



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 14th April 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter (Luke 24:35-48)

WEEK COMMENCING 14 th April			Church	Intentions
Saturday 13 th April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 14 th April	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Gerry Snape (RIP)
Sunday 14 th April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Phil Riby (anniversary)
Monday 15 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Betty Roberts
Monday 15 th April	2.00pm	Funeral Service for Ian Smith	St Catherine's	~
Tuesday 16 th April	12.00pm	Mass	St Catherine's	Laura Garfitt intention
Wednesday 17 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Pat Willoughby (RIP)
Thursday 18 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Mary & Francis McGuirk
Friday 19 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Pat Ryan (RIP)
Saturday 20 th April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Jack Younger (100 th birthday)
Sunday 21 st April	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Vera Hawthorne (RIP)
Sunday 21 st April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Angela McDonald (RIP)

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Alan Edwards, Kevin Gallagher, Marie Lund, Ann Malloy, Maureen McNicholas, Terry McComish, Louise McKinney, Gerry Snape, Ian Smith and Ann Willis.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Eve Snape, Pam and Anton Wills-Eve.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Vera Hawthorne and Phil Riby.

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

ADORATION is on Wednesdays at 7pm at St Catherine's and **SCRIPTURE GROUP** is every Thursday at 7.30pm in St Agnes' parish rooms.

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus' final meeting with the disciples takes place, typically, at a meal. The scene falls into two fairly distinct phases. In the first, Jesus appears to the disciples while they are still sharing the reports about the two earlier appearances (to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to Simon). Strangely, in view of those reports and despite his assurance of "Peace", they are startled and terrified. They think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus urges them to see and touch him and eats a piece of fish before their eyes. But simply recognising the risen Lord is not enough. As the scene moves to a second stage, Jesus repeats for those present the scriptural catechesis concerning the Messiah that he had already given to the two disciples on the road. However, the present scene takes a significant step beyond it. The disciples are to be "witnesses". The disciples are witnesses not only in the sense that they have seen the wonders of Jesus public ministry and the climatic events of the last few days. They are more fully so because they have been instructed by him to see how his story fits together and fulfils the scriptures. The message that they will carry to all nations will be the culmination and outworking of this divine plan.

ST CATHERINE'S EASTER FLOWERS: thank you for all the positive comments about the flowers for Easter. This year we went local and bought them at Lilac and Thyme in Market Street in Hoylake. The staff there were very helpful and the flowers proved to be good value for money.

CEILIDH FOR THE CLIMATE raised £303 for the environmental work being done by Asylum Link. Work involves planting trees, litter picking and allotment work. A huge thanks to everyone who was able to come, a great evening was had by all in March. Plans afoot for another Ceilidh in October!

CONFIRMATION REUNION: please come along for an informal get together in TOAST coffee shop West Kirby on Saturday 20th April at 11am. Do bring along a friend who might be interested in meeting other young people and getting involved in Charity work in our parishes of St Agnes and St Catherine's and in the local community. The youth team look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact the Parish Office.

ST ANSELM'S COLLEGE 90th ANNIVERSARY MASS is on Saturday 20th April at 11am in the College Hall. All members of the wider Anselmian community are very welcome. Following Mass there will be light refreshments. Guided tours of Outwood House will also be available. Please RSVP to info@st-anselms.com specifying numbers in your party for catering purposes.

ST AGNES' CHILDREN'S MASS: This will take place on Sunday 5th May at 10.30am. We would love as many children as possible to be involved in this Mass. If your child would like to be involved, please contact Felicity Keenan (flisskeenan@icloud.com) or email the parish office (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL is sharing their wonderful artwork with us at the back of each church this term. At St Agnes, there is artwork on 'Mass' from Year 6 and at St Catherine's, there is artwork on 'Creation' from Year 5. So many talented artists! Please do have a look if you can.

ST AGNES CLEANING ROTA is now available to collect in the sacristy. Thank you.

ST CATHERINE'S FLOWER ROTA: the new rota now is available at the back of Church for collection - thank you.

ST CATHERINE'S 'LITTLE CATERPILLARS' PARENTS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP is every Friday afternoon in term time 1.30pm-3pm. Children age 0-4 and their parents/carers are very welcome. Entrance is through the OLOP Annexe Preschool and School site to the right of church.

PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS: Mary's Meals, named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, is built on a foundation of prayer and the many little acts of love offered by those who believe in their mission. Today more than 2.4 million children will receive life-changing school meals in 18 of the world's poorest countries through Mary's Meals. During the month of May, dedicated to Our Lady, you are invited to join in praying for the hungry children who rely on their life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. Please visit www.marysmeals.org.uk to access prayer resources and see how you can support this mission.



FOODBANK ITEMS NEEDED: tinned custard, pasta sauce, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes and tinned meat. 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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