



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 28th April 2024 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (John 15:1-8)

WEEK COMMENCING 28 th April			Church	Intentions
Saturday 27th April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 28th April	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Betty Blackburn
Sunday 28th April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Billy Woods (RIP)
Monday 29 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Paul Wills-Eve (sick)
Tuesday 30 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Private Intention (TM)
Wednesday 1 st May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Patrick Tang (thanksgiving)
Thursday 2 nd May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Maureen Walz
Friday 3 rd May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Maureen McNicholas (RIP)
Friday 3 rd May	2.00pm	Funeral Service for Peter Byrne	St Catherine's	~
Saturday 4th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith (KSG)
Sunday 5th May	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Jack Turner (anniversary)
Sunday 5th May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

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 Jean Egan, 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 the Gospel today, the symbol of the vine and the branches describes the intimate union between Christ and the believer. The Christian is to live united with God in Christ. You may recall how early in John's Gospel some disciples asked Jesus where he was staying. Jesus replied, "Come and See," and the disciples "remained" with him for the rest of that day. That verb - live, stay, remain, abide, dwell, lodge - occurs 40 times in John's Gospel. It is particularly expressive of his theology of indwelling presence. What binds God the Father, His Son Jesus, and the Christian believer together is that we remain in one another: Father in Son, Son in Father, they in us, we in them. Discipleship begins with "abiding" with Jesus. Such a close union with Jesus is not the privileged experience of the saints; it is the core of Christian life. If we want to know Jesus more intimately, we can begin with some contemplation of the Gospels. Perhaps we could set aside 15 or 30 minutes this week to contemplate a passage of the Gospels. The Gospels are stories written to engage our imaginations, hearts and minds so that we will come to know, love and follow Jesus.

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 (fliiskeenan@icloud.com) or email the parish office (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL: Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10. Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message, and you will be opting into hearing more from CAFOD. If you would like to donate but do not wish to hear more, please text CAFODSUDANNOINFO instead.

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).

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Come and join an online webinar with Sycamore on Wednesday 15th May 7-8pm. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! Please email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

OUR LADY OF PITY ANNEXE PRESCHOOL, HOYLAKE has places available for 2 and 3 year olds from September 2024. Please contact Jenny Jackson, Preschool Manager for further information (olopannexepreschool@gmail.com).

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/>

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

WIRRAL AGE UK DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES: places available at the Flourish Wellbeing Hub, located within Victoria Central Hospital, Mill Lane Wallasey, CH444 5UF (Tuesday & Friday) and at Age UK Wirral's Wellbeing Hub, 304 Spital Rd Bromborough CH62 2DE (Wednesday & Thursday). To be eligible learners must be 16+ years and can be unemployed, employed or volunteering. For further information please contact: Karen Kelly on 07517 132233 / e-mail karenkelly@ageukwirral.org.uk or John Edgar on 07552 532719 / e-mail johnedgar@ageukwirral.org.uk



FOODBANK ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED: tinned fish, tinned vegetables (peas, sweetcorn, carrots) UHT milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, deodorant and shampoo. 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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