



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 26th November 2023 – Christ the King (Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46)

WEEK COMMENCING 26 th November			Church	Intentions
Saturday 25 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Nora Lough
Sunday 26 th November	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Patricia O'Connell
Sunday 26 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	John Mulvoy (RIP)
Monday 27 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Smith
Tuesday 28 th November	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Lisa McGrath
Wednesday 29 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Celia Ann Glover (RIP)
Thursday 30 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Ann Crisp (anniversary)
Friday 1 st December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Joseph Michael Mallon (RIP)
Saturday 2 nd December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Josephine Crowley
Sunday 3 rd December	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	David Smith (anniversary)
Sunday 3 rd December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

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 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.

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



FIRST FORGIVENESS: please keep the children in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey. The children at St Catherine's made their First Forgiveness on Monday 20th November and the children at St Agnes will make their First Forgiveness this Monday 27th November.

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS: the next date is Sunday 3rd December (First Sunday of Advent).

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: In the Gospel this Sunday we have a dramatic evocation of the last judgement that will determine who gets entrance into the Kingdom. What we hear is not in fact a process of judgement but a pronouncing of sentence. Judgement is already over and done with before the great assize begins. Members of the human race have determined the outcome for themselves according to whether they have acted or neglected to act on behalf of those in need. Everything depends on how one acts or fails to act here and now in the time before judgement. We are told about it in order to communicate the message: "The outcome - after grace - is in your hands, in what you choose to do or fail to do in the present. Do you want to be relieved of the fear of judgement? Well, then, dedicate yourself to this kind of life. Then the judgement will be already behind you."

ST CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION: Could you donate a new toy to a child living in homeless accommodation on the Wirral this Christmas? There are currently 82 children in this situation. On Sunday 3rd December there will be a collection box at the back of church for any unwrapped new toys. Thank you in advance for helping to make Christmas better for these children.

ST AGNES SVP MONETARY COLLECTION is taking place this weekend. Please place any contributions in the offertory basket or through the presbytery door at St Agnes.

COATS FOR KIDS FUNDRAISING APPEAL: St Catherine's is raising money to buy new winter coats for the most vulnerable children on the Wirral. 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 information at the back of church. The appeal closes on Sunday 26th November. Thank you.

CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB AT ST CATHERINE'S: Come and join us around our outdoor crib on Friday 8th December at 6pm for carols and festive refreshments!

ROSARY: Following the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Friday 8th December, there will be a Service of Word and Communion followed by Rosary at St Agnes on Saturday 9th December at 10am.

WEST KIRBY MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY will be performing a Christmas Concert '*Voices at Christmas*' at St Agnes on Wednesday 13th December, 7.30pm-8.45pm. Further details are at the back of St Catherine's and St Agnes. Tickets are £10 and include a cup of tea/coffee and a mince pie. Tickets are available from John Phipps on 0151 625 4985 / Fran Allen on 0151 625 2492 (between hours of 9am and 6pm) or book online at www.wkmt.co.uk.

CHRISTMAS POST: There will be a "Parish Post" service available which will deliver cards, free of charge, within Hoylake and Meols. Please post your cards in the "PARISH POST" box at the back of St Catherine's from 1st -14th December. If you would be happy to join the volunteers and deliver cards within easy walking distance of your home please email scathhoylake@gmail.com or post your details through the presbytery letter box.

READERS AT MASS: there is a list going up at the back of St Catherine's inviting readers who are available on Tuesday and/or Thursday, to sign up to read at these Masses. It starts in early December. Thank you.

MISSIO CALENDARS 2024: please help yourselves to a calendar at the back of St Catherine's. If you have a red box you would like emptying, please drop it off with the welcomers.

CAFOD'S ONLINE ADVENT CALENDAR 2023: Sign up to CAFOD'S online Advent calendar of daily prayer and reflection - an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas www.cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar

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.



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.

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