](mailto:craigp@wirralmethodist.org.uk).

**A READERS WORKSHOP** will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am-12noon in St Catherine's Parish Hall. New readers and any current readers who would like a refresher are very welcome to attend. Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office if you would like to attend ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

**TRAIIDCRAFT** is looking for someone to organise the Traidcraft stall. Margaret Smith, who has done a wonderful job for years, cannot continue to run this. Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)) in the first instance if you are interested.

**JOB VACANCY:** The Diocese is seeking to employ a full time IT In House Support member at the Curial Office in Birkenhead. For more information, please visit the website <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> Completed CVs to be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)  
Closing date Friday 17 June 2022.

**PAX CHRISTI** England and Wales' Annual General Meeting is taking place on Saturday 18th June 2022 at 11am-4.30pm at Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church, London and online via Zoom. Their President Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be there. All welcome to join. To register to attend in person please email: [admin@paxchristi.org.uk](mailto:admin@paxchristi.org.uk) or to attend online visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3cw33jp9>



**WIRRAL FOODBANK** require the following items: tinned meat, pasta sauce, biscuits, squash, instant mash, packet soup, tinned fruit, jam, deodorant and washing up liquid. Please use the Foodbank box at the back of church. Thank you for your support.



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