



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 30th November 2025 – The First Sunday of Advent (Matthew 24: 37-44)

WEEK COMMENCING 30 th November			Church	Intentions
Saturday 29th November	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Forsey
Sunday 30th November	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Ann Crisp
Sunday 30th November	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 1 st December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Kathleen Ramsey (RIP)
Tuesday 2 nd December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention
Tuesday 2 nd December	7.00pm	Service of Reconciliation	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 3 rd December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Thursday 4 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention
Friday 5 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Saturday 6th December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Kathleen Ramsey (RIP)
Sunday 7th December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Billy Agnew (anniversary)
Sunday 8th December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Fran & Ray Allen Golden Wedding Anniversary

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Thomas Marsden and Kathleen Ramsey.

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, Veronica McLarney, Eve Snape, John Stanley and Ben Wills-Eve.

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

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.

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 point for any donations this weekend. Please speak to Angie Aitken at St Agnes or Catherine Clarke at St Catherine's for any further information. Thank you for your support.

APPEAL BY EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA: this will take place during Masses on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December. EVC enables desperately poor children in Uganda to attend school, find work and improve their living standards. Children are sponsored through primary and secondary education. In addition to academic studies, the children are taught vocational skills such as carpentry, construction and tailoring. The charity has built two schools in this very impoverished area of the country. Please visit their website on: <https://www.evcuganda.org> to see some of their work.

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

WEST KIRBY MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: 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 12th December at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from Fran Allen (0151 625 2492), John Phipps (0151 625 4985) or website www.wkmtc.co.uk/tickets. Includes a hot drink and mince pies!

CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB at St Catherine's on Sunday 14th December at 5pm. Please come along to sing some carols together (top carpark)! Refreshments will be served following the carols in the side chapel. All very welcome!

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."

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 14th 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 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.

MISSIO: Misson Today 2026 calendars are available at the back of each church. Please do take one.

OUR LADY OF PITY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING: do you have a child starting school in September 2026? Come along to the last open morning of the year on Thursday 3rd December at 9.30am at the main site in Greasby followed by a visit to the Annexe in Hoylake.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2025

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 th December	5pm	St Catherine's
Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 th December	8pm*	St Agnes
Christmas Day: Thursday 25 th December	9am	St Catherine's
Christmas Day: Thursday 25 th December	10.30am	St Agnes

*St Agnes' Christmas Vigil Mass will have carols and reflections before 8pm. Please be seated by 7.30pm.



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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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