



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

Sunday 4th February 2024 – 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mark 1: 29-39)

WEEK COMMENCING 4 th February			Church	Intentions
Saturday 3 rd February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Constantine (RIP)
Sunday 4 th February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Gary and Paul O'Connor
Sunday 4 th February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 5 th February	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 6 th February	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Celia Adams
Wednesday 7 th February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Beryl Stanley
Thursday 8 th February	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Annie Sumner
Friday 9 th February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Family of LF
Saturday 10 th February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 11 th February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	The Carmichael Family
Sunday 11 th February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Philomena Fletcher (RIP)

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 for Pauline Tarleton on Monday 12th February at 11.30am when her funeral service will take place at St Catherine's. Please remember her 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: This week we continue Mark's account of a typical day in the life of Jesus. Last week we heard how Jesus could cast our demons; now he is shown to have power over sickness. There is a close connection between the two. Jews tended to think of sickness as due to demonic action. The early Christian community regarded the miracles of Jesus in a twofold light: as the manifestation of the power of God present in Jesus and as signs of redemption. In today's Gospel we hear how Simon-Peter tells Jesus that his mother-in-law is sick, then Jesus goes to her and raises her up and she is healed. The Greek text highlights the verb raise (egeiren) which connotes restoring someone to health but also means "to raise from the dead." After the healing of Simon's mother-in-law we are told that she immediately starts to serve others. At first this seems jarring. Then we realise that Mark is telling us something about how God operates in the world. When we are touched in some way by Jesus, we follow a path of conversion and, walking this way of discipleship, we feel compelled to serve others. Part of the miracle is what happens to someone after they have an encounter with Jesus. Many of us are already in serving roles. For example, some of us are parents, serving the needs of our children. Or some take care of older parents or in-laws. Many of us have careers that involve service to others. I wonder how many of us see that these actions are indeed our discipleship. It is the way we follow Jesus in our own lives.

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE is this Sunday 4th February. Please come and join us in the lounge after Mass.

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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.

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

LENT LUNCHESES 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.

ST AGNES' PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD raised £188.96 for CAFOD'S Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal. Thank you for your donations in lieu of sending Christmas cards in the parish.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Both parishes have volunteer Safeguarding Representatives who are key in ensuring the safer recruitment and support of all parish volunteers and activities. Maria Burchall is St Agnes's Safeguarding Representative who can be contacted on: 07837590284 maria.burchall@gmail.com and at St Catherine's, Simon and Kim O'Connell are the Parish Safeguarding Representatives who can be contacted on: 07711 163922 simonoconnell@outlook.com. These details can also be found on posters at the back of each church and will be on the parish websites.

DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL: 'Sing a New Song' - come along and sing as part of a diocesan choir on Saturday 24th February, 10.30am-4.30pm with Mass beginning at 5pm. St Anthony's, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Please bring a packed lunch. The cost is £5 per person, payable on the day. Book online by Friday 16th February: [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/DIOCESANCHOIRFESTIVAL](http://tinyurl.com/diocesanchoirfestival) For more information contact: reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY: You are invited by the Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at St Mary's, Crewe CW1 2JP on February 10th at 12 noon. Refreshments following Mass.

ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE: If you are able to donate a good quality sleeping bag (waterproof sleeping bags would be most welcome) or astro turf football boots, please leave these at the back of St Catherine's or St Agnes.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024: Information now available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or by ringing 07773 324264. If you are aged 16 – 22 please email 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.

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE: There are two pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance in 2024 departing from Wirral and Chester on Thursday 30th May to Saturday 8th June and Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th August. Everyone must be COVID vaccinated and have a DBS. The cost is £1,095. Nurses and young helpers under 25 in FTE, pay half. Travel Insurance is available for £70. For further information contact Tony Murphy on 07881 656974 or tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk



WIRRAL FOODBANK ITEMS: 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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