



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 7th July 2024 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 6: 1-6)

WEEK COMMENCING 7 th July			Church	Intentions
Saturday 6th July	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Marie-Therese Younger
Sunday 7th July	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Peter Helsby
Sunday 7th July	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Angela McDonald (RIP)
Monday 8 th July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	M Lloyd Jones
Tuesday 9 th July	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Ray Duffy
Wednesday 10 th July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Pauline Hall
Thursday 11 th July	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Maureen Dodd
Friday 12 th July	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Collette Cliff (nee Tinsley)
Saturday 13th July	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Philip & Peter Riley (RIP)
Sunday 14th July	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Rita Braegar & family
Sunday 14th July	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Audrey Gibbons.

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.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER on Tuesday 16th July for Audrey Gibbons when her Requiem Mass will take place at St Catherine's at 10am. Please remember her family and friends.

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The prophetic life is a strong theme in our readings this week. The term, prophet, comes from the Greek, "prophetes" – literally, one who speaks "on behalf of." A prophet speaks on behalf of God, is God's messenger. The prophet also speaks on behalf of those who have no one to speak for them, giving a voice to the voiceless (for example, the widow, the orphan, the poor, the stranger in the land). A prophet is not primarily a fore-teller, but a forth-teller, who proclaims with insight the evils that afflict society and can ultimately spell its downfall. Prophets are "radical" in the sense that they reach back into the deepest roots of a religious tradition and summon people to be faithful to them. On that understanding, Jesus was a prophet. He proclaimed the nearness of God's reign, urged people to change their minds and take a second look at their lives. Furthermore, he embodied God's mercy by associating with the marginal and suspect people of his day. The gospel this Sunday also shows that the greatest enemy to faith can simply be "familiarity": a refusal to believe that God's presence could come to us in so familiar a form as the person next door. The Nazarenes had their own fixed ideas as to where and how the Messiah should come to Israel and the one they knew as the carpenter, Mary's son, simply did not fit the bill. Progress in the spiritual life almost always shows itself in the ability to recognise God more and more in the ordinary, the everyday. The great saints never ceased being filled with wonder at the mysterious presence of God they constantly sensed all around them. The full meaning of the Incarnation is not only that the Son of God became a human being, but that he took human form in a town as ordinary and insignificant and out of the way as Nazareth. The gospel invites us to identify and name the "Nazareth" in our own selves.

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ADORATION is on Wednesdays at 7pm at St Catherine's and **SCRIPTURE GROUP** is every Thursday at 7.30pm in St Agnes' parish rooms.

SEA SUNDAY 14th JULY 2024: Next Sunday is Sea Sunday. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously if you can. Thank you.

CAFOD: PUBLIC SPEAKING IN CHURCH. JOIN CAFOD'S ONLINE TRAINING, LEARN TIPS AND BUILD YOUR CONFIDENCE: CAFOD is offering 1-hour training sessions on Zoom for anyone interested in building their confidence for public speaking. Designed for beginners and anyone who needs to make announcements, ask for volunteers or speak on behalf of a charity or a parish appeal at Mass. Come along to learn new skills, practise, and discover how you can inspire our congregation. It'll be inviting, relaxed and fun! Register here to receive the link or use the QR code to the right with your mobile phone camera. Date and time: Saturday 13th July, 11am-12pm and Tuesday 16th July, 7pm-8pm.



ST ANSELM'S COLLEGE'S Headmaster, Mr Duggan is retiring this summer after 22 years in the role. Our parish community wishes him a very happy retirement! The current Deputy Head, Mrs Cubbin will succeed him as Head from September 2024.

THE CHESTER ACROSS GROUP is going to Lourdes by Jumbulance from Thursday 15th to Saturday 24th August. "We travel overland in an adapted coach, which has seven beds on board. Therefore, we can take some sick or disabled pilgrims and so far we have a Doctor and two nurses and several helpers. However, we need two more helpers and there is a place for someone who is sick or disabled. The cost is £1,095 but help with costs is available. Current Passport required. Travel Insurance is available for just £65. Search our website for an example of our care. <http://www.across.org.uk/?s=AJ>. For more information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or email tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk."

HOYLAKE MESSENGER: did you spot our recent article in the summer edition? St Catherine's is approaching its centenary year in 2026 and we are starting to think of how we can celebrate 100 years. Do you have any ideas? We are gathering stories and photos about St Catherine's – it would be lovely to hear from you. Please email the office or pop in one morning!

ST CATHERINE'S 'LITTLE CATERPILLARS' PARENTS AND TOTS PLAYGROUP is every Friday afternoon in term time 1.30pm-3pm. Children age 0-4 and their parents/carers are very welcome. Entrance is through the OLOP Annexe Preschool and School site to the right of church.

OUR LADY OF PITY ANNEXE PRESCHOOL, HOYLAKE has some places available for 2, 3 and 4 year olds from September 2024. Please contact Jenny Jackson, Preschool Manager for further information (olopannexepreschool@gmail.com).



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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