



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Remembrance Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13)**

WEEK COMMENCING 12 <sup>th</sup> November			Church	Intentions
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	5.30pm	Mass	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Betty Blackburn</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Mass	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Will Reynolds (anniversary)</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Will Reynolds (anniversary)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	John Fletcher
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	5.30pm	Mass	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Maureen Heaney (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Andrew O'Connell</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	10.30am	Mass	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>

**ADORATION** is every Wednesday at 7pm and Thursday at 10am at St Catherine's.

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

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Jessica Baker, Catherine Bobby, Paul Jones, Joseph Kelly and Robert Little.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Pierre Adam, Agnes Fitzgerald, Steve Jones' Family, Ronald Lewis and Eve Snape.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries** occur this month and their families.



**WE WELCOME** Cillian Ralphs and Isla Weller to our Parish Communities following their recent baptisms at St Catherine's and St Agnes.

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

**WELCOME MINISTRY AT ST AGNES:** we are looking for new volunteers to join us on a regular basis at Sunday 10.30am Mass including welcoming people to church and organising the offertory and collections. If you are interested please speak to Nigel or Chris at the back of church after Mass or call Nigel on 07925 560338.

**COUNTING AT ST CATHERINE'S:** Early next year we would like to restart a rota for volunteers to count and record the offertory collection. Counting takes around 20 minutes, and it can be done either immediately after Mass on Sunday, or on Monday morning. If you can help, please pass your contact details to Wendy at the Parish Office.

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**CAFOD UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone who signed 'Salina's letter' this summer. Salina is the small-scale farmer from Bangladesh who is calling on the World Bank to protect the rights of farmers over their own seeds. 70,000 parishioners in England and Wales signed the letter, and a third of all parishes took part. Salina said, "I am very happy to know about 70,000 signatures along with mine." This helped CAFOD to secure initial meetings with World Bank staff, who heard the message that seeds are for all. This is a long struggle but it's a very good start. Thank you for adding your voice.

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL:** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES** have arisen for a **Parish Secretary** at the parish of Holy Cross, Our Lady & St Paul, Birkenhead (closing date 1 December 2023) and a **Marketing and Administration Officer** in the Interdiocesan Fuel Management Department (IFM) based at the Curial Offices in Birkenhead (closing date 15<sup>th</sup> November). For additional information on how to apply and full job description, please contact: Jenny Williamson at [jwilliamson@churchmarketplace.org.uk](mailto:jwilliamson@churchmarketplace.org.uk) Interviews will take place at the curial office on 29 November. For further details on both roles please visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

**ANNUAL SHOEBOX APPEAL:** Information is on the leaflet available at the back of each church. Any shoe box would be suitable covered in Christmas / gift paper. Please add a label saying who the box is for (i.e. boy or girl and age splits or home). Please ring Marianne on 625 5158 for more information. The appeal ends on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:** there will be a collection of gifts (new/unwanted) for the SVP on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November and a monetary collection for the SVP on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December after each of the weekend Masses at St Agnes.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** in support of our fellow-Christians in the Holy Land and Asylum Link will be on sale after 5.30pm Mass on Saturdays at St Agnes and available to buy from the table in the porch at St Catherine's. Alternatively, you may like to order them from Marianne on 0151 625 5158.

**THE HIDING PLACE**, the true story of Corrie ten Boom and her family, is on for one night only at St Michael & All Angels Church in Newton at 7pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023. *"Cornelia Arnolda Johanna "Corrie" ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker and later a Christian writer and public speaker. She worked with her father, Casper ten Boom, her sister Betsie ten Boom and other family members to help many Jewish people escape from the Nazis during the Holocaust in World War II by hiding them in her home. In September 1944, the Nazis deported Corrie and Betsie ten Boom to the Ravensbrück concentration camp in Germany. In Ravensbrück, the sisters managed to stay together until Betsie died that December. The camp administration released Corrie ten Boom in late December 1944."* (Wikipedia) The production is brought to you by Churches Together West Kirby. Tickets can be booked online [The Hiding Place - West Kirby \(jumblebee.co.uk\)](http://The Hiding Place - West Kirby (jumblebee.co.uk)), available at St Agnes this weekend or ring Basil Stephens on 0151 625 9963.



**WIRRAL FOODBANK** items: **tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, sugar, UHT milk, fruit squash, tinned custard, tinned fish, jam and pasta.** Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. The Foodbank's Reverse Advent calendar is at the back of each church if you would like to donate any of these items during November. Thank you for your continued support to the Foodbank.



**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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