



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mark 1: 40-45)

WEEK COMMENCING 11 <sup>th</sup> February			Church	Intentions
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	The Carmichael Family
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Philomena Fletcher (RIP)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am	Memorial Mass for Christopher Brady	St Agnes	~
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	11.30am	Funeral service for Pauline Tarleton	St Catherine's	~
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Hilary O'Malley
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Ash Wednesday Mass	St Agnes	Robert Little
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention (AF)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Private Intention (TM)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention (LF)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mirella Gaburro
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Anne and Peter Graves
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Christopher Brady, Mary Constantine, James Featherstone, Nataliia Khrystiuk, Pam McCoy and Pauline Tarleton.

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February for Christopher Brady when his Memorial Mass will take place at St Agnes at 10.30am and for Pauline Tarleton when her Funeral Service will take place at St Catherine's at 11.30am. Please remember their family and friends.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Canon Phil Moor VG, Ronald Lewis, Eve Snape and Pam and Anton Wills-Eve.

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

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

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Regarded as punished by God, people experiencing severe skin diseases suffered extreme social and religious exclusion as prescribed in Leviticus 13: 45-46. In defiance of this prescription of the Law the man approaches Jesus, beseeching him. Like other desperate figures later in the gospel he displays a faith prepared to break through barriers. The way in which the leper approaches Jesus (begging, kneeling, and praying) suggests that he recognises Jesus' divinity, while Jesus' own reactions (moved with pity, touching, and sternly warning) indicate Jesus' humanity. As we have already seen, the healing is immediate and complete. As an observant Jew, Jesus sends the healed man to a priest in order to obtain an official declaration of his healing, and thus make possible his return to family and society. Despite Jesus' command to be silent, it appears that the healed man cannot resist spreading the word about Jesus, which makes it impossible for Jesus to travel in the towns of Galilee. Ironically, he ends up unable to enter towns and cities, compelled to live the kind of "outcast" and wilderness existence from which the now cleansed man has been set free.

**ADORATION and SCRIPTURE GROUP:** Adoration is on Wednesdays at 7pm and Thursdays at 10am at St Catherine's. Scripture Group is at 7.30pm on Thursdays in the parish rooms at St Agnes.

St Agnes 0151 625 6367 [st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk](http://st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk) | St Catherine's 0151 632 4388 [stcatherineshoylake.org](http://stcatherineshoylake.org)

**LENT LUNCHES** will take place at St John's, Meols this year. There will be a short service at 11.30am followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. Dates for your diary: 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**PAX CHRISTI'S ASH WEDNESDAY WALK OF WITNESS 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024:** Liverpool Walk of Witness for Peace, Repentance and Reconciliation. Gather from 1.15pm for a 1.30pm start on the steps of St Luke's 'bombed out church' at the top of Bold Street, Liverpool L1 2TR. The walk proceeds down Bold Street and through the city centre with stops for prayer and for the distribution of ashes, in repentance for nuclear war preparations. Organised by Merseyside Pax Christi. Contact: Jan Harper 07591082195 email [janharper20211@outlook.com](mailto:janharper20211@outlook.com)

**CAFOD'S DAILY LENT PRAYERS:** CAFOD would like to invite you to join them as we all seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. This year, as part of their reflections on one of the readings of the day, CAFOD will be sharing the stories of people from a fishing community in Liberia, as well as a daily prayer and suggested action you might like to take. Join this journey by signing up for CAFOD's daily Lent emails: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-prayers>

**QUIZ NIGHT:** The Pro Life Group will be holding a Quiz Night in the Parish Centre at St Catherine's on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Light refreshments will be served but bring your own tippie. Entrance is £5 payable at the door. All proceeds from this night will be donated to palliative care organisations.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** this year will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm at St Andrew's URC, Greenwood Road, Meols. The service has been prepared by Christian women in Palestine. All are welcome. For further information, please speak to Marianne and Peter Ryan on 0151 625 5158.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our second Ceilidh for the Climate will be held at St Agnes Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome! Details to follow.

**CARITAS STRONGER TOGETHER GROUP:** Every Tuesday morning 10am-12noon at The Quiet Space, Hoylake Community Centre. Join them for a cuppa, crafts and a chat. Support with loss, emotional wellbeing and the challenges of every day life. For more information please call Lisa or Linda on 0151 652 1281.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024:** Information now available on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or by ringing 07773 324264. If you are aged 16 – 22 please email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) for an application form to join the youth section of our pilgrimage. Pilgrimage dates are: by air is from Friday 26 July to Thursday 1 August, by coach Thursday 25 July to Friday 2 August and for our young people: Wednesday 24 July to Friday 2 August.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Our Lady of Pity RC Primary School on their 'Outstanding' Ofsted Inspection which took place just before Christmas.



**HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD THIS LENT:** chocolate, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned spaghetti, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and pasta sauce. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. Thank you for your support.



**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](mailto:stcathhoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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