



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 6:51-58)**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 6: 60-69)**

WEEK COMMENCING 18 <sup>th</sup> August			Church	Intentions
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+ online)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Peter Blackburn (anniversary)</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>JL (RIP)</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention (AF)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Stephen Wright
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Annie Sumner
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Joe Ryan (RIP)</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+online)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Harry &amp; James Young</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Mike Coyle
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Mike Redfearn
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Bishop Mark Davies
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Chester Across Group – Lourdes pilgrimage
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am	Requiem Mass for Marie Mathison	St Catherine's	~
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Private Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+online)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>John &amp; Pamela Kentleton</b>
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Janet Dickinson, John Leonard, Marie Mathison and Anthony McDevitt.

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August for Marie Mathison when her Requiem Mass will take place at St Catherine's at 9.30am. Please remember her family and friends.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Pauline Hall and Jack Younger.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries** occur this month and their families especially John O'Connell.

**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.

**ROSARY** will be said on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at St Agnes. This rosary will be a celebration of the Feast of the Assumption. Future dates at St Agnes at 7pm will be Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time** The "Bread of Life" discourse, despite seeming complex, develops two major themes: people will attain eternal life by coming to Jesus and being in union with him; this coming and living in union flow from God's gracious initiative manifest in Jesus. The eucharistic reference echoes throughout the discourse, however the discourse also has deep roots in the biblical tradition. The Old Testament images of feeding are associated with God's gift of wisdom. It is important to recognize that the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist cannot be separated from the "wisdom" his life communicates. The discourse reaches a crescendo with the startling claim: "Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the third day" (6:54). Though we tend to identify "eternal life" as the promised reward following death, in John's gospel it begins in this life as a gift from Jesus. Eternal life is total "abiding" with God. People of faith participate in this life on this side of the grave. It is the life that is sustained by eating Jesus' flesh and blood. The utter realism of eating flesh and drinking blood was shocking to Jesus' hearers, as it would today if taken literally. The words must clearly refer to the Eucharist. They simply reproduce the words we hear in the Synoptic account of the institution of the Eucharist (Matt 26:26-28): "Take, eat; this is my body;...drink...this is my blood." John clearly understands these terms "sacramentally." Here the shocking language and startled reaction of the listeners serve as a challenge to believers to affirm the seemingly impossible. In receiving the Eucharist, our full humanity is joined with the full but transformed humanity of Jesus, and this constitutes life in its fullness, which will never be taken away.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY:** Administration Support Officer within the Mission and Evangelisation team based in Chester. 25 hours per week (to include occasional and weekend duties as required). £12-£15 per hour depending on experience. Further details can be found <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CVs with a covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date: Friday 30 August 2024.

**FOODBANK PLUS** is recruiting an adviser to provide advice to clients who access a Foodbank. The adviser will provide information and advice to help Wirral Foodbank clients to address the underlying issues that lead them to need a food voucher such as benefits, debt, budgeting, housing issues, and relationship problems. Further details can be found: <https://citizensadvicewirral.org.uk/jobs/> Closing date: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

**WIRRAL AGE UK DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES:** places available at the Flourish Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Central Hospital (Tuesday & Friday) and at Age UK Wirral's Wellbeing Hub, Bromborough (Wednesday & Thursday). For information please contact John Edgar on 07552 532719 / e-mail [johnedgar@ageukwirral.org.uk](mailto:johnedgar@ageukwirral.org.uk)

**SVP APPEAL GRENADA DISASTER:** Following the devastating effects of a major hurricane at the beginning of July the SVP in Grenada is appealing for help in the works or reconstruction. If you would like to support their efforts, please place any donations in an envelope marked SVP Grenada and include it in the Offertory Collection. Please make cheques payable to SVP Twinnage.

**THE YEAR OF JUBILEE** themed 'Pilgrims of Hope' will be taking place in 2025. Jubilee years have a large focus on the restoration of a just society, liberty from oppression and debt and rest for creation. CAFOD will produce free reflection booklets available from October. Do visit their website for more information: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025>

**ST JOHN'S MEOLS** is holding a jigsaw sale on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2pm-4pm. Any jigsaw donations would be gratefully received at their parish office.



**FOODBANK ITEMS:** cereal, custard, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes and tinned fruit. 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 ([stcathhoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathhoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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