



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 21st April 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (John 10:11-18)

Vocations Sunday

Jesus says, 'I am the Good Shepherd: the good shepherd is the one who lays down his life for his sheep'.

WEEK COMMENCING 21 st April			Church	Intentions
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)
Monday 22 nd April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Elizabeth Phipps
Tuesday 23 rd April	12.00pm	Mass	St Catherine's	Josie Rae
Wednesday 24 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Alice Harvey
Thursday 25 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Patricia & Francis O'Connell
Friday 26 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Patricia Collins-Morgan
Saturday 27 th April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 28 th April	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Betty Blackburn
Sunday 28 th April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Billy Woods (RIP)

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Peter Byrne, Kevin Gallagher, Marie Lund, Maureen McNicholas, Terry McComish and Ian Smith.

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: In John 10:11-18, Jesus identifies himself as the good shepherd. The good shepherd is willing to risk his own life for the welfare of his sheep, something that a hired hand would not do. Jesus' self-sacrificing action in regard to his flock stems from an all-encompassing love. To be a member of that flock is to know oneself included among those for whom Jesus is willing to die. Moreover, as the good shepherd, Jesus desires that his sheep might enter into the mutual relationship existing between the Father and the Son. This will happen through Jesus laying down his life for "his own". Then there can be "one flock, one shepherd." The "other sheep" may refer to Jews who had not yet come to believe in Jesus or to gentiles who might yet come to learn more about Jesus from his apostles. However, after giving his life for others in his passion and death, Jesus will take it up again in his Resurrection and exaltation. By way of conclusion, Jesus insists that he does all this willingly in response to the command from his heavenly Father. As believers we know ourselves as sought out, gathered, and brought into the life-giving fold (the community of believers) by the shepherd who enacts the divine outreach of love to the world.

BILINGUAL MASS FOR MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY is to be celebrated by Bishop Mark on Sunday 28th April at St Hugh's & St John's, Timperley. During the Mass, which will be concelebrated with Father Bruno Lepeu who is chaplain to the Chinese community, the Bishop will welcome members of the Chinese community who have been baptised or received into full communion with the Catholic Church in 2024. Please contact the parish office for a booking form.

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 ([fliisskeenan@icloud.com](mailto:fliesskeenan@icloud.com)) or email the parish office (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE will take place on Saturday 8th June, 12 noon at St Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2024 and would like to be included in this Mass, please send your details to the parish office including names, address and which anniversary you are celebrating (i.e. 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or a 1st wedding anniversary).

DIOCESAN WORKSHOPS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Growth in Holiness: Prayer and the Spiritual Life Workshops is available free of charge online by the Diocese of Shrewsbury, in conjunction with the Franciscan Catechetical Institute. The approach offered by these workshops is gentle, inspiring, nourishing and encouraging. For more information, please contact Jane Deegan (jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org), Stephen Yates (Stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or Natalie Orefice (natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

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.

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES: The Diocese is seeking to recruit a **Director of Schools** and applications are now open. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>. An opportunity has also arisen for a **Parish Secretary** at the parish of St Anne's, Rock Ferry. 15 per week to be spread over Monday to Friday mornings (flexible). Hourly rate: £12.50 to £13.50 depending on experience. For further details please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Applications in the form of a CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: 17 May 2024.

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

PRAY IN MAY WITH 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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