



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 2nd October 2022 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10)

WEEK COMMENCING 2 nd October 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 1 st October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Fr Stephen Innes OFM Cap
Sunday 2 nd October	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	John Gilmour (RIP)
Sunday 2 nd October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Glen Reed
Monday 3 rd October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Reynolds
Tuesday 4 th October	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Lisa McGrath
Wednesday 5 th October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 5 th October	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 6 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Fr Anthony Reynolds (RIP)
Friday 7 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Lisa McGrath
Saturday 8 th October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 9 th October	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Jack Turner
Sunday 9 th October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Lisa McGrath

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Tony Breen, John Boyle, Richard Littler, John McNulty and Johanna Ryan.

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

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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY takes place every Sunday at St Agnes and St Catherine's. All children are very welcome.

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

ROSARY will begin again at St Agnes on Saturday 8th October. There will be a Service of Word and Communion at 10am followed by the rosary.

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** When the apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith, they were most likely asking not for a primitive version of the Apostles' Creed but rather for deeper trust in God and in Jesus their teacher. In the context of Luke's Gospel, the apostles' request and Jesus' response come toward the end of the long journey narrative. Along the way Jesus has been instructing them about the Kingdom of God, himself and what it means to follow him. The demands on the disciples are building up. In the immediate context the disciples are warned against giving scandal and causing others to stumble spiritually, and urged to correct those who sin and to be willing to forgive them repeatedly. To carry out all these demands they recognise the need for even greater faith than what first led them to follow Jesus. In his reply Jesus offers a short parable about the extraordinary power of even a little genuine faith (it is like a mustard seed). In case the apostles might imagine that they were doing something heroic, Jesus tells a parable about a master and servant. From this parable Jesus draws the conclusion, "When you have done all you have been told to do, say, 'we are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty'". The parable is a lesson in theological humility. As followers of Jesus, we are God's servants.  
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MASS ON THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER: we welcome the Annexe Reception children from Our Lady of Pity RC Primary School to Mass at St Catherine's and wish them a very happy year at their new school!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: If you would like your child to make their First Holy Communion in this school year and they are in Year 3 and above, please contact the respective Parish Office for an application form.

APF – MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU AND APPEAL: Fr Stephen Giles MHM wishes to thank you for your welcome last weekend. If you did not become a member of APF-Mill Hill by taking a Red Box and you wish to do so, or to find out more about APF–Mill Hill, please contact your Mill Hill Local Secretary. There is further information at the back of church.

SCRIPTURE GROUP: we are planning to start a regular scripture group. There will be a meeting to discuss the format, day and time for these meetings on Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm. The meeting will take place in St. Agnes church. Please enter through the main church door. The meeting will take place in the former baptistery; the area between the church and parish centre. If you are interested, please join us.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 7TH OCTOBER – HARVEST – WORLD FOOD CRISIS

APPEAL: Millions of families are facing a food crisis that could be the worst in living memory. Your donations can help CAFOD's local experts to provide emergency food supplies to families in the worst affected countries in East Africa and support communities around the world working hard to put food on the table. Please give today or start a regular gift to CAFOD. Please use one of the CAFOD envelopes which can be found at the back of church or go to cafod.org.uk/fastday



FATHER JOHN SLINGER, a White Father missionary who was ordained at St Agnes', recently celebrated his 50th Anniversary as a priest. Parishioners raised funds for him in the early days to help him with his missionary work in Africa. As he retires, we would like to be generous once again. Please put your donation into one of the white envelopes labelled Fr John Slinger which can be found at the back of both churches. Donations can be posted through St Agnes' or St Catherine's presbytery door. (Cheques payable to "**St Agnes West Kirby**".) ****Date for your diary**** Fr John Slinger will celebrate Mass on Sunday 27th November at 10.30am at St Agnes. This will be followed by a shared lunch.

BIKES APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who has supported this appeal to supply bikes to Ukrainian refugees living in the Chester area. 21 bikes have been refurbished and handed to very grateful recipients. Pictures are on the board in St Agnes' porch. Any offer of financial support, transportation help (bike carrier or van) or further bikes would be very much appreciated. For more information: John and Margaret Smith: 0151 678 6201 or smithjmdj@btinternet.com.

AN AFTERNOON TEA in aid of the North West Air Ambulance will take place at St Catherine's Parish Centre on Saturday 15th October 2pm-4pm. Entrance is £5 (pay on the door). Come and enjoy an afternoon of sandwiches, cakes, tea, raffle and singing with the Bluebirds Community Choir whilst raising funds for the NW Air Ambulance. For further information, please call: 01516323357.

ST CATHERINE'S LITTLE CATERPILLARS PLAYGROUP: for parents, carers and children 0-4. Every Friday in termtime 1.30pm-3pm.



WIRRAL FOODBANK HARVEST LIST: tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned fruit, tinned soup, pasta sauce, shampoo, washing up liquid, biscuits and rice pudding. 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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