



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

(Luke 23:35-43) Day of Special Prayer for Young People

| WEEK COMMENCING 23 <sup>rd</sup> November |         |                              | Church         | Intentions                |
|---|---------|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>  | 5.30pm  | Mass                         | St Agnes       | Lawrence Edgar            |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>    | 9.00am  | Mass                         | St Catherine's | Parishioners              |
| <b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>    | 10.30am | Mass                         | St Agnes       | Simon Lavin (anniversary) |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November          | 9.15am  | Mass                         | St Agnes       | Mary Whittall             |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November         | 9.15am  | Mass                         | St Catherine's | November List             |
| Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November       | 9.15am  | Mass                         | St Agnes       | In Thanksgiving           |
| Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November        | 9.15am  | Mass                         | St Catherine's | November List             |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November          | 9.15am  | Mass                         | St Agnes       | Kathleen Ramsey (RIP)     |
| <b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | 5.30pm  | Mass: First Sunday of Advent | St Agnes       | Andrew Forsey             |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | 9.00am  | Mass: First Sunday of Advent | St Catherine's | Ann Crisp                 |
| <b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | 10.30am | Mass: First Sunday of Advent | St Agnes       | Parishioners              |

**PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially** Shelagh Cosgrove, Valerie Gordon, Stephanie Gregory, Angela Keaton, Thomas Marsden, Kathleen Ramsey, Ann Saunders and John Tracey.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Mary Burns, Angela Gough, Pauline Hall, Ursula Lambert, Dominic Macqueen, Mary 'Pat' Madden, Marie Mann, Eve Snape, John Stanley and Ben Wills-Eve.

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

**A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION** for both parishes will take place at St Catherine's on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm.

**ADORATION** at St Catherine's is on Wednesdays at 7pm. **SCRIPTURE GROUP** at St Agnes is every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms at St Agnes. **ADORATION** with the Rosary at St Agnes is every Monday 7pm-8pm.

**NOVEMBER** is the month when we remember our deceased loved ones in a special way through the November List.



**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 24<sup>th</sup> November and the children at St Catherine's will make their First Forgiveness on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES LIVING IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION ON WIRRAL:** There are currently over 160 children on Wirral without permanent homes. This Christmas, could you help us support the parishes of Sacred Heart in Moreton and Our Lady of Lourdes in Leasowe with gifts for the children? Could you donate a new pair of children's pyjamas, a selection box or a small gift? Older children and teenagers, in addition to the pyjamas, will receive a gift card of a maximum value of £15 or some toiletries. Could you help with this? Sacred Heart also runs a weekly Hub which provides food, clothing and friendship to the local community. To assist with the running of this Hub, they would welcome any unwanted gifts for raffle and tombola prizes. At the back of each church there will be a collection box for any donations over the next two weekends (23rd and 30th November). Please speak to Angie Aitken at St Agnes or Catherine Clarke at St Catherine's for any further information. Thank you for your support.

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

**VIGIL FOR CHILDREN IN WAR** (focus on Gaza/Palestine/Israel and Sudan) on Wednesday 26th November in St Bridget's Church from 5-6 pm. All are welcome for all or part of the hour.

**75TH ANNIVERSARY DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026:** The Pilgrimage Management Team will be launching the 2026 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November with Mass at 12 noon in Saint Hugh & Saint John in Timperley followed by refreshments and pilgrimage information in the Parish Hall. All welcome.

**WEST KIRBY MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY - DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Come and join us for some Christmas Cheer. "We Need a Little Christmas" West Kirby Musical Theatre Company's Concert at St Agnes' on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from Fran Allen (0151 625 2492), John Phipps (0151 625 4985) or website [www.wkmtc.co.uk/tickets](http://www.wkmtc.co.uk/tickets).

**SAVE THE DATE:** Carols around the Crib at St Catherine's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm.

**MUSIC AT ST AGNES:** "We are always happy to welcome new talent to join our music ministry. We are preparing our Christmas celebrations now, so if anyone would like to join us, please contact Fran 07916 465311 or approach any music minister for details. We usually practice on a Tuesday night 7.30pm till 9pm."

**ST AGNES ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:** the summarised annual accounts for St Agnes are currently displayed on the church noticeboard. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Damian McDonald (07973 838131).

**CHURCHES TOGETHER WEST KIRBY REPRESENTATIVE:** would you like to be a representative for St Agnes? We currently have one dedicated representative and would love to have another person to join the group! You would need to attend a meeting (day time) every three months with representatives from all the churches in West Kirby. Please speak to Fr David for more details.

**CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025:** "Your kindness brought hope when I had none." There will be a collection at Carols around the Crib at St Catherine's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December in support of the Caritas at Christmas Appeal. There is also the opportunity to donate to the appeal during Advent via the donation stations at the back of each church. Thank you for your generosity. Every penny you give goes directly to help those most in need within our Diocese, providing crisis food vouchers, practical support, and the reassurance of care and compassion when it matters most. You can also donate online at: [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) If you know someone in need of assistance, please contact Trish Spencer, Deputy CEO of Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury, Tel: 0151 652 1281, Email: [info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk).

**MARY'S MEALS – DOUBLE THE LOVE:** Mary's Meals' Double the Love campaign is now running, which means that any donations made will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1.1million. You can give hope this Christmas to hungry children, with life changing school meals. Find out more at <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

**NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS:** please visit [www.stagnesandstcatherines.org](http://www.stagnesandstcatherines.org)



**FOODBANK ITEMS:** tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes, packet soup, jam and packet rice. 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](mailto:stcathhoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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