



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 10: 35-45)**

**Day of Special Prayer for World Missions**

WEEK COMMENCING 20 <sup>th</sup> October			Church	Intentions
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Bentall (RIP)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Denys Clarke (anniversary)
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Matthew Allen
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Monica Kelly
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John Farrington (RIP)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	World Peace
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Tom Constantine
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Kathy Anderson (RIP)
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Elizabeth Phipps (RIP)

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Kathy Anderson, Terence Brown, Nora Donougher, Irene Lewis, Catherine Morgan and Jack Younger.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Pauline Hall, Joan Minshall and Mgr Peter Walton.

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

**ONLINE MASS VIA ZOOM:** from this Sunday we will no longer be streaming Mass from St Catherine's. The livestream of Mass began during Covid to enable us to remain connected as a community. We are now exploring different ways for the sick and the housebound to share in our Sunday Liturgy.

**ROSARY** at St Agnes at 7pm will be on Monday 21st October, 11th November and 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:** Following Jesus' most explicit prediction of his suffering, the apostles James and John skip any thought of suffering and seem to think that there is going to be some kind of messianic coup. Convinced their leader will prevail, they are already considering the administration of the new regime; they lobby for first and second cabinet post. We can almost feel Jesus' weariness and exasperation as he listens to the request of the Zebedee brothers. Instead of granting their request, Jesus challenges them to drink the cup he will drink and undergo the baptism he will undergo. Here Jesus evokes the biblical image of the "cup of suffering," (Jeremiah 25:15-29 and the meaning of baptism as death by drowning (Romans 6: 3-4). He affirms that James and John will suffer greatly for their association with Jesus. Nevertheless, he refuses their request on the grounds that assigning such places is not his prerogative to give (which presumably belongs to his Father). Mark closes this programmatic rejection of "politics as usual" with one last recapitulation of power paradox: if the disciples wish to become "great" they must become servants.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER:** Today is World Mission Sunday, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity, and action. We are called to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet' for the joy of Christ's Resurrection is a gift meant to be shared with the entire world. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace, and justice to those in need. To donate, use a Missio envelope found at the back of church, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit, and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

**GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Congratulations to Mike and Christine O'Connell on this very special anniversary – they were married at St Catherine's on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1974.

**CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL:** The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support our local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**NOVEMBER** is the month when we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way through the November List. If you wish to have the names of your deceased loved ones included in the November List please place their names in an envelope and put it through the presbytery door at St Agnes or St Catherine's. Each envelope will be opened and all intentions will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar and any offerings will be put aside for banking. The Remembrance Masses will also be said for the November List.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE:** Fr David will be offering Mass to remember loved ones who have died in the past year on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at St Agnes and on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm at St Catherine's. Names of loved ones will be read out at Mass and a candle will be lit for each person. Please place names of loved ones in an envelope and put it through the respective presbytery door.

**ST AGNES' CHARITY STAMP COLLECTION** is stopping as the charity no longer wants used stamps. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their used stamps over the years.

**SHOEBOX APPEAL:** the annual appeal for children's gift shoeboxes at Christmas will be starting on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Boxes will be available at the back of church and will need to be returned by Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Boxes can be made for children of any age or could be for a family. For further information, please ring Marianne on 0151 625 5158.

**RETRouvaille MARRIAGE PROGRAMMES:** You can help your marriage - are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue...or have you stopped talking all together? **Retrouvaille** helps married couples through difficult times. Register now for the next programme starting 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> November. Please call 0788 7296983 or [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)



**FOODBANK ITEMS \*NEW LIST\*:** cereal, tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned spaghetti and custard. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church.



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