



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (John 11:1-45)

WEEK COMMENCING 17 <sup>th</sup> March			Church	Intentions
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Paula Hudson (anniversary)
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Moya Gladding (anniversary)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Jan Graham
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	12.00pm	Mass	St Catherine's	Mary Constantine (RIP)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Stuart Emmons
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Fr Anthony Reynolds
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Sylvia Pritchard (RIP)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Doreen Howard
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am	Palm Sunday Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Ursula Pickering
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am	Palm Sunday Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Alan Edwards, Ann Malloy, Terry McComish, Louise McKinney, Gerry Snape and Ann Willis.

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

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March for Ann Willis when her Requiem Mass will take place at St Agnes at 11.00am and for Gerry Snape when his Funeral Service will take place at St Catherine's at 2.30pm. Please remember their family and friends.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries** occur this month and their families including Paula Hudson.

**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 on Thursdays at 7.30pm in St Agnes' parish rooms.

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Jesus speaks to "some Greeks" who are more likely Greek-speaking Jews from the Diaspora than ethnic Greeks. However, when Jesus starts to speak, they are not mentioned again, and Jesus launches into what looks more like a monologue. He first proclaims that "the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified," and relates it to his suffering and death with various sayings: the grain of wheat that dies and so produces much fruit, losing one's life to save it and serving Jesus in discipleship. Then in a moment that is reminiscent of the Gethsemane episode (see Mark 14:32-42), Jesus wonders whether he should ask his Father to save him from "this hour." But he quickly affirms that this hour is for the glory of God, an interpretation reaffirmed by the voice from heaven. At "this hour" the world will be judged and "the prince of this world" (Satan) will be driven out. Jesus goes on to refer to his death as being "lifted up", which both describes his body being raised up on the cross and his being exalted to his heavenly Father while drawing all people to himself.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rose Mullarkey on receiving the Wirral Award which is given for an outstanding achievement over the previous 12 months, or for distinguished service to the community over a period of 20 years or more. For more than 50 years, Rose has volunteered for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, where she has supported thousands of local individuals and families who are in need. Often working in partnership with other organisations – including Wirral Council – Rose has provided countless home visits, telephone contacts, made deliveries and co-ordinated volunteers.

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

**ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** At 10.30am, our Tuesday morning Stations of the Cross in Lent give us all the opportunity of sharing good company with our friends from St Andrew's in West Kirby. Dates: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at St Andrew's and Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at St Agnes. There is tea and coffee at 10.30am before Stations begins at 11am.

**LENT LUNCH** takes place at St John's, Meols on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**ROSARY** for the Feast of the Annunciation will be on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am at St Agnes. (Feast Day is 25<sup>th</sup> March.)

### HOLY WEEK 2023

<b>Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper	St Agnes
<b>Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	11am: Children's Stations of the Cross 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm: Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7pm: Stations of the Cross	St Catherine's St Catherine's St Agnes St Catherine's
<b>Easter Vigil Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.45pm: Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter	St Agnes
<b>Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	9am: Mass 10.30am: Mass	St Catherine's St Agnes

**HOLY THURSDAY:** We do need volunteers from both parishes to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday night. Please contact either Parish Office if you can volunteer ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com) or [stcathhoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathhoylake@gmail.com)). Thank you.

**ST CATHERINE'S 'LITTLE CATERPILLARS' PARENTS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP** is every Friday afternoon 1.30pm-3pm. Children age 0-4 and their parents/carers are very welcome. Entrance is through the OLOP Annexe Preschool and School site to the right of church.

**OUR LADY OF PITY ANNEXE PRESCHOOL, HOYLAK** 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](mailto:olopannexepreschool@gmail.com)).

**BIBLE SOCIETY** Word in Action Spring Edition magazines are available at the back of St Catherine's. Please do help yourself to a copy.



**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.



**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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