



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

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## Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 3: 20-35)

WEEK COMMENCING 9 <sup>th</sup> June			Church	Intentions
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Forsey
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	Jean Egan (RIP)
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Joan Faley (RIP)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Mgr John Williams
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	J and M
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Peter Blackburn (RIP)
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Jean Egan, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Alan Graham and Ian Smith.

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

**PLEASE remember** in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Margaret Collings, John Gilmour, Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole and Colm O'Toole.

**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:** When Jesus returns home to Capernaum, again he draws a large crowd. His relatives decide to come from Nazareth to restrain him because they have heard rumours but he has gone crazy. Meanwhile, some scribes from Jerusalem charge that Jesus is possessed by a demon, and that he performs his exorcisms and healings out of demonic power. The opponents acknowledge that Jesus does perform exorcisms and healings. The problem concerns the source or origin of Jesus' power to do so. In responding to their charges and exposing the illogical nature of their position, Jesus uses parables. If Jesus were an instrument of Satan, then Satan's house and Satan's Kingdom will be divided and so could not stand for long. Also, by exorcising demons, Jesus is effectively overpowering Satan ("the strong man") and showing himself to be the stronger one. Finally, Jesus defines the unforgivable sin as the failure to discern that the Holy Spirit is at work in his ministry of exorcism and healing. To accuse him of doing so through the "prince of devils" is tantamount to identifying the Spirit of God with the unclean spirits of the demonic world. Then members of Jesus' family arrive at Capernaum and ask to see him. Instead of acceding to their request, Jesus redefines his family as those who dedicate themselves to doing the will of God. Such persons are Jesus' true brothers and sisters.



**ST CATHERINE'S FIRST SACRAMENTS PARISH CELEBRATION MASS** will take place on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 9am. Congratulations to all our children who have made their First Holy Communion this year. Cake and refreshments will be served in the lounge after Mass – all very welcome!

**NETWORK FOR A BETTER WORLD MISSION APPEAL 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE:** At masses next week we welcome Barbara Charles from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work.

**WIRRAL COASTAL WALK FOR THE SVP:** on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June a member of St Agnes' SVP will be walking the Wirral Coastal Walk from New Brighton as far as West Kirby for the SVP (about 10 miles). If anyone would like to sponsor her, SVP members will be available after Mass in St Agnes' on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June with sponsorship forms. Thank you in advance for your support.

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION AND VENERATION OF 1ST CLASS RELIC OF ST FAUSTINA:** Led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz from Poland, who travels the world proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy devotion and talking about his experience of St Michael the Archangel and Holy Angels. St Anne's Rock Ferry 12 noon to 2.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June for Holy Mass and a talk, followed by a Eucharistic healing service with veneration of a 1st class relic of St Faustino.

**AN EVENING WITH DR BILL KEIMIG** on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HG. Dr Bill Keimig, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in the USA, will lead an evening filled with laughter, inspiration and wisdom as he shares his insights and experiences of parish renewal and leading RCIA. Please book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757> For further details please contact Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Mission Catechist [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 07730 526826.

**DIOCESAN JOB VACANCY:** A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at St Anne's, Rock Ferry. 15 hours per week, to be spread over Monday to Friday mornings (flexible). Hourly rate: £14.00. For further details please see <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Closing date: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

**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](http://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](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**THE NEW LECTIONARY,** which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, to reflect current biblical scholarship and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable. The Lectionary will become mandatory for use from Advent 2024. The four volumes that we use on the ambo at Mass are £695 a set and the Book of the Gospels is £275. If anyone would like to sponsor any of these new liturgical books, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr David or Deacon John. Thank you for your support.



**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.



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