



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



Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts

Sunday 4th August 2024 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 6:24-35)

Sunday 11th August 2024 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 6:41-51)

WEEK COMMENCING 4 th August			Church	Intentions
Saturday 3rd August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 4th August	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Marie Blackburn
Sunday 4th August	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 5 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Walsh
Tuesday 6 th August	10.00am	Funeral service: John Leonard	St Catherine's	~
Tuesday 6 th August	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Christine Forsey
Wednesday 7 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Gabriel Jay Fisher (RIP)
Thursday 8 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Hilda Blackburn
Friday 9 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Guzi Tanti
Saturday 10th August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	John Tinsley
Sunday 11th August	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	J & E Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 11th August	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Chris & Reg Owen Wedding Anniversary
Monday 12 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Mike Coyle
Tuesday 13 th August	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Allen Family special intention
Wednesday 14 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Thursday 15th August	9.15am	Mass: Feast of the Assumption	St Catherine's	Frank Hazelhurst
Thursday 15th August	7.00pm	Mass: Feast of the Assumption	St Agnes	Richard Gladding (anniversary)
Friday 16 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 17th August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 18th August	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Peter Blackburn (anniversary)
Sunday 18th August	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	JL (RIP)

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Audrey Gibbons, John Leonard and Anthony McDevitt. We also remember the three young girls who died in the tragic incident in Southport earlier this week.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER for John Leonard on Tuesday 5th August at 10am when his funeral service will take place at St Catherine's. Please remember his family and friends.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Pauline Hall, Pam and Anton Wills-Eve.

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>

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: In John's Gospel, miracles (called "signs" in this gospel) of Jesus serve mainly as occasions for long explanations of the deep meaning of the sign. The gospel today serves as an introduction to the major themes of the "Bread of Life" discourse. The section begins with the familiar Johannine technique of misunderstanding. The crowds are interested only in the material benefits of the feeding without seeing that it was a symbol of the "food that endures for eternal life" and which the Son of Man will give. John's Jesus today says that the bread of God which comes down from heaven "gives life to the world" and that "he who comes to me will never hunger; he who believes in me will never thirst." Through the Eucharist we come to that fullness of life.

STATEMENT FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE MERSEYSIDE REGION CHURCH LEADERS 30 JULY:

SOUTHPORT INCIDENT: As church leaders, and on behalf of those we represent, we share with others across our communities our sense of shock, sadness and horror at the events which took place in Southport on 29th July. Life is a precious gift, and for it to be taken from children so young is truly heartbreaking. We offer our sincere condolences to the families and loved ones of all of those whose lives have been lost. We pray for those who remain critically ill and injured. We hold everyone affected by this awful event in our hearts and our prayers, and call upon people of all faiths and none to come together to support them in whatever way we can. We express our thanks to the members of the emergency services and to the medical professionals for their commitment and service in the face of this of this horrific attack. We commit ourselves afresh to standing against brutality and violence in every form and doing all we can to build safe, caring and strong communities. Signed: Revd Dr Sheryl Anderson – Chair, Liverpool Methodist District, Rt Revd Julie Conalty - Bishop of Birkenhead, Revd Geoff Felton – Moderator, Mersey Synod, The United Reformed Church, The Very Revd Dr Sue Jones, Dean of Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, Revd Phil Jump – Chair, Churches Together in Merseyside and Regional Minister, North West Baptist Association, Rt Revd Beverley A Mason, Bishop of Warrington, Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP – Archbishop of Liverpool, Rt Rev Tom Neylon - Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Canon Tony O'Brien, Dean of Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, Rt Revd Dr John Perumbalath – Bishop of Liverpool, Major David Taylor – District Commander, Salvation Army North West Division.

ADORATION is on Wednesdays at 7pm at St Catherine's.

ROSARY will be said on Monday 19th 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 9th September, Monday 30th September, Monday 21st October, Monday 11th November and Monday 9th December.

CARITAS SHREWSBURY, as a part of Citizens UK, would like to share this volunteering opportunity "Join Us in Welcoming Afghan Families to Safety This Year. Imagine the joy of helping Afghan families find safety and hope. We need your help to make it happen. Right now, 100 Afghan families eligible for resettlement are stuck in limbo but with your help, we can bring them to safety by the end of this year. The UK Government has tasked Citizens UK to find 20 more community sponsorship volunteer groups, supported with funding and Citizens staff, to lead the way in welcoming refugee families into their communities. We're not asking for money or donations, but rather volunteers who are willing to help these families when they arrive. To find out more please visit: <https://www.sponsorrefugees.org/get-involved/communities-for-afghans/>"



FOODBANK ITEMS: tinned custard, pasta sauce, tinned potatoes, tinned meat 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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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