



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

Sunday 6th November 2022 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: Luke 20: 27. 34-38)

WEEK COMMENCING 6 th November 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 5 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 6 th November	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	John Gilmour (RIP)
Sunday 6 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	St Agnes Parishioners
Monday 7 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Elizabeth Phipps
Tuesday 8 th November	12.00pm	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention
Wednesday 9 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Eileen McAlvey (RIP)
Wednesday 9 th November	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 10 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John Butler (RIP)
Friday 11 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Patricia Evans (RIP)
Saturday 12 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Drew Cockton (RIP)
Sunday 13 th November	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Betty Blackburn (anniversary)
Sunday 13 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Will Reynolds and Tony Welsh

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families including Mary Thomas and Margaret Howell.

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

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

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Today's passage from Luke 20 is a controversial story in which Jesus debates with some Sadducees about resurrection. On this matter Jesus stood with the Pharisees (strong proponents of resurrection). We may presume that the Sadducees already knew Jesus's view on this matter and wanted to trap him into admitting that belief in resurrection is unbiblical and illogical. Sadducees held that belief in resurrection was not biblical. To show its absurdity, they put forward an example in which seven brothers in turn marry the same woman. All die, and finally the woman dies. The Sadducees ask Jesus, whose wife will she be at the resurrection? Using the debating techniques of his time, Jesus argues that the Sadducees have failed to understand the nature of resurrection and the scriptures. While to us today the biblical argument used by Jesus may seem artificial, it was presumably understandable and even convincing to Jews in Jesus's time. Behind these arguments is Jesus's affirmation that the God of the Bible is the God of living, and that resurrection is based on the nature of God and is God's gift to us. In November we recall those who have died. In doing so there are surely feelings of sadness, loss and abandonment. Yet beyond these very real feelings there is the hope that we will see our loved ones again in the resurrection of the dead and are now in communion with them.  
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A MESSAGE FROM FR. THOMAS: Fr. David has asked me to provide a short update on my new ministry. I live with the Capuchins at Careggi (10 minutes from Florence) and our convent is part of the hospital. There are altogether 7 friars in this community, 3 Italians, 2 Africans and 2 Indians. We all work as hospital chaplains. It is a Medical College (Careggi University Hospital). It is a very big hospital and so there are many different faculties. I work at CTO - Orthopaedic Trauma Center. My duty is to visit the sick every day (praying, anointing, counselling, hearing confessions, etc). It is quite a challenging ministry as not all the sick wish to have the presence of a priest. I do an on-call duty twice a week, 24-48 hours. I miss you all at St. Catherine's. Please remember me in your prayers. Fr. Thomas

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MASS OF REMBERANCE FOR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED IN THE PAST YEAR: Fr David will be offering Mass to remember loved ones who have died in the past year on Wednesday 23rd November at 7pm at St Agnes and on Thursday 24th November at 7pm at St Catherine's. Names of loved ones will be read out at Mass and a candle will be lit for each person. Please place names of loved ones who have died in the past year in an envelope and put it through the respective presbytery door.

DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS AND SERVICE – YOUR ROLE AND MISSION IN THE CHURCH: A day of reflection, prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help you know how you can best use your gifts in the service of God and neighbour. Run by the diocesan Mission for Catechesis team and Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Alban's Parish Hall, Macclesfield, Saturday 26th November, 10am-5pm. Please bring a packed lunch. To book please contact lisa.martinez@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SHOEBOX APPEAL: This year the team will be working alongside the Red Cross to distribute "Love in a box" to needy children and their families in Eastern Europe. Boxes are available at the back of Church or from Marianne on 0151 625 5158. If you would like to help at the warehouse, the address is 120/121 Woodside Business Park.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: Four members of the St Agnes Music Group (Fran Allen, Beki Allen, Michael Kennedy and John Phipps) are performing in A Christmas Carol from 9th-12th November at the Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight. Tickets can be booked online at www.gladstonetheatre.org.uk or by telephoning: 0151 643 8757. Come and support your fellow parishioners in this joyous and uplifting show!

ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: a gift collection (new/unwaxed) will take place on the weekend of 19/20 November and a monetary collection on the weekend of 3/4 December. ****Request for help:** chests of drawers and small wardrobes. (The SVP is unable to accept any large items.)** Please contact Angie Aitken on 0151 625 8670.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS CARDS coming soon! £3.99 for a pack of ten. If you are interested in purchasing cards now, please contact Marianne Ryan on 0151 625 5158.

FR JOHN SLINGER will be celebrating Mass at St Agnes on Sunday 27th November followed by a parish lunch. If you would like to come to the lunch, please sign up on the clipboards at the back of both churches (for catering purposes).

WARM SPACES DIRECTORY FOR HOYLAKE, MEOLS AND WEST KIRBY: Warm Spaces are free, non-judgmental public places where people can go to get warm, save money on their heating costs, avoid social isolation, receive vital support and advice while staying as well as possible. A directory can be found on both parish noticeboards.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE: Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, have launched a service to bring together Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>.

CEILI CLASS: every Friday, term time, free class at 12 noon - 1.30pm at Wirral Change, Birkenhead (St Lawrence's Drive, CH41 3JD). It's not Riverdance – it's the Irish version of country dancing! Keep fit, have fun and make new friends! For more details: 0151 334 6614 or 07783 842856.



WIRRAL FOODBANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: this runs throughout November. Copies of the calendar are available to take home if you wish. Thank you for your continued support.



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

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