



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 12th May 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter (John 17:11-19)

WEEK COMMENCING 12 th May			Church	Intentions
Saturday 11 th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Beales (RIP)
Sunday 12 th May	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Joseph Fennelly & Molly Wilkins (wedding)
Sunday 12 th May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 13 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Louis Smith (KSG)
Tuesday 14 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life
Wednesday 15 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Dunbar Family
Thursday 16 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Tony Walsh
Friday 17 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Shehan, Anne & Nethan (new home)
Saturday 18 th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 19 th May	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Louise McKinney (RIP)
Sunday 19 th May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Deceased members of Devlin & Pinder families

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Peter Byrne, Jean Egan and Ian Smith.

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

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole and Colm O'Toole.



WE WELCOME Wallace John McKenzie and Finley James Parker to our Parish Community following their baptisms last Sunday at St Agnes.

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: Since the sixteenth century, it has been customary to refer to chapter 17 of John's gospel as Jesus' high priestly prayer, because he intercedes on behalf of his disciples and those who come to believe through them. But a more accurate description is "the prayer of God's Son." In John 17 Jesus prays as the Son of God that his followers may share in his intimate relationship with God as the Father. Jesus prays for himself (17: 1-5), for his disciples (vv. 6-19) and for those who come to believe through them (vv.20-26). Unfortunately, the Lectionary excerpt that we hear at Mass today (17: 11-19) is poorly chosen since it breaks up both the unity of chapter 17 and Jesus' prayer for his disciples. Nevertheless, what we hear today is how Jesus prays for his disciples in a way that portrays them more positively than they appear in the rest of John's gospel. They are the ones to whom Jesus has revealed God and God's glory, and they have received Jesus' words and have come to know that he was sent by God. Moreover, though they remain in the world, as Jesus' disciples they belong to God and participate in the relationship between the Father and the Son. Jesus prays that "they may be one, as we are one," and that God will protect them from the world and the evil one. He also prays that they may enter into the chain of mission ("as you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world" 17:18), and that they share in divine holiness and truth.

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ST AGNES' FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME: We welcome 12 children and their families on Saturday 18th May for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Agnes. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you to our catechists and parents for all they have done in preparing the children for this sacrament. There will be a Parish Celebration Mass the next day on Sunday 19th May at 10.30am. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass – all very welcome!

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Come and join an online webinar with Sycamore on Wednesday 15th May 7-8pm. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! Please email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

MERSEYSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION/TWO CATHEDRALS WALK, LIVERPOOL, PENTECOST SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024, 3-5PM. This year Pentecost will mark 100 years of Liverpool Cathedral. The theme of the celebration is Building God's Church Together. Starting at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral with a service with Monsignor John Devine OBE preaching before taking a pilgrimage walk down Hope Street to finish at Liverpool Cathedral for a final blessing. All welcome to join a thanksgiving picnic at Liverpool Cathedral, bring your own picnic or dine in the Welsford Bistro.

A MASS FOR THE SICK will take place on Saturday 25th May at 10.30am at St Agnes. There will be Sacrament of the Sick available for those who wish.

THE PRO-LIFE GROUP will be holding an Afternoon Tea in aid of St John's Hospice on Saturday 8th June from 2.30pm in the Lounge at St Catherine's Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE will take place on Saturday 8th June, 12 noon at St Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2024 and would like to be included in this Mass, please send your details to the parish office including names, address and which anniversary you are celebrating.

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL has some Reception places available for September 2024. Please contact the school office for further information on 0151 677 6262 or schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk

CAFOD A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER: With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information.



FOODBANK ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED: tinned fish, tinned vegetables (peas, sweetcorn, carrots) UHT milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, deodorant and shampoo. 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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