



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 21st January 2024 – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mark 1:14-20)

Sunday of the Word of God (Pope Francis 2019): Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God

WEEK COMMENCING 14 th January			Church	Intentions
Saturday 20 th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	James, Dorothy & Gillian Potter
Sunday 21 st January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Margaret Collings
Sunday 21 st January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 22 nd January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Evelyn Doddy
Tuesday 23 rd January	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Joe Lyons
Wednesday 24 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Holy Souls
Thursday 25 th January	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Mary Constantine	St Agnes	~
Friday 26 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Family of LF
Saturday 27 th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Forsey
Sunday 28 th January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	James Featherstone
Sunday 28 th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Mary Constantine and James Featherstone.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER for Mary Constantine on Thursday 25th January at 10am when her funeral will take place at St Agnes and for James Featherstone on Wednesday 31st January at 10.30am when his funeral will take place at St Agnes. 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>

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.

A COFFEE MORNING in celebration of St Agnes' feast day will take place this Sunday 21st January after 10.30am Mass. All very welcome!

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

THIS SUNDAY 21ST JANUARY is Sunday of the Word of God. This Sunday was established by Pope Francis in 2019 and is a day of special prayer for openness to the Word of God. Do you know about The Wednesday Word? It is a resource for parishes, schools and families and helps us to prepare for Sunday Mass with special prayers and reflections on the Sunday Gospel. Published each Thursday online, there are also paper copies available at the back of church. Please do take a copy or go online at: <https://wednesdayword.org/parish/resources.htm>

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2024: 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself.' There is a programme of services each day beginning on Thursday 18th January at 7.30pm at St Andrew's in West Kirby. There will be a service at St Agnes on Saturday 20th January at 10am and on Sunday 21st January at 6.30pm there is an online service via Zoom <https://rb.gy/mm26m7> Please see the poster at the back of church for further details.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND SPECIAL COLLECTION is this weekend. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online or via the contactless donation stations at the back of each church (please choose the Priests' Retirement Fund tab). To find out more about the Fund and to donate online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund. Thank you.

AN APPEAL FOR THE LEPROSY CHARITY LEpra will take place next weekend (Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th January). Today 600 people will be diagnosed with leprosy, more than 50 of these will be children. Leprosy is a disease that affects the nerve endings in the hands and feet and can affect the blink reflex of the eyelids. Evidence shows over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy. Over 4 million people are living with a life-changing disability caused by leprosy. But it is curable! For 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. Lepra seeks to provide better detection, treatment and support mechanisms, to advocate for those without a voice, to challenge prejudice wherever it exists, to strengthen local health systems and to help provide sustainable healthcare in partnership with local communities for a future free from the terrible impact of the disease. To read some real-life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra, please visit www.lepra.org.uk.

ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE: If you are able to donate a good quality sleeping bag, please leave your donation at the back of St Catherine's. Waterproof sleeping bags would be most welcome.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023 raised a fantastic £558.80 which also included a collection of £169.24 from Our Lady of Pity Catholic Primary School following their KS2 Carol Service in December. Thank you to everyone who donated to this appeal – your donations will make a difference to those most in need in our Diocese.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s): The theme is discerning God's call in your life and will be held on 16-18 February 2024 in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne FCJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

LITTLE CATERPILLARS' PARENTS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP at St Catherine's runs every Friday in term time 1.30pm-3pm. Children age 0-4 and their parents/carers are very welcome. Entrance is through the OLOP Annexe Preschool and School site.

OUR LADY OF PITY ANNEXE PRESCHOOL, HOYLAKE has places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds from September 2024. Please contact Jenny Jackson, Preschool Manager for further information (olopannexepreschool@gmail.com).



WIRRAL FOODBANK ITEMS: tinned fruit, UHT semi skimmed milk, tinned custard, tinned spaghetti and packet soup. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. In the past 12 months, 16,123 emergency food parcels have been provided by the Wirral Foodbank to people facing hardship. 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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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