



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 10: 17-30)

Day of Special Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents

WEEK COMMENCING 13 <sup>th</sup> October			Church	Intentions
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Oliver McEvoy (RIP)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Alan Clark (RIP)
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Shirley Crowther (RIP)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	11.00am	Funeral service for Kathy Anderson	St Catherine's	~
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Michael Wright (RIP)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Annie Sumner
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Bentall (RIP)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Denys Clarke (anniversary)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Kathy Anderson, Nora Donougher, Catherine Morgan and Jack Younger.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Pauline Hall, Joan Minshall and Mgr Peter Walton.

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

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** for Kathy Anderson on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October when her Funeral Service will take place at St Catherine's at 11am. 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:** Mark 10: 17-30 consists of three sections that deals with various aspects of riches and poverty. The first section portrays riches as an obstacle to discipleship. A man approaches Jesus and asks what he needs to do to inherit eternal life. Jesus tells him to keep the biblical commandments. When the man claims to have kept them since his youth, Jesus' mood changes from a testy defensiveness ("Why do you call me good?") to genuine affection. And so he issues an invitation to the man to become his disciple. But this will involve selling his possessions and giving the money to the poor. Only at the end do we learn that the man is rich and so does not accept Jesus' call. The second section alludes to the privileged spiritual position of the economically poor by reflecting on how hard it is for the rich to enter God's Kingdom. This teaching puzzles the disciples, since they most likely regarded wealth as a blessing from God. The "camel through the eye of the needle" analogy suggests that it is almost impossible for the rich to enter God's Kingdom, though shortly afterward Jesus acknowledges that for God all things are possible. The third section promises great rewards to those who give up their families and possessions to follow Jesus. In response to Peter's question, Jesus assures those who give up these things for "the sake of the gospel" will receive even larger families and possessions in this age and eternal life in the age to come. He does, however, inject a sobering note into the list by the inclusion of the phrase "not without persecutions." This week it may be worth reflecting on the ways our culture can distort our values in regard to our many possessions.

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**WE WELCOME** Zara Scott to our Parish Community following her baptism at St Catherine's last Sunday.



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

**BISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL LETTER** this Sunday is 'On the threat of Assisted Suicide.' Bishop Mark writes "It is part of the urgent response we must now make to the prospect of assisted suicide being agreed in principle by parliament in a matter of weeks. In the brevity of such a letter I have set out the Christian teaching which has guided our nation from its beginning in the care of the sick and the most vulnerable; pointed to the enormous dangers of embarking on the road of medically assisted suicide/killing; and have asked the faithful to write urgently to their Members of Parliament to urge opposition to this proposal and greater support for palliative care. We can be assured that such efforts do make a difference. I will keep you informed of any major developments and in the meantime our own Father Martin Onuoha has written a helpful book "Life is Always Worth Living: Assisted Dying or Living?" and the Catholic Union of Great Britain has also highlighted a documentary written and presented by Liz Carr entitled "Better Off Dead" on BBC1 and iPlayer." Wirral West MP Matthew Patrick's contact details: [Matthew.Patrick.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:Matthew.Patrick.mp@parliament.uk) or Matthew Patrick MP, Houses of Parliament, London, SW1A 0AA.

**ST AGNES CHILDREN'S MASS THIS SUNDAY:** please could the children who are reading at Mass on Sunday arrive at 10am with their readings and prayers in order to rehearse with the microphone. Thank you.

**ST CATHERINE'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS** is this Sunday. We welcome this year's group of children and their families. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.

**PRISONERS' SUNDAY** is this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. Prisons are in crisis and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Please take an envelope from the back of church to support Pact's important work. [www.prisonadvice.org.uk](http://www.prisonadvice.org.uk).

**NEXT SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (20<sup>th</sup> October)** where the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio, his charity for world mission, through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL:** the annual appeal for children's gift shoeboxes at Christmas will be starting on Saturday 19th October. Boxes will be available at the back of church and will need to be returned by Sunday 17th November. Boxes can be made for children of any age or could be for a family. For further information, please ring Marianne on 0151 625 5158.

**RETROUVAILLE MARRIAGE PROGRAMMES:** You can help your marriage - are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have you stopped talking all together? **Retrouvaille** helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for the next programme starting 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November. Please call 0788 7296983 or [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)



**FOODBANK HARVEST ITEMS:** tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat, jam, washing up liquid, deodorant and cereal. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church.



**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](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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