



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 30th June 2024 – Ss Peter and Paul (Matthew 16:13-19)

WEEK COMMENCING 30 th June			Church	Intentions
Saturday 29th June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Edna Atherton (anniversary)
Sunday 30 th June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Sue, Stan and family (Eccles)
Sunday 30 th June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 1 st July	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 2 nd July	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Stephen Wright
Wednesday 3 rd July	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 4 th July	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 5 th July	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 6 th July	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Marie-Therese Younger
Sunday 7 th July	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Peter Helsby
Sunday 7 th July	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Angela McDonald (RIP)

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

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Audrey Gibbons, 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>

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR 13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Mark 5:21-23): The account of Jesus' healing of the woman with the flow of blood and his raising of Jairus's daughter demonstrate Jesus' sovereignty over disease and death. The themes of salvation and faith are the major themes of this two-faceted story. Jairus is persuaded that at Jesus' touch his daughter will be "made well" and the woman is convinced that if she touches Jesus' garments she will be "made well". Each time the Greek verb used is "sozo" which also means "to save." More pointedly, Jesus reassures the woman, telling her, "Your faith has restored you to health" – has "saved" you. Mark has in mind more than bodily healing. Salvation stands in close relation to faith. Jesus exhorts the father of the dead girl, "Do not be afraid; only have faith." The narrative is a lesson of salvation by faith. Faith comes to fulfilment only in personal encounter with Jesus, only when one enters into dialogue with him. We are asked to recognize that faith in Jesus can transform life and is a victory over death. But this faith is not something vague or impersonal. We must come to the Lord, seek him out.

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL has displayed new artwork from Year 5s and Year 6s at the back of St Agnes and St Catherine's. Please do take a moment to have a look at all the fantastic art! There are still some Reception places available at this 'outstanding' school for September 2024. Please contact the school office for more information on 0151 632 6336.

CARITAS SHREWSBURY, as part of the Let's End Poverty national movement, is urging everyone to write to their local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected. Please use the new online tool for individuals to help you do this: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates> This work to champion the common good, and the preferential option for the poor, is so vital at this time, thanks for your support.

GENERAL ELECTION: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website provides reflections on the public issues at this election time focusing on criminal justice, domestic poverty, family life and taxation, education, environment, international relations, human rights and peacebuilding, Life issues and migration. For more information please visit <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/> Bishop Mark Davies has written a statement on the General Election. A copy of this statement can be read at <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/statement-on-the-general-election-from-bishop-mark-davies/>

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!

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024: 'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26th July to 1st August (depending on travel). We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us this year. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information please visit: shrewsburyvocations.org If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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).

Parish safeguarding representatives: St Agnes: Maria Burchall 07837590284 maria.burchall@gmail.com
St Catherine's: Simon and Kim O'Connell 07711 163922 simonoconnell@outlook.com

St Agnes 0151 625 6367 st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk | St Catherine's 0151 632 4388 stcatherineshoylake.org

Diocese of Shrewsbury, a registered charity (NO 234025)