



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30)

WEEK COMMENCING 19 <sup>th</sup> November			Church	Intentions
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Maureen Heaney (RIP)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Andrew O'Connell
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	John Morris (RIP)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Robert Little (RIP)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Simon Lavin
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	John David (RIP)
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Nora Lough
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Patricia O'Connell
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	John Mulvoy (RIP)

**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, 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** Phoenix and Leonidas Kemp to our Parish Community following their baptisms last Sunday at St Catherine's.

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

**ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS:** this Sunday please join us in the Parish Lounge. All welcome!

**ST AGNES SVP GIFT COLLECTION** (new/unwanted) is taking place this weekend-please use the box at the back of church.

**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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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The parable of the talents seems to endorse a highly capitalistic use of wealth and an unattractive image of God: a harsh man, reaping where he did not sow and gathering where he did not scatter seed (v. 24). We need to keep in mind that Jesus took parables from life as he saw it lived, without necessarily commending or reproving the behaviour described. The parable of the talents (large sums of money) insists on the importance of wise and decisive action in the present. A man going on a journey entrusts five, two and one talent, respectively, to three servants. On his return, he holds an accounting. The first two servants doubled his money, and so he praises them, entrusts them with more, and admits them to his household. But the third servant who was given only one talent buried it and made nothing more with it. So the master is angry with him, dismisses him as worthless and throws him out of his household. Jesus may have told the parable to illustrate varying human capacities in relation to God's gift of the Kingdom. Those who understand that it is the pure gift of a boundlessly generous God - to be received unearned as little children receive gifts from those who love them (19: 14) - ready themselves for its full reception by living in the free, creative way illustrated by the first two slaves. Those who are crippled by a restricted idea of God and the way God operates with human beings run the risk of missing out on the Kingdom altogether. Understood in this way, the parable does not endorse the view of the master described by the third slave. In fact, it refutes it.

**THE HOLY FAMILY SISTERS OF THE NEEDY CHARITY TRUST:** Thank you for your generosity last weekend in response to their appeal. The total raised by St Agnes and St Catherine's was £836.

**COATS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISING APPEAL:** St Catherine's is launching an appeal to raise money to buy new winter coats for the most vulnerable children on the Wirral. Many families, often working but on low incomes, are forced to prioritise between putting food on the table or heating the home during the winter months. Donations will be channelled through neighbouring parishes who will identify the children in need and purchase and distribute the coats to them. For ways to donate please see the flyers which will be handed out after Mass on Sunday. Every donation will make a significant impact. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS POST:** Following the recent increase in postal charges many people are looking to reduce the numbers of Christmas cards they send this year. However, to help people to continue to share the Christmas message of goodwill to all, this year there will be a "Parish Post" service available which will deliver cards, free of charge, within Hoylake and Meols. From 1st -14th December there will be a "PARISH POST" box available at the back of St Catherine's. If you would be happy to join the volunteers and deliver cards within easy walking distance of your home please email [stcathoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com) or post your details through the presbytery letter box.

**ST AGNES' CHURCH LINEN:** we urgently require a volunteer to be responsible for the care of the church linen (purificators, altar cloths etc). This would be mainly every second or third week and could possibly be shared by two volunteers. For further details please contact Jo Forsey on 07936 435073.

**ST AGNES' CLEANING ROTA:** could you help once a month with cleaning in church? Please contact Jo Forsey.

**PLASTIC MILK CONTAINERS:** do you use 1L plastic milk containers at home? We would like your empty, rinsed out containers please! There will be a box in each church to collect them. These are to be used for a project next year.

**THE HIDING PLACE**, the true story of Corrie ten Boom and her family, is on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 7pm at St Michael & All Angels Church in Newton. Tickets can be booked online [The Hiding Place - West Kirby \(jumblebee.co.uk\)](https://jumblebee.co.uk), available at St Agnes or ring Basil Stephens on 0151 625 9963.



**WIRRAL FOODBANK: 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.

Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week?

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