



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48)

WEEK COMMENCING 29 <sup>th</sup> September			Church	Intentions
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Dolores Ozyer-Key (RIP)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Special Intention (AF)
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Leonora Fahey (retirement)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Annie Sumner
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	World Peace
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Private Intentions (TM)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Protection of the unborn child
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Staff and pupils of St Peter's
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Richard Oddy (RIP)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Fr Alban Greenwood, Helen Lloyd, Marie Mathison, Richard Oddy, Fr George Malecki 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, 21st October, 11th November and 9th December.

**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. **\*FINAL DATE FOR REGISTRATION: SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER\***

**ST CATHERINE'S 'LITTLE CATERPILLARS' PARENTS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP** is 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.

**CAFOD'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The vastness of global struggles like poverty, injustice, and climate change can feel overwhelming. We might wonder how one individual can make a difference. Today's gospel reminds us that we are not asked singlehanded to solve everything, but simply to respond to the needs we see before us. A cup of water offered may seem insignificant but, Jesus tells us, will not go unnoticed or unrewarded. When we join our efforts with those of others, recognising God's spirit at work in them, together we can respond with compassion to the needs of our global family and begin to build a more just world.

St Agnes 0151 625 6367 [st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk](http://st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk) | St Catherine's 0151 632 4388 [stcatherineshoylake.org](http://stcatherineshoylake.org)

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**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'd love to have some new helpers join our existing (small) team - you don't have to be a parent of young children to join. We would appreciate involvement from parishioners from Year 10 children to parents, grandparents and beyond to join the team. If you are arty, musical, enjoy crafts, or love sharing stories, we would benefit from your support. If you are a young person seeking volunteering experience, this could be an ideal opportunity for you. **What's involved?** Leaders run the children's liturgy session, using arts, crafts, music or stories to bring the gospel messages to life for our young people. Helpers are there to support the leaders on the day, no preparation is required. **Interested?** Please contact Phoebe in either parish office and we'll be in touch with next steps.

**PAX CHRISTI PEACE WALK:** you are invited to join Pax Christi in a Walk for Peace in Liverpool on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, International Day of Nonviolence, gathering at Lime St Station (platform 9) at 11.50am before proceeding to the Cenotaph and Peace Garden, and stopping at places where we will pray, and pass on the message of the power and value of nonviolent peacemaking. The walk will end with the opportunity to pray and reflect on the Vow of Nonviolence.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](https://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.



**FUNDRAISING AFTERNOON TEA** in support of the North West Air Ambulance will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm in the parish centre at St Catherine's. Sing along with the singing Bluebirds Community Choir with refreshments and a raffle. Pay at the door (£5) and children free. All welcome!

**HEADTEACHER JOB OPPORTUNITY:** due to the promotion of a highly respected Headteacher, there is an opportunity for an inspirational, resilient and dedicated Catholic leader to be the next Headteacher of St Werburgh's Catholic Primary and Nursery School. Visits to school are warmly welcomed. Please telephone Cheryl Gardner at the school office on 0151 647 8404 to arrange this. Closing date: Monday 14 October 2024 at 10am. Completed applications should be sent to Julie English (Julie.English@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). Further details via: <https://educationshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

**OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL** is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. Happy birthday! Please remember the children, their families and all the staff in your prayers. The school is hosting an Open Morning / Evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November for families with children starting school in September 2025. Pop along to find out more at 9.30am or 5.30pm. No booking required.

**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.



**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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