



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 11th June 2023 – The Body and Blood of Christ

WEEK COMMENCING 11 th June 2023			Church	Intentions
Saturday 10 th June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 11 th June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Elizabeth (Betty) Horridge (RIP)
Sunday 11 th June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 12 th June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Margaret Collings (RIP)
Tuesday 13 th June	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Anne Parry
Wednesday 14 th June	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 15 th June	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 16 th June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 17 th June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Margaret Collings (RIP)
Sunday 18 th June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Josephine Clarke (Anniversary)
Sunday 18 th June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Arthur Whittle (Anniversary)

ADORATION is every Wednesday at 7pm at St Catherine's.

SCRIPTURE GROUP is every Thursday at 7.30pm at St. Agnes in the Parish Rooms.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Patricia Byrne, Margaret Collings, Vera Hawthorne, Mary Hellon, Alec Murphy, Catherine Moscrop, Betty Roberts (Fr David's mother) and Philip Storry.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Suzanne Adams and Ronald Lewis.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families especially Colm Michael O'Toole (4th June).

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



WE WELCOME Sienna Mary Hensby to our Parish Community following her baptism at St Agnes last Sunday.

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today's feast originated in the diocese of Liege, France (1246), based on the revelations of the French nun Juliana of Mont-Cornillon (1192-1258). Enthusiastic acceptance in Europe led to the universal proclamation of Pope Urban IV in 1264. In a sense, it duplicates the eucharistic focus of Holy Thursday, highlighting the redemptive effects of the sacrament. Motifs from the Exodus events permeate the gospel. Throughout John 6, Jesus contrasts the food that he will give to the manna given in the desert. Bread in this chapter has the double sense of wisdom from heaven as well as the bread of life, which is Jesus himself. The stark realism of the language "eat my flesh" and "drink my blood" emphasises that the life of the Word-made-flesh and his death on the cross brings eternal life to the Christian. Jesus identifies himself as the bread of life and contrasts the effects of manna (eventual death) with the bread of life (eternal life). When the Jews assume that he must be talking about some kind of cannibalism, Jesus first relates this bread to his sacrificial death and then seems to allude to the necessity of eating his flesh and drinking his blood in the context of the Eucharist - which is what the early Christians did.



ST CATHERINE'S FIRST SACRAMENTS PARISH CELEBRATION MASS ON CORPUS CHRISTI: Mass on Sunday 11th June at 9am will be in celebration of the children who recently made their First Holy Communion at St Catherine's. There will be tea and cake for the Parish in Lounge after Mass – please come through!

WIRRAL COASTAL WALK FOR THE SVP: The SVP would like to thank parishioners for responding so generously to their appeal for sponsorship. Outstanding monies may be placed in a collection basket at the back of church this weekend or posted through the presbytery door in an envelope clearly marked 'SVP'. Thank you.

ST CATHERINE'S MISSIO APPEAL: On behalf of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries, thank you for raising a wonderful £480 in 2022 through the Red Box and direct giving, including direct debits and online donations! Thank you for your continued support to the global Church, through prayer and generous giving, despite the challenging times we live in. The latest Missio magazine is available at the back of church. Please take a copy home with you. If you do have a red box at home please give them to the welcomers at the back of church (they will be emptied and returned).

DIOCESAN WELFARE NURSE: Due to the upcoming retirement of our current RGN/Welfare Officer, the Diocese is looking to appoint a replacement. The role is for 3 days per week. Salary: £38 - £42K FTE pro rata depending on experience. For further details of the role please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 30 June 2023.

A DAY ON DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS AND SERVICE FOR LAY PEOPLE: A day of prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help discover how you can best use your gifts at the service of God and neighbour. At St Columba's Church Hall, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 24th June 2023, 10am – 4.15pm. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome! For further details contact Stephen Yates at stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07517 906438.

HOYLAKE ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY 2023: Sunday 9th July 12pm-4pm. Explore the allotments, see the scarecrows, wander around or follow the trail for the children! Live entertainment and refreshments with plenty of stalls including jams, cakes, produce, plants, jigsaws, books, bric a brac and more. Raffle and tombola. Cash only please. Free admission.

WIRRAL AGE UK is currently accepting learners for their upcoming DIGITAL SKILLS COURSE. The course is **free** to all eligible learners. Courses are aimed at residents from across Wirral aged 16 – 65 years old. All participants will benefit from a single, integrated pathway of support to help achieve their desired outcomes. The focus is on individual abilities, needs & aspirations, offering personalised packages of support. Benefits to the individual include: increased confidence, empowerment & inclusion through improved ability to use digital media to job search, improve skills and engage with public services, as well as friends & family, greater confidence in self-ability to judge & combat risks associated with online activity, better access to digital technology/ services and support in convenient locations. Improved digital skills leading to budgeting capability, savings through online shopping & cheaper communication, reduced isolation through social media; access to entertainment; ability to pursue interests online and access to online health services/advice. For further information please contact John Edgar on 0755 2532719 or Karen Kelly on 07517 132233 at Wirral Age UK.



WIRRAL FOODBANK: Items urgently required: tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned vegetables shampoo, jam, tinned fruit, tinned custard, female hygiene, toothbrushes/paste and deodorant. Thank you.



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).