



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 18th February 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent (Mark 1:12-15)
Sunday 25th February 2024 – 2nd Sunday of Lent (Mark 9:2-10)

WEEK COMMENCING 18 th February			Church	Intentions
Saturday 17 th February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mirella Gaburro
Sunday 18 th February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Anne and Peter Graves
Sunday 18 th February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 19 th February	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 20 th February	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 21 st February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	M and T
Thursday 22 nd February	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Jack and Jane Dottie
Friday 23 rd February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Natalia Khrystiuk (and her daughters)
Saturday 24 th February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Daniela Brandao
Sunday 25 th February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Hilary Clark (RIP)
Sunday 25 th February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 26 th February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Isobel Morrissey
Tuesday 27 th February	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Pam McCoy (RIP)
Wednesday 28 th February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peace on Earth
Thursday 29 th February	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Pauline Tarleton (RIP)
Friday 1 st March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Annie Sumner
Saturday 2 nd March	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Constantine (RIP)
Sunday 3 rd March	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Sheila O'Connor
Sunday 3 rd March	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, Natalia Khrystiuk, Pam McCoy and Pauline Tarleton.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE KING Cardinal Nichols has assured His Majesty King Charles of the prayers of the Catholic community in England and Wales for a "full and speedy recovery" following the diagnosis of cancer. Let us keep the King and the Royal Family in our prayers.

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>

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

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS: Next date is Sunday 25th February. Please join us in the lounge.

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FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: On the first Sunday of Lent it is customary to read a Gospel account about the temptation of Jesus. Mark's brief narrative of the temptation of Jesus, followed by his opening proclamation, is a condensed anticipation of major themes of the Gospel. The traditional term "temptation" is inaccurate, since the original Greek means "tested" or "subjected to a trial." This evokes the wider theme of God's testing of the people of Israel and the suffering just person (for example Job), who though tested by God remains faithful and is called child of God. In this first Lenten Gospel, the Church portrays a Jesus who "because he himself was tested through what he suffered...is able to help those who are tested" (Heb.2:18). Jesus leaves the desert to proclaim the "good news," a term used in secular Greek for the public proclamation of a major event (for example a military victory). The term is also found in Second Isaiah to describe the proclamation of God's victorious return to Zion and restoration of Jerusalem. Mark is priming his readers to expect that his story will focus on the fulfilment (time being literally "filled up") of Isaiah's prophecy of the establishment of God's kingly rule. Only by following the way of Jesus through the Gospel, hearing his word, and adopting his values can a person understand more deeply the mystery of God's reign. At the beginning of the Gospel Jesus calls people to "repent." The Greek word, "metanoia," means to change your mind, to take second look at your life. Not a bad way for us to start Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 7pm at St. Catherine's.

ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Tuesday at 11am during Lent on the following dates and churches: 20th February St Andrew's West Kirby, 27th February St Agnes, 5th March St Andrew's West Kirby, 12th March St Agnes, 19th March St Andrew's West Kirby and 26th March at St Andrew's West Kirby.

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: 23rd February, 1st March, 8th March, 15th March and 22nd March.

QUIZ NIGHT: The Pro Life Group will be holding a Quiz Night in the Parish Centre at St Catherine's on Friday 23rd February 7.30pm for 8pm. 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 1st 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 16th March. Details to follow.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the new tax year will soon be available for collection at the back of church. If you would like a box of envelopes, or are interested in setting up a standing order and/or gift aiding your contributions, please let us know. You can write your name and contact details on the form at the back of church (at St Agnes), or speak to one of the stewards (at St Catherine's). Thank you for your support.



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 (stcathoylake@gmail.com) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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