



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK COMMENCING 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2023			Church	Intentions
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Margaret Collings (RIP)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Josephine Clarke (Anniversary)
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Arthur Whittle (Anniversary)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Daniela Brandão (RIP)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Angela & Maurice McGreevy
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Frank O'Connell (RIP)
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Relatives & Friends of the McCarthy Family
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Margaret Collings (RIP)
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Paul Morris (RIP)
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Peter Blackburn
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Rosemary Hogan & Family

**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 Suzanne Adams, Patricia Byrne, Margaret Collings, Vera Hawthorne and Alec Murphy.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** John, husband of Angie Aitken and Ronald Lewis.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries** occur this month and their families especially Colm Michael O'Toole (4<sup>th</sup> June), Josephine Clarke (20<sup>th</sup> June) and Arthur Whittle (21<sup>st</sup> June).

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

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Sight of a leaderless crowd moves Jesus to think of the need for a mission by his disciples. The Kingdom of God has come, the last age, and the mission of bringing the good news to others, of gathering believers into his community, is part of the great final event. The need for this missionary activity is expressed with the biblical images of the flock ("sheep without a shepherd") and the harvest ("harvest is rich but the labourers are few"). Jesus gathers his twelve disciples and commissions them to do what he has been doing: performing exorcisms and healings. The number twelve evokes the image of the twelve tribes of ancient Israel and suggests that the disciples' mission is to participate in Jesus' programme for the restoration of Israel. The twelve apostles are listed in six pairs. Matthew specifies Simon (Peter) as first, since he was among the first disciples called by Jesus and serves as the spokesman for the group throughout Matthew's Gospel. He also identifies Matthew as a tax collector and presumably the same person mentioned in 9:9. Whether the second Simon in 10:4 was a Canaanite, a Zealot, or simply religiously zealous, is not clear. The description of Judas as the one who betrayed Jesus points to his actions in the events leading to Jesus' crucifixion. In commissioning the twelve apostles, Jesus tells them where to go, what to do, how to live, and how to respond to rejection. They are to avoid Gentile and Samaritan territories; the mission to all nations will come after Jesus' resurrection (28: 16 – 20). Rather, now they are to focus their energies on "the lost sheep of the House of Israel". They are to do what Jesus has been doing so far in Matthew's story: proclaiming God's kingdom (3: 2; 4:17) and healing those in need.

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**TEA AND COFFEE ON THE LAWN AT ST AGNES – SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE:** There will be tea and coffee served on the lawn outside following the 10.30am Mass next Sunday. Everyone welcome.

**ST ANSELM'S COLLEGE** is holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 5pm-8pm for boys currently in Years 4 and 5. Headmaster's talk at 6pm and 7pm. For further information please email [admissions@st-anselms.com](mailto:admissions@st-anselms.com) or 0151 652 1408. No appointment necessary.

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CELEBRATION:** On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm there will be a procession in honour of Our Lady, Rosary, testimonies and Holy Hour to celebrate Our Lady Queen of Peace and the 42<sup>nd</sup> Medjugorje Anniversary. St John the Evangelist, New Ferry, Birkenhead, CH62 5BJ.

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY MEETING** will be on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm via Zoom. Please register your attendance, request the link, and send items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267.

**SAVE THE DATE! EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MORNING:** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10am-12.30pm. This is a session for current Eucharistic Ministers and for anyone who would like to become a Eucharistic Minister at either St Agnes or St Catherine's. Please register with Phoebe in the Parish Office via email ([stcathoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com) or [stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

**WIRRAL COASTAL WALK:** Thank you! The walk was successfully completed. A huge thank you on behalf of all those who will be helped through the SVP as a result of your generosity. To date a total of £710 has been received, although envelopes marked 'SVP' are still coming in!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! FLOWER ARRANGING AT ST AGNES:** Simple arrangements in vases for the main altar and St.Agnes statue. No experience necessary, but would be useful. Please contact: Martina Parry on 07779948162 / 01516259032 or Veronica Ramsey on 07977190833.

**HOYLAKE ALLOTMENTS OPEN DAY 2023:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**SLOW COOKER COURSE AT ST LUKE'S HOYLAKE:** The course is free. All participants will be given a free slow cooker to keep and each week one/two packs containing fresh meat and vegetables to make the dish that was demonstrated that week. No previous cooking experience necessary! The next two course dates are: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> (all August) 11.30 to 12.30 and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> (all August) 11.30 to 12.30. Please contact Cate at St Luke's on 0151 632 6524 or via email on [stlukeshoylakeadm@gmail.com](mailto:stlukeshoylakeadm@gmail.com)

**THE OPEN GOLF:** St Luke's, Hoylake will be open as much as they can during the week of The Open (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July) to provide refreshments, toilets and some fun with games and crazy golf. Their hope is that as well as being open for visitors to Hoylake that they can also encourage those living in Hoylake who cannot afford to go to the golf - to feel that they are part of what is happening on our doorstep. If there is anyone who would like to help them - you really would be so very welcome. A suggested volunteer rota is a 4 hour shift 8am to 12 noon, 12 noon to 4pm and 4pm to 8pm but anything at all, however small, would be so appreciated. Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office if you would like to help.



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

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