



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 8th October 2023 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEK COMMENCING 8 th OCTOBER			Church	Intentions
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
Monday 9 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	For the sick
Tuesday 10 th October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 11 th October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 12 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Edward Winfield (RIP)
Friday 13 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 14 th October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Gillian Potter (RIP)
Sunday 15 th October	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Annie Sumner
Sunday 15 th October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

ADORATION is every Wednesday at 7pm 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, Ronnie Roland and Eve Snape.



WE WELCOME Isabella Mary Saverimutto to our Parish Community following her 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.

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The parable of the vineyard builds on the vineyard as a symbol for Israel in Isaiah 5:1-7. The landowner (God) makes all the preparations and leases his vineyard to tenant farmers (i.e. the religious and political leaders of Israel). At harvest time he sends slaves (i.e. prophets) to collect the produce but they are abused by the tenants. Finally he sends his son (Jesus) on the grounds that they will respect him. However, the tenants kill the son in the hope of obtaining the vineyard for themselves. When the father learns of his son's fate, he will destroy the tenants (Israel's leaders in A.D.70) and give the vineyard to others (Jesus' followers). The imminent death and resurrection of the Son is taken to fulfill Psalm 118: 22-23 in which Jesus as the rejected stone becomes the cornerstone. Note that the vineyard is not destroyed (as it is in Isaiah 5:1-7). There is, however, a change in leadership in the vineyard. The chief priests and Pharisees recognise that they are the tenant farmers and that the parable is about them.

TEA AND COFFEE: Sunday 15th October at St Catherine's after the 9am Mass and at St Agnes after the 10.30am Mass.

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PARISH PASTORAL DAY FOR OUR TWO PARISHES
Sunday 15th October 2pm-4pm St Catherine's Parish Hall

An opportunity to share our experiences of parish life and explore how we are being called as a community to share the Good News where we live and work. There will be separate activities for the children as they explore the same theme. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is very welcome.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL 2023: Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it is needed most, fast. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Please use an envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk.

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.

ST AGNES' MUSIC MINISTRY: "Hello all, it's Fran Allen here, Leader of St Agnes' Music Ministry. We really need some new members – please don't be shy! If you can sing or play an instrument we would love you to join us. The more we have, the richer the sound! Please email me (ragtop1975@btinternet.com) or phone me (07916 465311) for a chat. Alternatively, do have a word with any of the group after Sunday Mass."

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.

UPTON HALL SCHOOL MASS: On Saturday 4th November 2023 at 11.00 am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, there is a Mass to celebrate Catholic Education and pray for members of our present school community. Everyone associated with Upton Hall School and Holt Hill Convent is warmly invited.

WEST KIRBY MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY is performing Betty Blue Eyes on Thursday 2nd November – Saturday 4th November at the Gladstone Theatre. You may spot some of St Agnes' parishioners in the production! Tickets can be booked online at gladstonetheatre.org.uk.

RIDINGS LIGHTS THEATRE COMPANY is coming to West Kirby United Reformed Church on Friday 10th November 7.30pm performing "INSPIRED...the word into action". Tickets (£10) are available from Paul Franklin (0151 625 3998/ paul.franklin1958@gmail.com).

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS: Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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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