



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 1st September 2024 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15,21-23)

WEEK COMMENCING 1 st September			Church	Intentions
Saturday 31 st August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Sunday 1 st September	9.00am	Mass (+ online)	St Catherine's	John & Pamela Kentleton
Sunday 1 st September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 2 nd September	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Bishop Mark Davies Intentions
Tuesday 3 rd September	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Helen Snape (RIP)
Wednesday 4 th September	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Thursday 5 th September	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Helen Lloyd	St Agnes	~
Friday 6 th September	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention (St Martin de Porres)
Saturday 7 th September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 8 th September	9.00am	Mass (+online)	St Catherine's	Richard Oddy (RIP)
Sunday 8 th September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Mary & Tom Constantine

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Janet Dickinson, John Leonard, Helen Lloyd, Marie Mathison, Anthony McDevitt and Richard Oddy.

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER on Thursday 5th September at 10am when the Requiem Mass for Helen Lloyd will take place at St Agnes. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Pauline Hall and Jack Younger.

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

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.

SCRIPTURE GROUP resumes after the summer break on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm in St Agnes' parish rooms.

ROSARY at St Agnes at 7pm will be on Monday 9th September, Monday 30th September, Monday 21st October, Monday 11th November and Monday 9th December.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER: At the request of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, on Sunday 15th September there will be silent Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour at 11.45am following the 10.30am Mass in St Agnes'. This is "to unite the faithful in focusing on the Eucharist in anticipation of the Jubilee Year". The date has been chosen to coincide with the final weekend of the International Eucharistic Congress taking place in Quito in Ecuador and also with the one-day National Eucharistic Congress at Oscott College, Birmingham that weekend.

FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION: Having completed a five-week tour through John 6, the Lectionary returns to the Gospel of Mark with a dispute between Jesus, the Pharisees and some scribes (experts in the law) over rules to assure purity when eating. The issue here is more ritual purity than hygiene. Mark provides an explanation for non-Jews about some of the Jewish customs pertaining to ritual purity. The Pharisees in particular sought to extend some of the rules pertaining to priests in the temple to all Israelites. The target of Jesus' critique here is "the tradition of the elders"—that is, the customs and regulations the Pharisees and scribes were devising to more specifically interpret and apply the Law of Moses. Using the biblical text from Isaiah 29:13, Jesus accuses them of teaching human precepts as doctrines, and putting their traditions above the Law itself. Jesus declares to the crowd that what defiles a person is not what goes into the mouth (food) but what comes out (words and actions). It is not so much what goes into a person that defiles, as it is what comes out of the heart (understood as both intellect and emotion). Thus he places moral purity ahead of ritual purity. The Pharisees' legalism gets in the way of truly following God's law. Sadly, we find similar examples of legalism among Christians today.

ST AGNES AND ST CATHERINE'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES for children who are in our parishes and are in Year 3 and above will begin in October with a Parents' Meeting. Registration forms can be found at the back of each church. Please complete a form and put it in the box in church. Closing date for registration is Sunday 29th September.

PAUSE FOR HOPE 2024 is an ecumenical service for all those suffering from cancer, those caring for family or friends with cancer, and those affected in any way by cancer. This year the service takes place on Sunday 15 September at 3pm in Saint Columba's church, Chester. It is an opportunity to come together to pray and to support one other.

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

THE YEAR OF JUBILEE themed 'Pilgrims of Hope' will be taking place in 2025. Jubilee years have a large focus on the restoration of a just society, liberty from oppression and debt and rest for creation. CAFOD will produce free reflection booklets available from October. Do visit their website for more information: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025>

ST CATHERINE'S CAR PARK: the top level of the car park (by the presbytery and side of church) is going to be used by the crew of a TV Production Company from Monday 2nd September until Friday 18th October (weekdays only 8am-6pm). This area will be coned off. The crew is working on a new series of CBBC's Andy and The Band which will be filmed at Kingsmead School. The Production Company has kindly made a donation to use our car park.

ST JOHN'S MEOLS is holding a jigsaw sale on Monday 2nd September 2pm-4pm.



FOODBANK HARVEST ITEMS: tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat, jam, washing up liquid, deodorant and cereal. 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).

Parish safeguarding representatives: St Agnes: Maria Burchall 07837590284 maria.burchall@gmail.com

St Catherine's: Simon and Kim O'Connell 07711 163922 simonoconnell@outlook.com

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

Diocese of Shrewsbury, a registered charity (NO 234025)