



ST AGNES, WEST KIRBY

## St Agnes Church

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**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Third Sunday of Lent (Gospel: Luke 13:1-9)**

WEEK COMMENCING 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2022		Church	Intentions
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Frank McFarlane
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	Mrs Patricia Styles and family
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> March: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Edward McConnell (RIP)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Matthew Allen (RIP)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March: 11am	Requiem Mass for Francis Franey	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March: 12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Martin O'Neill
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Tony Breen
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March: 9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March: 2pm	Funeral Service for Shenna Scott	St Catherine's	~
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March: 5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Rodger Hemington (RIP)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March: 9am	Mass and online via Zoom	St Catherine's	John Kentleton (RIP)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March: 10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Jim Forsey

**PLEASE PRAY** for all who have died recently and their families especially Francis Franey and Joseph Whitfield.

**PLEASE** remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Fr Robin Sutton.

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



**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Throughout the season of Lent the Scripture readings emphasize the themes of repentance, conversion and forgiveness of sins. They offer a consoling and hopeful message that we all need to hear at various times in our lives. Today's reading from Luke 13 captures the apparently double message that the Bible gives about God and us. On the one hand, we must repent and reform our lives now. On the other hand, God patiently awaits our repentance and reform, though there are limits to God's patience. Jesus makes the point about repentance and reform now when asked about two incidents that were apparently well known to him and his questioners. The cases concerned some Galileans (probably insurgents) executed by Pontius Pilate and eighteen persons killed by a falling tower. Rather than be drawn into a debate about cause and effect (and so about theodicy), Jesus takes these deaths as an invitation to us all to repent and reform here and now before it is too late. His point about God patiently awaiting our repentance and reform appears in the parable of the fig tree that repeatedly fails to bear fruit. God is willing to give it (and us) more time because God does not want to give up on it (and us). Nevertheless, God's patience is not completely open-ended. On closer analysis it emerges that today's passage from Luke 13 does not really present a double message. It insists that we are called to repent and reform our lives here and now because God wants our repentance and reform. But God patiently awaits our repentance. However, we must not presume that God's patience is entirely limitless. God is both merciful and just.

## LENT 2022

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>11am:</b> Stations of the Cross at St Agnes and St Andrew's, West Kirby 29 <sup>th</sup> March, 12 <sup>th</sup> April at St Andrew's, West Kirby, 22 <sup>nd</sup> March, 5 <sup>th</sup> April at St Agnes <b>12noon:</b> Mass at St Catherine's During Lent, Fr John will be celebrating Mass every Tuesday at St Catherine's. <b>6.30pm:</b> Rosary at St Agnes
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>7pm:</b> Taizé candlelit prayer service at St Catherine's
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>11.15am:</b> Lent Lunches at St Hildeburgh's, Hoylake are taking place on 18th March, 25th March, 1st April and 8th April. There will be a short service in St Hildeburgh's church at 11.15am followed by a light lunch of soup and bread in their church centre. <b>12.30pm:</b> Stations of the Cross at St Catherine's



**UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL:** Families affected by the conflict in Ukraine urgently need food, water and shelter. CAFOD is working closely with Caritas Ukraine, Caritas Poland and others, who are already there delivering practical help to those most in need. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. A retiring collection will be held after both Masses this weekend. If you prefer to donate online, please donate to CAFOD's [Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](https://cafod.org.uk/ukraine) at [cafod.org.uk/ukraine](https://cafod.org.uk/ukraine).



**CATHOLIC CHARITY STELLA MARIS:** On the one-year anniversary of the Ever Given ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal, Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) is hosting a webinar about modernisation in the shipping industry. It will look at the history of the container ship, the rise of the ultra-large container vessels, and explore what impact modernisation of the shipping industry has had on seafarers around the world. Please register now at [www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation](https://www.stellamaris.org.uk/modernisation) to join online on **23 March at 7.30pm** to hear how shipping has changed in the last century, the impact this is having on seafarers today, and the important role Stella Maris has in supporting them.

**CLASSIC GUITAR RECITAL 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: A NIGHT AT THE OPERA (PLUS SOME ADAPTED BEATLES TUNES):** St Catherine's is very pleased to have secured once again the talents of the Italian classic guitarist Davide Sciacca. In between playing at Liverpool Hope University, The Royal Northern College of Music and then flying to perform in Naples, Davide will give a one-hour recital in St. Catherine's church on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 5.30pm**. All welcome, bring a cushion to sit on if you wish. Suggested donation at the door of £5 a head. And a chance to meet with and chat to Davide afterwards for a drink in the lounge.

**THE GREAT WEEK:** The history and liturgy of Holy Week, a talk led by Fr David, will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April** at 7pm-8.30pm in St Catherine's Parish Lounge. All very welcome.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** for the next tax year are now at the back of church, ready for collection. If you would like a box of envelopes (and/or a gift aid form) or have any queries, please write your name and contact details on the clipboard and John Brown will contact you. Thank you for supporting our parish.

**FLOWER ROTA:** We only require volunteers to arrange the flowers in vases. This would only take an hour of your time on a rota basis with whatever time you're happy to give. Please can you help! Please contact Martina Parry 07779948162 or Veronica Ramsey 07977190833.



Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week? Please email Phoebe in the Parish Office. ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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