



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 10:46-52)**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 12:28-34)**

WEEK COMMENCING 27 <sup>th</sup> October			Church	Intentions
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)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Requiem Mass: Nora Donougher	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Jim Keaton
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Eugene Gillian (RIP)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	7.00pm	Mass: All Saints	St Catherine's	Private Intention (TM)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	9.15am	Mass: All Saints	St Agnes	Grillo Luigina
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	10.00am	Mass: All Souls	St Agnes	Ed Willmott
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Cecilia Smart
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Anne McManus (RIP)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	John Pinder (anniversary)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	12noon	Mass	St Catherine's	Tony Welsh/Will Reynolds
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	World Peace
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Kathy Anderson (RIP)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention (TM)
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention (LW)
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Liz Kay

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

**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.**

**WE WELCOME** Otilie Davies to our Parish Community following her baptism at St Agnes last Sunday.



**ONLINE MASS VIA ZOOM:** we will no longer be streaming Mass from St Catherine's. We are exploring different ways for the sick and the housebound to share in our Sunday Liturgy.

**ROSARY** at St Agnes at 7pm will be on 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.

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**FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Jericho was the last stop on the route to Jerusalem, the city of David. It would have been a popular place for the city's beggar population. The odds were good that the pilgrims going to Jerusalem would have the mood and means to give alms. It is here that Jesus and the disciples meet Bartimaeus, the destitute blind man. There seems to be an implied class contrast between the discipleship of Bartimaeus and the non-discipleship of the rich man we encountered in the gospel two weeks ago (10:17-30). The rich man could not give away his fortune, but poor Bartimaeus throws away his cloak, his sole element of livelihood (beggars spread out their cloaks to receive alms). The one at the top of the social scale rejected a direct call, but the one at the bottom does not even wait for a call, springing up and "followed him along the road" (10:52). There is also a devastating contrast with the gospel last week. Jesus asked James and John, "What do you want me to do for you?" To the beggar's petition, Jesus responds with exactly the same words. But how different the requests! James and John wanted status and privilege; the beggar simply "let me see again." Only if the disciples (and us!) renounce our thirst for power and status – in a word, only if we recognize our blindness and seek true vision – can the adventure of discipleship carry on.

**ST CATHERINE'S WINTER WRAP UP APPEAL:** could you help donate any winter coats you no longer need, a new duvet or any toiletries? Your donations will be passed on to the team at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leasowe who will distribute them to those in need on the Wirral. Items can be dropped off at St Catherine's every Sunday (before or after 9am mass).

**LIVERPOOL BACH COLLECTIVE:** Evening Prayer and Cantata on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 6.30pm at St Michael and All Angels, Woodchurch. The cantata is based on the Sunday Gospel.

**UPTON HALL SCHOOL FCJ ANNUAL MASS:** Upton Hall School's Annual Mass will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 11am at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. This is an annual celebration where the school welcomes all members of the Upton community, past, present and hopefully future. They would love to see as many of you as possible!

**CAKE SALE:** The Youth of St Catherine's and St Agnes will be selling cakes in aid of The Heart Foundation and Climbers Against Cancer at St Catherine's Parish Centre after Sunday 9am mass on 10<sup>th</sup> November. All welcome.

**ST AGNES SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS:** there will be a collection of gifts (new/unwanted) on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> November and a monetary collection on 30<sup>th</sup> November/1<sup>st</sup> December for the SVP after the St Agnes' weekend Masses.

**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 respective presbytery door. All intentions will be placed in a basket at the foot of the altar.

**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. Please place names of loved ones in an envelope and put it through the respective presbytery door.

**LOURDES ACROSS GROUP** is holding a fundraiser on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at Mother India in Hoylake. Tickets are £20. Please contact Tony Murphy 07881656974 or Anna Grainger on 07712299856 for tickets or further information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Carols around the Crib at St Catherine's on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm.



**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 ([stcathhoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathhoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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