



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Gospel: Luke 17:11-19)

WEEK COMMENCING 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Jack Turner
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Lisa McGrath
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Fr Gregory Downing
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Deacon Gerard Doherty RIP
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	James Crowley
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Josephine Crowley
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	Fr Anthony Reynolds RIP
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Flt Lt Matthew Allen

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Tony Breen, John Boyle, Fr Michael Cupit, 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** Rafe Koltuniak and Albert Blakely to our Parish Community following their baptisms last Sunday at St Catherine's.



**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 Scripture readings help us to understand better the rich biblical concept of thanksgiving. The Hebrew word 'hodah' generally translated as "give thanks," means "confess, profess or state publicly." In the Bible to give thanks means to state publicly that at this moment God is at work. That moment could be the creation of the world or ancient Israel's exodus from Egypt. Or it could be my rescue from danger or recovery from illness. The biblical concept of thanksgiving as public witness to God's action is prominent in Luke's account of the cleansing of the ten lepers. The healing takes place during Jesus's journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Ten persons suffering from infectious skin conditions and thus kept separate from the general population approached Jesus and cry out, "Jesus, Master! Take pity on us!" When Jesus tells them to show themselves to the priests (who, according to Leviticus 13-14, would provide the verification of their healing needed before they could return to normal life), they go on their way. That action took great faith, since there had been no explicit healing action or word from Jesus. They believed in Jesus's power to heal, and on the way they found themselves to have been miraculously healed. All's well that ends well. Not quite. Only one of the healed lepers returns to Jesus in order to give public witness to God about his healing. And that one was the one least expected by a Jewish audience to do so, since he was a Samaritan, someone whose identity as a Jew was suspect. Thus Jesus asks, "The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner." This week we could ask ourselves: What am I thankful to God for?  
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**ROSARY** will begin again at St Agnes on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a Service of Word and Communion at 10am followed by the rosary.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place every Sunday at St Catherine's and every other Sunday at St Agnes (this Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October). If there are any parishioners who would like to be involved in helping at Children's Liturgy, please do contact the Parish Office [stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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](http://cafod.org.uk/fastday)



**PRISONERS' SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER:** we remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. For more information about the work of Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, please visit [www.prisonadvice.co.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.co.uk). If you would like to support Pact's important work in the year ahead, please do use one of the Pact envelopes at the back of church.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: ST AGNES'** first meeting for parents and children will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 6pm-7pm in the meeting rooms. Please use the entrance on the Darmond's Green side. Come along and meet Fr David and the catechists. **ST CATHERINE'S** programme begins with an Enrolment Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. We look forward to meeting you! [Please note: registration has now closed for this year.]

**UPTON HALL SCHOOL MASS:** Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 11.00 am, Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. There will be Mass to celebrate Catholic Education and pray for members of our present school community. Everyone associated with Upton Hall School and Holt Hill Convent is warmly invited.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm at St Agnes. 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.

**SR MONICA** would be glad to receive any second hand astro turf, or plastic stud, football boots. Without these the asylum seekers cannot play in any matches. If you do have any boots, please pass these to Sr Monica at St Agnes or leave them at back of St Catherine's for collection. Thank you.

**AN AFTERNOON TEA** in aid of the North West Air Ambulance will take place at St Catherine's Parish Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 ([stcathhoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathhoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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