



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 28th January 2024 – 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mark 1:21-28)

WEEK COMMENCING 28 th January			Church	Intentions
Saturday 27th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Forsey
Sunday 28th January	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	James Featherstone
Sunday 28th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 29 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Riley Family
Tuesday 30 th January	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Tony Bainbridge
Wednesday 31 st January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	William Henry Miller
Thursday 1 st February	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention (AF)
Friday 2 nd February	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Michael Parry
Saturday 3rd February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Constantine (RIP)
Sunday 4th February	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Gary and Paul O'Connor
Sunday 4th 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 for James Featherstone on Wednesday 31st January at 10.30am when his funeral will take place at St Agnes. Please remember his 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 especially Gary and Paul O'Connor.

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: As a teenager I can recall how "The Sunday Times" used to have a regular feature entitled "A Day in the Life of..." Each week a well-known person would be asked to describe a typical day. At the beginning of his Gospel, Mark gives us typical day in the life of Jesus. The day begins in Capernaum, a fishing village, on the northwest shore of the lake of Galilee. The day is identified as a Sabbath. The first episode takes place in the synagogue. The synagogue service consisted of prayers and readings from the Law and Prophets. The readers or visitors were known to have a good knowledge in Scripture. It was therefore natural that Jesus should have been invited to preach the homily. The people are astonished (a favourite word of Mark) by Jesus' preaching. They are astonished because of the authority in his teaching. The Greek word used to describe Jesus' teaching "exousia" means that he taught "out of himself." In other words, he did not use other authorities (other teachers or biblical proof texts) to strengthen his arguments. His teaching is interrupted by the appearance of a demon-possessed man. The unclean spirit knows who Jesus is ("the Holy One of God") and why he has come (to break the power of evil). When Jesus succeeds in expelling the demon, the onlookers are amazed by both his authoritative teaching and his powerful deeds. Thus, his fame spread throughout Galilee. This is only the beginning, and yet the fame of Jesus has spread – significantly, throughout the whole of "Galilee." Jesus' typical day will continue next Sunday when we listen to how he visits the home of Simon (Peter) and Andrew.

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

AN APPEAL FOR THE LEPROSY CHARITY 'LEPRA' will take place this weekend on World Leprosy Day. 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. But it is curable! For 100 years Lepra's research has led to new and innovative approaches to healthcare programmes. 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. If you would like to donate to Lepra, you can do so online: <https://www.lepra.org.uk/get-involved/donate>, via the donation basket at the back of church or on the donation station under the Lepra tab. Thank you for your support.

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 tittle. 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.

DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL: 'Sing a New Song' - you are invited to come along and sing as part of a diocesan choir. Learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm 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

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.

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. However, nurses and young helpers under 25 in FTE, pay half. Travel Insurance is available for £70. Read Bev's story: www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ For further information contact Tony Murphy on 07881 656974 or tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE RETREATS will take place on 9th-11th February 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) and 25th-27th October 2024 (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) at Wistaston Hall Retreat Centre, 89 Broughton Lane, Crewe CW2 8JS. Information and bookings: Booking is essential. Please visit www.loving4life.co.uk or contact: Jane Deegan jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Mobile: 07517 906435.

AGE UK DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES: places are available at Flourish Wellbeing Hub, located within Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey and at Age UK Wirral's Wellbeing Hub in Bromborough. For further details please contact AGE UK IT Co-ordinators Karen Kelly on 07517 132233 or John Edgar on 07552532719.



WIRRAL FOODBANK ITEMS: tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned custard, tinned meat 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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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