



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: Luke 16:19-31)**

WEEK COMMENCING 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2022			Church	Intentions
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Therese Kelly
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Rita Davies
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Birch
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	John Burke
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	The Sisters of Boarbank Hall
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7.00pm	Adoration	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Fr Stephen Innes OFM Cap
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.00am	Mass (and online via Zoom)	St Catherine's	John Gilmour (RIP)
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Glen Reed

**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 Ronald Lewis.

**MASS** will not be streamed via Zoom this Sunday. It will back on next Sunday.

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The parable in Luke's Gospel begins with a contrast of two characters. One character is a very wealthy man who dresses well, eats well and lives in a nice house. The other character is a very poor man named Lazarus (whose name means 'God helps'). He is sickly, a beggar who camps out at the door of the rich man's house. The rich man seems unaware of Lazarus's existence. Both men die. And when they die their situations are reversed. Only then does the rich man recognise the poor man's existence. Only then does he want to do something. But then it is too late. The second part of the parable is a dialogue between the rich man and Abraham. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent to give him some water, Abraham tells him that now it is too late, since there is no going back and forth after death. During life the rich man took no account of poor people like Lazarus. Now it is too late. One of Luke's goals in writing his gospel was to encourage the rich Christians in his community to attend to the needs of the poor members and share their material goods with them. One can easily imagine the impact that this parable would have had on the rich members. It is both a sobering warning and a good scare. It should do the same to twenty-first-century Christians.  
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is back after the summer break at St Catherine's and good news....it is re-starting at St Agnes this weekend.

**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 by the end of September.

**WIRRAL AGE UK TECHY TEA:** our next drop in will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 10am-11.30am at St Catherine's Presbytery. Would you like some help with your electronic devices (tablet / smart phone / laptop)? Bring it along, learn something new with help from the Wirral AGE UK IT team and show your family and friends how it's done!

**APF – MILL HILL MISSION THANK YOU AND APPEAL:** This weekend we welcome Fr Stephen Giles MHM who will take the opportunity to thank both Parishes for their support of prayers and donations to the 1069 World Missions. Please note that there will be NO cash collection, the thank you and appeal is to inform you of the work carried out by APF – Mill Hill and to ask for continuing prayers and financial support, which can be given through their 'Red Boxes'.

**FATHER JOHN SLINGER,** a White Father missionary who was ordained at St Agnes', recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest. Parishioners raised funds for him in the early days to help him with his missionary work in Africa. Footballs and books for youngsters, a laptop and a motorbike to help him get around and communicate were some of the things we provided. When on leave, he always came to tell us stories and bring the thanks of his parishioners. 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**".) Thank you.

**BIKES APPEAL:** Thank you to everyone who has supported this appeal to supply bikes to Ukrainian refugees living in the Chester area. 21 bikes, donated by people from St Bridget's/Caldy and St Agnes/St Catherine's, have so far been refurbished and handed to very grateful recipients. Pictures are on the board in the porch at St Agnes. A number of bikes have yet to be collected and taken to Chester. If you have a van and/or a bike carrier, could you let us know, so that we can arrange for the bikes to be gathered together for transporting to Chester. Any offer of financial support for the cost of refurbishment would also be very much appreciated, and we can still make use of any further bikes that can be donated. For further information please contact John and Margaret Smith: 0151 678 6201 or smithjmdj@btinternet.com.

**ST CATHERINE'S LITTLE CATERPILLARS PLAYGROUP:** Parents, carers and children 0-4 are warmly invited to St Catherine's Parish Centre. Every Friday in termtime 1.30pm-3pm.

**HEARING AIDS:** Riverway church in West Kirby collect hearing aids which are no longer needed. They refurbish them and take them to a Catholic leprosy hospital in India. They are planning a trip out to India at the end of October. If anyone has any hearing aids and/or batteries to donate, please ring Marianne (St Agnes' representative in Churches Together West Kirby) on 625 5158.



**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)).