



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 6th October 2024 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 10: 2-16)

WEEK COMMENCING 6 th October			Church	Intentions
Saturday 5 th October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Staff and pupils of St Peter's
Sunday 6 th October	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Richard Oddy (RIP)
Sunday 6 th October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 7 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention (AF)
Tuesday 8 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Private Intentions (TM)
Wednesday 9 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Liverpool Across Group to Lourdes
Thursday 10 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John Farrington (RIP)
Friday 11 th October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Les Morris (RIP)
Saturday 12 th October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Oliver McEvoy (RIP)
Sunday 13 th October	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Alan Clark (RIP)
Sunday 13 th October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Kathy Anderson and Jack Younger.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Pauline Hall.

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

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. **SCRIPTURE GROUP** is every Thursday at 7.30pm in St Agnes' parish rooms.

ST AGNES AND ST CATHERINE'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES will celebrate with an Enrolment Mass this Sunday 6th October at St Agnes (with tea and coffee after Mass in the hall – all very welcome!) and on Sunday 13th October at St Catherine's. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they begin this next step in their faith journey.

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The gospel begins in a debate with some Pharisees over the legality of divorce. Mark describes the encounter as a test, since divorce was permitted in the Old Testament and since the Pharisees most likely knew about Jesus' radical teaching already. In their conversation Jesus elicits from the Pharisees the one text that allowed divorce (Deut. 24:1-4) and interprets that text as a concession to the hardness of the human heart. He then points to two passages from Genesis 1-2 (before the Fall) as expressing God's original intention regarding marriage: "they become one flesh". Jesus appears to abrogate the husband's right to divorce his wife, and to hold up lifetime monogamy as the divinely inspired ideal. The teaching of Jesus left the Church with a twofold legacy. On the one hand, the Church continues to reiterate Jesus' prophetic defense of marriage. On the other hand, the Church, especially in its revised annulment procedures, recognises exceptions to an absolute prohibition. The Church must also constantly reflect the pastoral concern of Jesus for those who have suffered divorce. While Jesus presents a vision of what marriage should be, he utters no word of condemnation of "the divorced," and the gospel of John shows Jesus defending a woman about to be stoned for adultery (7:53-8:11) and giving a special mission to an often-married woman, the Samaritan woman at the well.

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FROM BISHOP MARK: This Sunday, Pope Francis will go to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major to pray the Rosary for peace at this troubled moment for humanity. The following day, Monday 7th October, the Holy Father has invited those taking part in the Synod of Bishops to join him in a day of prayer and fasting, invoking the intercession of Our Lady for the gift of peace in the world. Let us be united with the Holy Father in this offering of prayer and penance for peace, especially on Sunday and on Monday.

ROSARY at St Agnes at 7pm will be on Monday 21st October, 11th November and 9th December.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday 4th October. Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church, give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or scan this QR code where you can make a Fast Day donation online and link your online donation to our parish.



CAFOD'S CHRISTMAS FUN RUN: A date for your diary this Christmas! Friday 27th December 2024 at The Mystery, Wavertree Sports Park. It will be CAFOD's 40th Fun Run so let's make it a big one! It is an all-inclusive event - run, walk or wheel cafod.org.uk/christmasfunrun

PRISONERS' SUNDAY – the National Day of Prayer and Action for prisoners and their families is next Sunday 13th October. It is an opportunity for us all to direct our prayers and thoughts to the needs of prisoners and their families, and those who work to support those affected by the criminal justice system. Pact is the leading Catholic charity in prisons and has been helping people in need for 125 years. They support prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around. Last year, their dedicated staff and volunteers supported 100,000 prison visits, took more than 40,000 calls on our helpline and helped over 300 people with emergency grants. Their work is a lifeline for many thousands of people struggling to stay afloat or to make a fresh start. For more information, please visit: www.prisonadvice.org.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY ON A SUNDAY: At St Agnes and St Catherine's we really want to strengthen the children's liturgy offer to the younger members of our community. We would love to have some new helpers join our existing (small) team - you do not have to be a parent of young children to join. If you are interested, please contact Phoebe in either parish office and we will be in touch with next steps.

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED) can be found in the Parish Centre at St Catherine's (on the wall next to the kitchen and main doors to the hall) and in the sacristy on the wall at St Agnes. There are parishioners who are trained on this equipment, however, each defibrillator has clear spoken instructions so anyone is able to use it.

WEST KIRBY MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY: several parishioners, who sing in the St Agnes Music Group, are appearing in WKMTC's production of Disney's Beauty and the Beast - The Broadway Musical. The show is being staged at The Gladstone Theatre, Port Sunlight and runs from Wednesday 6th November to Saturday 9th November 2024 nightly at 7:30pm with a Saturday matinee at 2:30pm. All tickets are £16 + booking fee, available online at: <https://www.wkmtc.co.uk/tickets/>



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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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