



NEWS FROM THE PARISHES OF ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY AND ST CATHERINE'S, HOYLAKE



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

Sunday 27th November 2022 – The First Sunday of Advent (Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44)

WEEK COMMENCING 27 th November 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 26 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Blenerhasset (RIP)
Sunday 27 th November	9.00am	Mass (+ online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Ann Crisp (anniversary)
Sunday 27 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Monday 28 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Nora Lough (RIP)
Tuesday 29 th November	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Brian McDonald
Wednesday 30 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Barbara and Budha Majumdar
Wednesday 30 th November	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 1 st December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John O'Connell
Friday 2 nd December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith KSG
Saturday 3 rd December	10.00am	Rosary	St Agnes	~
Saturday 3 rd December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Lisa McGrath
Sunday 4 th December	9.00am	Mass (+ online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	David Smith and John Hill
Sunday 4 th December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families including Christopher Allmand, Tom Blenerhasset, Margaret Howell, William McKenna, Mgr Canon Peter O'Neill, Mary Thomas and Emily Wright.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Margaret Holmes and Ronald Lewis.



WE WELCOME Charlotte Reynolds to our Parish Community following her baptism at St Catherine's last Sunday.

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The season of Advent begins with Jesus' sobering warning – Stay awake! (a warning echoed by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans, in today's second reading). For Matthew's community, Christ's return as the judge of the living and the dead was imminent; the chilling images of today's gospel are intended to call Matthew's church to vigilance for the end of this world and preparation for the beginning of the next – an event they believed they would see in their lifetimes. But today's Gospel can also be read/heard by the Church and Christians of every time and place as a sobering, unsettling reminder that this life of ours is indeed limited, that the moments we have been given are precious and few, that death is a reality all of us will one day face. The First Sunday of Advent calls us to "stay awake" and not sleep through the opportunities life gives us to discover God and the things of God; these Advent days compel us to "watch," to pay attention to the signs of God's unmistakable presence in our lives.

A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION for both parishes will take place on Thursday 15th December at 7pm at St Catherine's.

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS - 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Come and join us in the Parish Lounge after Mass on Sunday 27th November for tea and coffee. All very welcome! **Help needed:** we would like to re-start a rota for tea and coffee, so if you are able to help one Sunday after Mass please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office. Thank you!

ST CATHERINE'S WINTER WRAP UP APPEAL: Do you have any winter clothing that you no longer need (coats/hats/gloves/scarves for adults or children) or could you donate a new duvet, hot water bottle or flask? All items kindly donated will be passed on through the SVP to those who are in need on the Wirral. There are collection points at both churches. Thank you for your support.

WE WELCOME FR JOHN SLINGER back to St Agnes this weekend. There will be a Parish Lunch in the Hall following Sunday Mass at 10.30am. All welcome.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER GROUP is on every Thursday in the small Parish Room at St Agnes at 7.30pm. Thursday 1st December: Praying the Sunday Gospel. Thursday 8th December: Introducing Matthew's Gospel. All welcome.

ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: Thank you for your generosity with the gift collection last weekend. There will be a monetary collection on the weekend of 3/4 December. Please contact: Angie Aitken on 0151 625 8670.

ROSARY will take place at St Agnes on Saturday 3rd December. There will be a Service of Word and Communion at 10am followed by the rosary.

WIRRAL AGE UK TECHY TEA: would you like some help with your electronic devices (tablet / smart phone / laptop)? Bring it along and learn something new with help from the Wirral AGE UK IT team. The next two sessions before Christmas will take place on **Tuesday 29th November** and **Tuesday 13th December** 9.45am-11.45am at St Catherine's Presbytery. The sessions will be via 15 minute appointments. Please look out for the appointment sheets in the porch at St Catherine's or email (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) / call St Catherine's Parish Office to arrange a convenient time.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Christmas cards will soon be available at both churches - £3.99 for pack of 10 - or phone Marianne Ryan 0151 625 5158.

JOIN CAFOD ON AN ADVENT JOURNEY: sign up to receive their daily Advent Calendar reflections delivered straight to your inbox. www.cafod.org.uk/Pray/Advent-calendar

WIRRAL FOODBANK FUNDRAISER music evening is taking place on Friday 2nd December at West Kirby Arts Centre. The band Orange Zebra is playing with all proceeds to Wirral Foodbank. Music is folk, blues, gospel and jazz, starting at 7.30pm. Entrance is £8 per head and if possible, with a food donation too.

A QUIZ NIGHT is to be held in St Catherine's parish centre of Friday 20th January to raise funds for the Hoylake Pro-Life Group. Entrance £5, pay at the door. Doors open 7:30 for a prompt start at 8 pm. Light refreshments included. Bring your own tittle!



WIRRAL FOODBANK: Tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, squash, biscuits, jam, nappies (size 6), washing up liquid, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant are currently needed. Thank you for your support.



Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week? Please email St Catherine's (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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