



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 17th November 2024 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 13: 24-32)

Safeguarding Sunday

WEEK COMMENCING 17 th November			Church	Intentions
Saturday 16 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Oliver McEvoy (RIP)
Sunday 17 th November	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 17 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Will Reynolds & Tony Welsh
Monday 18 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Anne McManus
Tuesday 19 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday 20 th November	7pm	Mass of Remembrance	St Agnes	Loved ones / November List
Thursday 21 st November	7pm	Mass of Remembrance	St Catherine's	Loved ones / November List
Friday 22 nd November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Protection of the unborn child
Saturday 23 rd November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Fabio Dias
Sunday 24 th November	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Ann Crisp
Sunday 24 th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Terence Brown, Daniel Constantine, Nora Donougher, Irene Lewis and Catherine Morgan.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Pauline Hall and Joan Minshall.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries occur this month and their families.

ROSARY at St Agnes at 7pm will be on Monday 9th December.

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

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Jesus' discourse in Mark 13 is often called the "Little Apocalypse," as opposed to the "Great Apocalypse" found in the book of Revelation. An apocalypse is a revelation about the future or about the heavenly realm. The discourse is divided into four parts and the gospel today includes the third part and most of the fourth part. Using terms taken from various parts of the Old Testament, Jesus describes the cosmic portents that will lead up to the triumphant manifestation of the glorious Son of Man and the vindication of the "elect." Next Jesus presents an exhortation consisting of parables and sayings, with some mixed messages ("this generation...nobody knows"). Yet, he urges confidence in God's plan and constant vigilance as the divine plan unfolds and reaches its climax in the fullness of God's kingdom. Given Jesus' instructions to be vigilant, how might such watchfulness influence the way a Christian lives?

THANK YOU: The Youth of St Catherine's and St Agnes thank you for your support last Sunday at their cake sale where they raised a brilliant £270.83! This amount will be split between The British Heart Foundation and Climbers Against Cancer.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION: This weekend the annual collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. The future of our Diocese depends on the training and formation of Priests. To donate please use the baskets, the donations station or online: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund.

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

ASSISTED DYING BILL: At a meeting in Hoylake last week (to which several parishioners were invited) our MP, Matthew Patrick, stressed how important his constituents' views are to him on the Assisted Dying Bill in helping him to make his decision as to how to vote in Parliament on Friday 29th November. If you have not already contacted him on this matter there is still time to do so either via email to matthewpatrickmp@parliament.uk or by post to House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Information on the proposals may be found at www.righttolife.org.uk or www.carenokilling.org.uk. There is also information on cards at the back of each church. These have been produced by Not Dead Yet UK, a network of people with disabilities.

ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS: there will be a collection of gifts (new/unwanted) this weekend.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Fr David will be offering Mass to remember loved ones who have died in the past year on Wednesday 20th November at 7pm at St Agnes and on Thursday 21st November at 7pm at St Catherine's. Please place names of loved ones in an envelope and put it through the respective presbytery door.

CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB: Please join us at St Catherine's (top car park) on Sunday 1st December at 5pm. Festive refreshments too! Any donations made will support the Caritas at Christmas Appeal.

ADVENT CALENDARS are available at the back of each church for £2.25 each.

ST AGNES CHURCH ACCESS: Please use the main church doors from Monday 18th to Wednesday 20th November. Work is being carried out in the baptistry. There will be no access in or out via the steps on Darmond's Green (including toilets).

DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES: Director of Schools: details at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2130729>. For further information please contact Liam Dowds, Emmaus Advising Consultant on 01737 652 043 or email at ldowds@emmausleadership.me. Two **Administrator** vacancies (full time and part time) have arisen within the Inter-Diocesan Fuel Management Department, which is a Catholic organisation purchasing gas, electricity, fuel oil and biomass for all Catholic Dioceses in England and Wales. Further details via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>. Completed application should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date Friday 29 November 2024.

SHOEBOXES: Please return to church by Sunday 17th November or take your box to the warehouse at Woodside Business Park no 82 from Monday 11th November to Friday 22nd November each day. Thank you, Marianne Ryan (0151 625 5158).

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Christmas cards are available to purchase at the back of each church or from Peter Ryan on 0151 625 5158.

ADVENT SERIES: You are invited to a series of talks in Advent to coincide with the launch of the New Lectionary at the Parish Hall, Holy Angels, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HG. The first talk is on Wednesday 4th December at 7pm with Fr Paul Denney, a priest of the Diocese of Motherwell, Scotland who will talk about the new translation of the Lectionary. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information.



FOODBANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR: each day in November there is a different item to donate. Please take a copy of the advent calendar (next to the collection box) at the back of each church.



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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