



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 15th September 2024 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 8:27-35)

WEEK COMMENCING 15 th September			Church	Intentions
Saturday 14 th September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Forsey
Sunday 15 th September	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Mary Helsby
Sunday 15 th September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	James Crowley (RIP)
Monday 16 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 17 th September	12.00pm	Mass	St Catherine's	Celia Carson
Wednesday 18 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 19 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 20 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 21 st September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Cristine Lavin
Sunday 22 nd September	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Richard Oddy (RIP)
Sunday 22 nd September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Janet Dickinson, Helen Lloyd, Marie Mathison, Richard Oddy 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.

ROSARY at St Agnes at 7pm will be on Monday 30th September, Monday 21st October, Monday 11th November and Monday 9th December.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER: *CHANGE OF TIME 3PM ST AGNES*
At the request of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, on Sunday 15th September there will be silent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and at 3pm both at St Catherine's and at St Agnes. This is "to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year".

ST AGNES AND ST CATHERINE'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES for children who are in our parishes and are in Year 3 and above will begin in October with a Parents' Meeting. Registration forms can be found at the back of each church. Please complete a form and put it in the box in church. Closing date for registration is Sunday 29th September.

ST CATHERINE'S 'LITTLE CATERPILLARS' PARENTS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP is back! Every Friday afternoon 1.30pm-3pm in term time. Children age 0-4 and their parents/carers are very welcome. £1 per family. A hot drink for the adults and a drink and snack for the children. Entrance is through the OLOP Annexe Preschool and School site to the right of church.

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FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The journey from Galilee to Jerusalem begins with Peter's confession of Jesus as the Messiah. This takes place at Caesarea Philippi in northern Israel. When Jesus asks his disciples about how people perceive him, the three answers he gets are those already mentioned in 6:14-15: John the Baptist restored to life (Jesus was associated with John), Elijah (the prophet expected to return before the full coming of God's kingdom), or one of the prophets (perhaps even a prophet like Moses). When Jesus asks his disciples directly, Peter speaks on behalf of the group and identifies Jesus as the Messiah. There were several different understandings of the Messiah among Jews in Jesus' time. One approach looked for a powerful descendent of David who would serve as warrior, political leader and judge, and so restore Israel's fortunes among the nations. The disciples had to learn that Jesus was not that kind of Messiah. What the disciples must come to accept is that Jesus is a suffering Messiah, something almost no one expects. Having accepted Peter's confession of him as the Messiah, Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man and prophesies his rejection, death and resurrection. Peter refuses to accept the idea of Jesus as a suffering Messiah, and Jesus rebukes him for thinking only in human terms. Peter's failure to accept the mystery of the cross is corrected and balanced by a saying about following Jesus. These sayings concern the challenge to take up the cross and losing and gaining one's life. Sadly, we modern disciples of Jesus continue to find it hard to accept a suffering Messiah.

THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS will be visiting the St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, between 20 and 23 September 2024. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated each day. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueirdo, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> For more information, please visit: <http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/download>

SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2024: The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. During this season we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

'ART FOR THE SOUL' art group provides a peaceful space where you can relax, reflect and create something just for yourself. Beginners to experienced, all welcome to join. Thursdays 2pm-3.30pm in the church hall at St Hildeburgh's, Hoylake. For more information please see the Facebook page @artforthesoulhoylake or email alicejprice@hotmail.com.

LOST PROPERTY AT ST CATHERINE'S: there are reading glasses, gloves and umbrellas waiting to be reunited with their owners! Please have a look at the table at the back of church.

ST CATHERINE'S CAR PARK: the top level of the car park is being used by a TV Production Company until Friday 18th October (weekdays only 8am-6pm). The crew is working on a new series of CBBC's Andy and The Band which will be filmed at Kingsmead School. The Production Company has kindly made a donation to St Catherine's.



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. 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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