



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 5th May 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter (John 4:7-10)

| WEEK COMMENCING 5 th May | | | Church | Intentions |
|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------|----------------|--|
| Saturday 4 th May | 5.30pm | Mass | St Agnes | Peter Louis Smith (KSG) |
| Sunday 5 th May | 9.00am | Mass (+ online) | St Catherine's | Jack Turner (anniversary) |
| Sunday 5 th May | 10.30am | Mass | St Agnes | Parishioners |
| Monday 6 th May | 9.15am | Mass | St Agnes | Peter Byrne (RIP) |
| Tuesday 7 th May | 9.15am | Mass | St Catherine's | Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life |
| Wednesday 8 th May | 9.15am | Mass | St Agnes | Maureen McNicholas (RIP) |
| Wednesday 8 th May | 7.00pm | Mass - Ascension | St Agnes | Martin Fraser (RIP) |
| Thursday 9 th May | 9.15am | Mass - Ascension | St Catherine's | Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole (anniversary) |
| Friday 10 th May | 9.15am | Mass | St Agnes | Joshua Dunbar (RIP) |
| Saturday 11 th May | 5.30pm | Mass | St Agnes | Andrew Beales (RIP) |
| Sunday 12 th May | 9.00am | Mass (+online) | St Catherine's | Joseph Fennelly & Molly Wilkins (wedding) |
| Sunday 12 th May | 10.30am | Mass | St Agnes | Parishioners |

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Peter Byrne and Ian Smith.

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

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families including Dr Timothy Colm O'Toole and Colm O'Toole.



WE WELCOME Emily and Ava Carr to our Parish Community following their recent baptisms at St Agnes.

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.

ROSARY will take place on Saturday 11th May at 10am. There will be a Service of Word and Communion before the Rosary (Feasts of Our Lady of Fatima and the Visitation).

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: The gospel today continues the exhortation "to abide," simply stated: "remain in my love." In John's gospel a command is always based on a prior experience of grace, so Jesus says, "this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us." God's love is first, and it is only because of the primacy of God's love that we have the power and freedom to choose God. God's love is based on choice: he loves because he chooses to love. The supreme example of that is Jesus. Jesus says simply, "love one another as I love you." These words echo Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, when he washes his disciple's feet as an example and first gives them the new commandment that they love and serve "one another as I love you." Jesus' great hope is that we will choose to give ourselves in love, even when the giving hurts us.



ST CATHERINE'S FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME: We welcome 22 children and their families on Saturday 11th May for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at St Catherine's. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you to our catechists and parents for all they have done in preparing the children for this sacrament. There will be a Parish Celebration Mass on Sunday 9th June at 9am. Refreshments will be served in the lounge after Mass – please join us!

A MASS FOR THE SICK will take place on Saturday 25th May at 10.30am at St Agnes. There will be Sacrament of the Sick available for those who wish.

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024: Come and join an online webinar with Sycamore on Wednesday 15th May 7-8pm. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! Please email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

MERSEYSIDE CHURCHES TOGETHER ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION/TWO CATHEDRALS WALK, LIVERPOOL, PENTECOST SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024, 3-5PM. This year Pentecost will mark 100 years of Liverpool Cathedral. The theme of the celebration is Building God's Church Together. Starting at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral with a service with Monsignor John Devine OBE preaching before taking a pilgrimage walk down Hope Street to finish at Liverpool Cathedral for a final blessing. All welcome to join a thanksgiving picnic at Liverpool Cathedral, bring your own picnic or dine in our Welsford Bistro.

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE will take place on Saturday 8th June, 12 noon at St Columba's Church Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2024 and would like to be included in this Mass, please send your details to the parish office including names, address and which anniversary you are celebrating.

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL has some Reception places available for September 2024. Please contact the school office for further information on 0151 677 6262 or schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES: The Diocese is seeking to recruit a **Director of Schools**. Details of the role and the application process can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2040730>. An opportunity has also arisen for a **Parish Secretary** at the parish of St Anne's, Rock Ferry. For further details please see the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

CAFOD'S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL: Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



FOODBANK ITEMS URGENTLY NEEDED: tinned fish, tinned vegetables (peas, sweetcorn, carrots) UHT milk, tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, deodorant and shampoo. 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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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