



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday of Advent (Luke 1: 39-44)

Sunday 29th December 2024 – The Holy Family (Luke 2: 41-52)

Sunday 5th January 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord (Matthew 2:1-12)

WEEK COMMENCING 22 nd December			Church	Intentions
Saturday 21st December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Constantine
Sunday 22nd December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Hazelhurst Family
Sunday 22nd December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Joan Minshall (SVP Intention)
Monday 23 rd December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Jim Coyle (RIP)
Tuesday 24th December	5.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Tuesday 24th December	8.00pm	Christmas Night Mass*	St Agnes	Les Davies
Wednesday 25th December	9.00am	Christmas Dawn Mass	St Catherine's	Jack Turner
Wednesday 25th December	10.30am	Christmas Day Mass	St Agnes	L & N Private Intention
Thursday 26 th December	10.00am	Mass	St Agnes	J & T Private Intention
Friday 27 th December	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 28th December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Joan Minshall (RIP)
Sunday 29th December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Michael Coughlan
Sunday 29th December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 30 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Kathleen Searle
Tuesday 31 st December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Annie Sumner
Wednesday 1 st January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Desmond Harvey
Thursday 2 nd January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Margaret Gillan (RIP)
Friday 3 rd January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	J M Private Intention
Saturday 4th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Patrick Gallagher
Sunday 5th January	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 5th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 6 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Tuesday 7 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Emily Hale (RIP)
Wednesday 8 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Thursday 9 th January	9.30am	Requiem Mass: Bob Cuthbertson	St Catherine's	~
Friday 10 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 11th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Joan Minshall (RIP)
Sunday 12th January	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 12th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

*St Agnes' Christmas Vigil Mass will have carols and reflections before 8pm. Please be seated by 7.30pm.



FR DAVID, FR JOHN, SR MONICA and DEACONS JOHN, TONY, BASIL, PETER

wish you peace and joy over this Christmas Season.

THANK YOU! To everyone who has given their time and effort to ensure the smooth running of both parishes this year.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Bob Cuthbertson, James Fagan, Margaret Gillan, Des Kennedy, Winnie Marsden and Joan Minshall.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER for Margaret Gillan when her funeral will take place on Monday 30th December at 12noon at Anfield Crematorium and for Bob Cuthbertson when his Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 9th January at 9.30am at St Catherine's. Please remember their family and friends.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Pauline Hall and Ray Hawthorne.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families.

ADORATION and **SCRIPTURE GROUP** is now paused for the Christmas break and will resume in the new year.

CAN YOU HELP? Volunteers required for the **cleaning rota** for St Agnes - one hour every four weeks. We are most grateful to all our volunteers for all their time given to keep St Agnes so cared for. Volunteers are also urgently required for **laundering of altar linen** (purificators and small altar cloths – no heavy items). Please do think about volunteering. Further details from Jo Forsey 07936 435073. ****The latest cleaning rotas can be collected from the sacristy.****

SHOEBOX APPEAL: Thank you to all who sent or contributed items to shoeboxes this year. A total of 18 boxes were sent from our two parishes, together with donations towards the transport costs. It was encouraging to know that some people went to the Woodside warehouse and helped to check and pack the boxes.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: Thank you for supporting Christmas Cards sold to raise money for the Friends of the Holy Land. This is particularly important at a time when because of hostilities the few Christians in Israel are unable to earn any money protecting the holy places and displaying them to tourists.

CAFOD: Introducing Jubilee, an online session – 18th January 2025, 10.30am – midday. All are welcome to join in with a general introduction to the Jubilee Year <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year> with special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year.

SAVE THE DATE: Sr Monica is having an important birthday and we are celebrating it at a parish ceilidh on Saturday 18th January in St Agnes Parish Hall. Bring your good wishes, your dancing shoes and a bottle of something. Doors open 7.00pm.

LIVING SIMPLY... LIVING SUSTAINABLY WITH NATURE... LIVING IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS AROUND THE WORLD... Are these aims close to your heart? Would you be interested in our parishes becoming a Cafod Live Simply community? We are exploring whether there is interest in St Agnes and St Catherine's to set up a group to work towards a Live Simply award. You can find out more about the Live Simply campaign by looking on Cafod's website. If you think you might want to get involved locally, the campaign will be launched at Sr Monica's ceilidh or speak to Geraldine Swift or Chris Goldring.



FOODBANK ITEMS: cereal, tinned vegetables, custard, pasta sauce and tinned fruit. 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 (stcathhoylake@gmail.com) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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