



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 19th May 2024 – Pentecost Sunday (John 15:26-27,16:12-15)

WEEK COMMENCING 19 th May			Church	Intentions
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
Monday 20 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peace in the world
Tuesday 21 st May	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Sean Harkins
Wednesday 22 nd May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Protection of the unborn child
Thursday 23 rd May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John & Kathleen McCarthy & family
Thursday 23 rd May	12.30pm	Requiem Mass: Jean Egan	St Catherine's	~
Friday 24 th May	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 25 th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Dorothy Potter (RIP)
Sunday 26 th May	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	John Carter (RIP)
Sunday 26 th May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Flannery (anniversary)

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Peter Byrne, Jean Egan, Alan Graham 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 Tom Flannery, Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole and Colm O'Toole.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER on Thursday 23rd May for Jean Egan when her Requiem Mass will take place at St Catherine's at 12.30pm. Please remember her family and friends.

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Holy Spirit is not easy to describe. Like a bird in flight it resists capture. Nevertheless, we must try. The Dominican theologian, Herbert McCabe, puts it very simply. By the Holy Spirit we mean God as eternally breathed forth by the Father and the Son. The idea of the Holy Spirit as 'breath' is rooted in the Scriptures. In the Hebrew Bible the word for spirit is 'ruach,' a word of complex meaning which also translates as breath or wind. It is the same word as that used in the book of Genesis, in the very making of humankind: "God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7). God's breath brings life. In John's Gospel "Pentecost" occurs on Easter Eve, when Jesus appears to the frightened disciples with a greeting of peace. These disciples had abandoned Jesus at his arrest and fled in fear. Jesus forgives them. Though they had abandoned Jesus, he will not abandon them. Then, just like God's action at creation, Jesus breathes on them, saying "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Spirit empowers the disciples and moves them outward in mission, persecution does not destroy but stimulates the community of disciples to proclaim the Gospel with courage and boldness. Especially in the Acts of the Apostles we see how the Spirit becomes the energizing presence as the Church moves outward to the ends of the earth. The disciples are no longer afraid because they know that God's spirit has come down on them and will never leave them orphans.

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



ST AGNES' FIRST SACRAMENTS PARISH CELEBRATION MASS will take place this Sunday 19th May at 10.30am. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass – all very welcome!

ST CATHERINE'S TEA AND COFFEE will take place after Mass this Sunday. All very welcome in the lounge!

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.

MILK BOTTLE APPEAL: Thank you for your wonderful response to the Appeal. The final total was £600 which will be sent to CAFOD to help children in Gaza.

ST AGNES MISSIO RED BOX 2023: Thank you! In 2023, St Agnes raised £2,331.34 through the Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more.

READERS AT ST AGNES: would you like to read at the 5.30pm Mass? Please contact Angie Aitken (angieaitken@aol.com) or the parish office. Thank you.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD is available at the back of church each week. It is designed to help you pray and reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel at home. Please do help yourself to a copy.

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

WIRRAL AGE UK DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES: places available at the Flourish Wellbeing Hub, located within Victoria Central Hospital, Mill Lane Wallasey, CH444 5UF (Tuesday & Friday) and at Age UK Wirral's Wellbeing Hub, 304 Spital Rd Bromborough CH62 2DE (Wednesday & Thursday). To be eligible learners must be 16+ years and can be unemployed, employed or volunteering. For further information please contact: Karen Kelly on 07517 132233 / e-mail karenkelly@ageukwirral.org.uk or John Edgar on 07552 532719 / e-mail johnedgar@ageukwirral.org.uk



FOODBANK ITEMS *NEW 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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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