



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 24th November 2024 – Christ the King (John 18: 33-37)

WEEK COMMENCING 24 th November			Church	Intentions
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
Monday 25 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Simon Lavin (anniversary)
Tuesday 26 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life
Wednesday 27 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intentions (TM)
Thursday 28 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Sue Eccles
Friday 29 th November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 30 th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Forsey
Sunday 1 st December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	David Smith (anniversary)
Sunday 1 st December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Terence Browne, Daniel Constantine, Irene Lewis, Joan Minshall and Catherine Morgan.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Margaret Gillan and Pauline Hall.

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: The liturgical year concludes with a feast instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925. It affirmed the primacy of Christ in the face of rising nationalism and fascism. The gospel today (the gospel according to John) presents one of the most dramatic scenes in the New Testament. According to John, the legal proceedings against Jesus took place with Pontius Pilate presiding. Pilate served as the Roman governor, or prefect, of Judea from AD 26-36. His headquarters was at Caesarea Maritima, but during pilgrimage festivals such as Passover he would come to Jerusalem to keep the peace. The ancient reports about him portray him as cruel and ruthless. The scene occurs inside Pilate's headquarters and features a conversation between him and Jesus about Jesus' identity as King of the Jews. If Jesus claims to be a king, he could be executed as a rebel against the Roman Empire. When Jesus explains that his kingship is not an earthly, political kingship and that his real mission is to testify to the truth (that is, to reveal his heavenly Father), Pilate fails to grasp the nature of Jesus' kingship or the nature of truth. At the centre of John's account of Jesus' trial story is the irony that the one who is mocked as "King of the Jews" really is the King of the Jews to the eyes of faith. Pilate stands before Jesus and asks, "What is truth?" Speaking in London in 2019, Lord Hall, director-general of the BBC, warned that the world is facing "the biggest assault on truth since the 1930s." Comparing the spread of fake news to Nazi propaganda in the build-up to the Second World War, he said "An assault on truth is an assault on democracy." Jesus came to testify to the truth. How may we also be witnesses to the truth?



FIRST FORGIVENESS: please keep the children in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey. The children at St Agnes will make their First Forgiveness on Monday 25th November and the children at St Catherine's will make their First Forgiveness on Tuesday 26th November.

ST AGNES SVP MONETARY COLLECTION is taking place after the weekend Masses on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December. Please place any contributions in the offertory basket or through the presbytery door at St Agnes.

ST CATHERINE'S CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION: Could you donate a new toy to a child living in our Diocese and will not be receiving any presents this Christmas? On Sunday 1st December there will be a collection box at the back of church for any unwrapped new toys and these will be given to Caritas to distribute. Caritas is the social action and social justice agency of the Diocese of Shrewsbury which seeks to develop the Church's social mission in the years ahead. Thank you for helping to make Christmas better for children living in our Diocese.

CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB AT ST CATHERINE'S: 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.

CHRISTMAS POST: There will be a "Parish Post" service available which will deliver cards, free of charge, within Hoylake and Meols. Please post your cards in the "PARISH POST" box at the back of St Catherine's from 1st -14th December. If you would be happy to join the volunteers and deliver cards within easy walking distance of your home please email stcathhoylake@gmail.com or post your details through the presbytery letter box.

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

CHAPLAINCY VACANCY at HMP Stoke Heath. For a job description and application information: <https://shorturl.at/VnfXs>. Alternatively, applicants can contact: Mohammed Rahman, Imam & Managing Chaplain, HMP & YOI Stoke Heath, Market Drayton, TF9 2JL Tel : 01630 636175. Quoting Ref: 92268 - Roman Catholic Ordained Priest/ Deacon, Religious Brother, Sister, Lay Person Closing date: 13/12/2024.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for **volunteers** in the Shrewsbury Diocese to deliver school assemblies and workshops to inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

WIRRAL AGE UK DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES: places available at the Flourish Wellbeing Hub, Victoria Central Hospital and at Age UK Wirral's Wellbeing Hub, Bromborough. For information please contact John Edgar on 07552 532719 / e-mail johnedgar@ageukwirral.org.uk

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 ITEMS: cereal, tinned vegetables, custard, pasta sauce and tinned fruit. The 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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