



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 6: 30-34)**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 6: 1-15)**

WEEK COMMENCING 21 <sup>st</sup> July			Church	Intentions
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Parishioners</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+ online)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Special Intention (AF)</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Pat Doran (RIP)</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Audrey Gibbons (RIP)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Olive Brown intention
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Pemberton
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Mrs Sulkowski (RIP)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30pm	Funeral Service: Anthony McDevitt	St Catherine's	~
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Margaret Collings
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Mary Constantine</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+online)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Jack Turner</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Chris &amp; Rog Owen</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Rev Martin Wray
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Julie Hutchinson
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>St Agnes</b>	<b>Special Intention</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Mass (+online)</b>	<b>St Catherine's</b>	<b>Marie Blackburn</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August</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 Father Anthony Cogliolo, Audrey Gibbons and Anthony McDevitt.

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** for Anthony McDevitt on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm when his funeral service will take place at St Catherine's at 2.30pm. 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 including Angela McDonald.

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



**WE WELCOME** Sebastian David Wishart to our Parish Community at St Agnes following his baptism last Sunday and Charlie David Stewart to our Parish Community at St Catherine's this Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Emily Murphy and Andrew Harwood on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July and to Louise Fear and Declan Littler on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July on the occasion of their weddings at St Agnes. Wishing both couples a very happy day celebrating with family and friends!

**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTIONS 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Last week we heard how Jesus sent out the Twelve on mission. This week the apostles return, informing Jesus of "all they had done and taught". We detect in the report a breathless sense of novice enthusiasm - matching the increased enthusiasm of the crowds that prevents them having any time even to eat. For Jesus this popular response is ambiguous. It is not without threat to the true direction of his messianic mission. The disciples have a long journey to make with him before they will be spiritually ready to "handle" it: hence his summoning them to withdraw for a time into a deserted place. The rest ends up being short lived as crowds stream out and arrive before them. Jesus then is moved with pity for them (literally "has compassion on"), for they were "like sheep without a shepherd", and he then teaches them. This brief description is dense with biblical allusions. Like the people of Israel, the crowds are in the desert, where they will receive not only miraculous food (next Sunday's gospel) but guidance and instruction, just as the Torah was given in the desert of Sinai.

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** This Sunday the Lectionary abandons the Gospel of Mark (the gospel we are listening to during 2024) and substitutes an extended reflection on John's "bread of life" discourse (Jn.6:6-69). The next five Sunday gospels provide a chance to enter more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist. Today's gospel is the multiplication of the loaves and is the only miracle from Jesus' public ministry narrated in all four gospels. The miracle unfolds quickly and has clear eucharistic overtones, evocative of the Last Supper. Jesus "took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all." John has important distinctive elements: he uses the verb "euchariste" ("to give thanks"); Jesus alone distributes the bread. There is much to reflect on in this gospel. Jesus meets that most basic human need, hunger, with largess and compassion. However, John will also use this story to introduce a profound and extended reflection on the Eucharist and Bread of life.

**FOURTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024:** We will celebrate this day in honour of all grandparents and the elderly in our parishes next week. This is the closest Sunday to the feast of St Anne and St Joachim, which we celebrate the Friday before on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. Pope Francis has written a message especially for this occasion and the Diocese has created a booklet that includes his message and the prayer prepared for the day. Please pick up the booklet and prayer cards from the back of the Church and you will find other resources on the Diocesan website.

**ADORATION** is on Wednesdays at 7pm at St Catherine's. **SCRIPTURE GROUP'S** last session is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July before taking a break in August. The group will resume in September.

**THE 2024 NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE 'ADOREMUS AT OSCOTT'** will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The Bishops of England and Wales are inviting all Parishes to have a period of Exposition to unite the faithful of the country in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year with renewed and deepened devotion. Shrewsbury Diocese has been allocated a limited number of tickets to this event and all attendees, including clergy, must arrive by coach. The Diocese has paid for the tickets and ask that parishes with parishioners attending make a donation towards the cost of the coach. If you would like to attend, please register your interest via email to St Agnes' or St Catherine's parish office. In the event of it being oversubscribed, names will go into a ballot. The day begins at St Mary's, Oscott at 11am.



**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 ([stcathoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).



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