



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 22nd October 2023 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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WEEK COMMENCING 22 nd OCTOBER			Church	Intentions
Saturday 21 st October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 22 nd October	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Denys Clarke (anniversary)
Sunday 22 nd October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	John Pinder
Monday 23 rd October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Stella Maris Landrum (RIP)
Tuesday 24 th October	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Matthew Allen
Wednesday 25 th October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 26 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Kath White (RIP)
Friday 27 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Robert Little (RIP)
Saturday 28 th October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Constantine
Sunday 29 th October	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 29 th October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Elizabeth Phipps (anniversary)
Monday 30 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Rosemary Carter
Tuesday 31 st October	7.00pm	Mass: All Saints	St Catherine's	Special Intention (AF)
Wednesday 1 st November	12noon	Mass: All Saints	St Agnes	Canon Ted Harrington
Thursday 2 nd November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Annie Sumner
Friday 3 rd November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 4 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Sheila Desmond (RIP)
Sunday 5 th November	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 5 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Tony Welsh (anniversary)

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 Paul Jones, Joseph Kelly and Robert Little. The funeral of the schoolgirl Jessica Baker who was tragically killed in the recent school coach accident on M53 will take place at Saint Theresa's, Blacon. Please remember Jessica and her family in your prayers.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially 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 including Denys Clarke and Bishop Brian Noble.

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

PARISH PASTORAL DAY: Thank you to everyone who came along to St Catherine's Parish Hall last Sunday. The discussions were extremely fruitful and will be shared with our parish community soon. Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and the delicious cakes from our youth group!

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FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The series of controversies in Matthew's Gospel is resumed with the debate about paying taxes to the Roman emperor. The opponents are Pharisees (members of a Jewish religious movement) and Herodians (supporters of the Herod dynasty). Working together, they hope to trap Jesus. If Jesus agrees with the Herodians that it is lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, he will lose prestige with the insurgents against Roman occupation. If he disagrees and sides with the Pharisees, the Roman officials and their Jewish supporters may have him arrested and punished. But Jesus eludes their trap by demonstrating that both groups use Roman coins and so are already in the Roman system. He goes on to challenge them to be as observant about fulfilling their obligations to God as they all in paying taxes to Caesar. In the debate about the greatest commandment, the opponents are Pharisees. Their question was also put to other famous Jewish teachers of the time, such as Hillel and Shammai. Jesus responds by naming two commandments: love of God (Deuteronomy 6:4-5), and love of neighbour (Leviticus 19:18). The image of the whole Law and Prophets hanging from these two commandments suggests that they provide the key to carrying out all the other 611 commandments in the Torah.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2023: Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for Missio, his charity for world mission. Please use one of the envelopes at the back of church or visit Missio's website to donate: mission.org.uk.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Fr David will be offering Mass to remember loved ones who have died in the past year on Wednesday 8th November at 7pm at St Agnes and on Thursday 9th November at 7pm at St Catherine's. Names of loved ones will be read out at Mass and a candle will be lit for each person. Please place names of loved ones in an envelope and put it through the respective presbytery door.

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. Everyone associated with the School is warmly invited.

TEA AND COFFEE: Sunday 5th November at St Catherine's after the 9am Mass.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY: the Diocese is looking to recruit a **Director of Property** due to retirement. Further details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Closing date 10 November 2023.

ANNUAL SHOEBOX APPEAL: Information is on the leaflet which accompanies each ready-made box (available at the back of each church). Please ring Marianne on 625 5158 if you want to help. The appeal ends on 17th November.

ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: there will be a collection of gifts (new/unwanted) for the SVP on 18th/19th November and a monetary collection for the SVP on 2nd/3rd 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' from 4th November, or you may like to order them from Marianne on 625 5158.

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG) is Dreamworks' spectacular musical of the story of Moses staged in London's West End. It is showing this week at New Brighton's The Light cinema on Sunday 22nd October at 2.30pm.



ST CATHERINE'S AUTUMN FOODBANK APPEAL: Thank you for your support with this 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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