



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

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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 4: 35-41)

WEEK COMMENCING 23 <sup>rd</sup> June			Church	Intentions
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Colm Doran & family
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Josephine Clarke (anniversary)
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Ana Maria Luzia Cardoso Menezes
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	M Lloyd Jones
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Joe Lyons
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Edna Atherton (anniversary)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Sue, Stan and family (Eccles)
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Jean Egan, Kathleen Fitzgerald and Alan Graham.

**PLEASE remember** in your prayers all those who are sick especially Audrey Gibbons, Pam and Anton Wills-Eve.

**PLEASE remember** in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Margaret Collings, John Gilmour, Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole and Colm O'Toole.

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

**ADORATION** is on Wednesdays at 7pm at St Catherine's and **SCRIPTURE GROUP** is every Thursday at 7.30pm in St Agnes' parish rooms.

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** To really appreciate today's gospel, we need to have in mind certain Old Testament passages. In a sense, they form the background to the gospel narrative. Control over the sea and the calming of storms are characteristic signs of God's power. Calming of a storm at sea is a major proof of God's loving care. It is also noteworthy that peaceful and untroubled sleep is a sign of perfect trust in God. We find many of these themes in the psalms. Mark's miracle story clearly shows that Jesus can perform a work that only God can accomplish. It leads the disciples to ask a fundamental question: who is this man who can do a work of God? The gospel has further symbolic resonance in that the boat is a symbol of the church, while the sea - especially the sea out of control - represents the world dominated by forces that are hostile to the church and seek to destroy it. Yet to fulfil its mission and win people ("fish") for the Kingdom, the church must go out upon the sea that is the world. There are times in the history of the church when its Lord seems to be absent or asleep, times when faith in the divine presence and power is put to the test, times even when the forces of death do prevail and lead to martyrdom. Therefore, the story has a clear message for each one of us. We may feel at times that the Lord has no care for us, has abandoned us, but Jesus is exhorting us to have trust in him at all times and in all circumstances.

**THE PRO-LIFE GROUP** would like to thank everyone who helped and those who attended the Afternoon Tea on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. A total of £315.00 was raised for St John's Hospice.

**WIRRAL COASTAL WALK FOR THE SVP:** The SVP would like to thank parishioners for responding so generously to their appeal for sponsorship. The walk was successfully completed and to date the sum of £677.20 has been banked. Any outstanding monies may be given to an SVP member or posted through the presbytery door in an envelope marked 'SVP'. Thank you.

**OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL** has displayed new artwork from Year 5s and Year 6s at the back of St Agnes and St Catherine's. Please do take a moment to have a look at all the fantastic art! There are still some Reception places available at this 'outstanding' school for September 2024. Please contact the school office for more information on 0151 632 6336.

**CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)** is encouraging all Catholics to #RegisterToVote before 23:59 on the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 in preparation for the General Election. CSAN have launched a number of resources to help Catholics inform their conscience and navigate the political landscape at this time, find more at [www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024](http://www.csan.org.uk/general-election-2024)

**PLEASE HELP 'LET'S END POVERTY' AND CARITAS** engage with local candidates at this General Election. Caritas Shrewsbury is part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates>

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024:** 'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August (depending on travel). We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us this year. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

**CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD:** Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information please visit: [shrewsburyvocations.org](http://shrewsburyvocations.org) If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at [vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**THE NEW LECTIONARY**, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable. The Lectionary will become mandatory for use from Advent 2024. The four volumes that we use on the ambo at Mass are £695 a set and the Book of the Gospels is £275. If anyone would like to sponsor any of these new liturgical books, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr David or Deacon John. Thank you for your support.



**FOODBANK ITEMS:** tinned custard, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, tinned meat and tinned fruit. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. Thank you.



**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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