



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 31st March 2024 – Easter Sunday (John 20:1-9)

Sunday 7th April 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter (John 20:19-31)

WEEK COMMENCING 31 st March			Church	Intentions
Holy Saturday 30th March	7.45pm	Easter Vigil Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Easter Sunday 31st March	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Francis O'Connell (anniversary)
Easter Sunday 31st March	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Les Davies
Monday 1 st April	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 2 nd April	12.00pm	Mass	St Catherine's	Hilary Clark
Wednesday 3 rd April	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 3 rd April	2.00pm	Funeral Service for Maureen McNicholas	St Agnes	~
Thursday 4 th April	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 5 th April	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 6th April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Forsey & family
Sunday 7th April	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Joan Hawking (RIP)
Sunday 7th April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 8 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Michael John McCarthy & family
Tuesday 9 th April	12.00pm	Mass	St Catherine's	Patricia Hemington (birthday)
Wednesday 10 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Frances Mary Cartledge (RIP)
Thursday 11 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Ursula Pickering
Friday 12 th April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Stuart Emmons
Friday 12 th April	1.00pm	Funeral Service for Marie Lund	St Catherine's	~
Saturday 13th April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 14th April	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Gerry Snape (RIP)
Sunday 14th April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Phil Riby (anniversary)

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Alan Edwards, Kevin Gallagher, Marie Lund, Ann Malloy, Maureen McNicholas, 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 remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Paula Hudson, Francis O'Connell and Phil Riby.

PLEASE PRAY for all those who are preparing to join the Church this Easter especially the following members of our community: Clare Calder, Owen Johnson, Linh Ly, Sue Phelan and Alan Phelan. A very warm welcome to our new members!

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



Fr David, Fr John, Sr Monica and Deacons John, Tony, Basil, Peter wish you a Happy Easter filled with peace and joy.

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FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Easter is the pivotal day in the Christian calendar. As Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). At the heart of the Christian faith is the paschal mystery – Jesus's life, death and resurrection some two thousand years ago. But the events we celebrate at Easter do not belong only to the past. Rather, on Easter Sunday the past, present and future come together. The genesis of Christian faith in Jesus's resurrection is captured in the empty tomb story in John 20. On Easter Sunday morning Mary Magdalene came to Jesus's tomb and found it empty. She had seen Jesus die and knew where he was buried. At her bidding, Peter and the beloved disciple went to the tomb, and they too found it empty. On entering the tomb (a large cave cut out of the limestone surrounding Jerusalem), they discovered Jesus's burial cloths neatly arranged but no corpse. And yet the beloved disciple, according to John, "saw and he believed." What did the beloved disciple see and believe? He saw that Jesus's tomb was empty and believed that Jesus had been raised from the dead. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the victory of life over death. Easter means that physical death is not the end of us. Having conquered death, the resurrection of Jesus means we now enjoy a new creation and so a new way of looking at all of life.

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE AFTER EASTER SUNDAY MASS: Please come and join us in the lounge.

TAIZE on Easter Sunday at 6pm at St John's Meols. All welcome!

THANK YOU to everyone who came to the 'Ceilidh for the Climate' at St Agnes on Saturday 16th March and a big thank you to the organisers. It was a great evening!

CONFIRMATION REUNION: please come along for an informal get together in TOAST coffee shop West Kirby on Saturday 20th April at 11am. Do bring along a friend who might be interested in meeting other young people and getting involved in Charity work in our parishes of St Agnes and St Catherine's and in the local community. The youth team look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact the Parish Office.

ST AGNES' CHILDREN'S MASS: This will take place on Sunday 5th May at 10.30am. We would love as many children as possible to be involved in this Mass. If your child would like to be involved, please contact Felicity Keenan (fliisskeenan@icloud.com) or email the parish office (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

ST AGNES CLEANING ROTA is now available to collect in the sacristy. Thank you.

ST CATHERINE'S FLOWER ROTA: the rota for the next 12 months will be available at the back of Church from Easter Sunday for collection - 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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT TO THE FOODBANK DURING LENT

Items needed: 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 (stcathoylake@gmail.com) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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