



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 1st October 2023 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK COMMENCING 1 st OCTOBER			Church	Intentions
Saturday 30 th September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Veronica Ward (RIP)
Sunday 1 st October	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Patricia Wallis (RIP)
Sunday 1 st October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Pat Macauley (RIP)
Monday 2 nd October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Bernadette Murphy
Tuesday 3 rd October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 4 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peace
Thursday 5 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Deceased members of Murphy & Lowery families
Friday 6 th October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 7 th October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 8 th October	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	John and Pamela Kentleton
Sunday 8 th October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Lisa McGrath

ADORATION will not take place on Wednesday 4th October due to the Confirmation Mass 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 Patricia Wallis and Norma Whittle.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Frank Dunning, Agnes Fitzgerald, Ronald Lewis and Ronnie Roland.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER for Norma Whittle when her funeral service will take place at St Catherine's on Monday 2nd October at 11.30am. Please remember her family and friends.



WE WELCOME Jos Gallagher to our Parish Community following his baptism last Sunday at St Catherine's.

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

PLEASE pray for Mark, Eleventh Bishop of Shrewsbury on the anniversary of his succession (2010).

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

ST AGNES AND ST CATHERINE'S CONFIRMATION MASS will take place with Bishop Mark on Wednesday 4th October at 7pm at St Catherine's. Congratulations to our young people who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE: Parish Pastoral Day for our two parishes
Sunday 15th October 2pm-4pm

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FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus uses the parable of the two sons to defend his own (and John the Baptist's) ministry to tax collectors and sinners, and to criticise his opponents for failing to do God's will and recognise Jesus as God's prophet. The first son (i.e. tax collectors and sinners) initially refuses the father's request to work in the vineyard but eventually complies. The second son (i.e. chief priests and elders) agrees to go but never does any work. Which son did the father's (God's) will? In their daily life the tax collectors and prostitutes, seemed to be saying 'No' to God; but when they heard John, they changed their mind and their lifestyle (in other words, they 'repented'). The chief priests and elders, look as though they are doing God's will, worshipping in the Temple and keeping up appearances; but they refused to believe in John's message, or in Jesus the Messiah, who is standing unknown in their midst. The challenge of this for us today is this: to make sure we are responding to Jesus, allowing him to confront us at any point where we have been like the second son and said 'Yes' to God while in fact going off in the other direction.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL 6th OCTOBER: Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it is needed, so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera's children were able to receive the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use the envelopes at the back of church or give online at cafod.org.uk.

ST AGNES AND ST CATHERINE'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES will celebrate with an Enrolment Mass on Sunday 15th October. *This is the last weekend for registration.* **ST AGNES' FHC PROGRAMME:** The first meeting for parents and children is on Wednesday 4th October at 6pm in the Parish Room.

TEA AND COFFEE DATES: this Sunday after Mass at St Catherine's and on Sunday 15th October at St Catherine's after the 9am Mass and at St Agnes after the 10.30am Mass. All very welcome!

SYCAMORE: a webinar about Sycamore, a tool for evangelisation in parishes, will take place on Thursday 5th October at 7pm. For more information please email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org telephone: 07730 526826 or to register: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar\[1\]tickets-676609335737](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar[1]tickets-676609335737)

ROSARY on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary will be said at St Agnes on Saturday 7th October at 10am.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2023: This is a time to think about how we as individuals, as a Church and as communities are serving those affected by imprisonment. To find out more about the work of Pact, the national Catholic prison charity please visit: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/>. There are donation envelopes available at the back of church.

LET'S END POVERTY FOUNDING ASSEMBLY 14th OCTOBER 2023: Caritas is excited to be supporting the Assembly as people from across the UK gather together in towns and cities across the UK and online to call for a future where poverty cannot keep anyone down. Find out more and book your place: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/assembly/>.

CLASSIC GUITAR AND OBOIST RECITAL: SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER 2023 7pm at ST CATHERINE'S: 'FROM EUROPE TO SOUTH AMERICA': We are very pleased to have secured once again the talents of the Italian classic guitarist Davide Sciacca. This year Davide will be accompanied by oboist Angelo Palmeri. All welcome. Suggested donation at the door of £5 a head. And a chance to meet Davide and Angelo afterwards with a glass of wine in the parish lounge.

ST CATHERINE'S AUTUMN FOODBANK APPEAL: Your donations will make a real difference to people on the Wirral.



WIRRAL FOODBANK items: tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, feminine hygiene, jam, fruit juice and deodorant. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. 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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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