



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 – The Third Sunday of Advent (Matthew 11: 2-11)

WEEK COMMENCING 14 <sup>th</sup> December			Church	Intentions
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Reeves
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	David Smith, DFF Smith & Scott families
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Harry & Marj Corkhill
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Hazelhurst Family
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Barbara Majumdar
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention (MM)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention (ET)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Moya & Richard Gladding
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Joseph & Margaret McKinney

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

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Mary Burns, Angela Gough, Pauline Hall, Ursula Lambert, 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. This Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the final Adoration of the year and will recommence on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026. **SCRIPTURE GROUP** at St Agnes will resume in the New Year.

**ADORATION** with the Rosary at St Agnes is every Monday 7pm-8pm.

**APPEAL BY EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA:** Thank you so much for your warm and very hospitable welcome. The amount collected was £1,008.80, a truly exceptional and extremely generous donation. All money collected will go directly towards our projects in Uganda and will make a real and immediate difference to the education and lives of the children. Be assured of the children's prayers. God bless, Phil and Gordon.

**CAROLS AROUND THE CRIB** at St Catherine's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

**ST AGNES' PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD** is available to sign at the back of church. Any donations will be given to CAFOD'S Sudan Crisis Appeal. The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises.

**CHRISTMAS POST:** There is a "Parish Post" service available which will deliver cards, free of charge, within Hoylake and Meols. Please post your cards in the "PARISH POST" box at the back of St Catherine's from now until 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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**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 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).

**SHOEBOX APPEAL:** thank you for your generous donations to this appeal 14 shoeboxes and £30.50 which will help towards transportation of the shoeboxes has been given to Love4U.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND:** 55 packs of Christmas cards were bought this year – thank you so much for your support.

**PRAYING WITH THE POPE:** Pope Leo XIV’s prayer intention for the month of December is for ‘Christians in areas of conflict’. He invites us to pray that Christians living in the midst of war may be seeds of peace. His message can be seen here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2025-11/pope-leo-xiv-december-prayer-intention-christians-conflict-zones.html>

**AGE UK WIRRAL DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES:** the next available course registration date will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026. They are still able to accept the contact details of anyone that may be interested in attending their course between now and then. Places available at Flourish Wellbeing Hub, located within Victoria Central Hospital, Wallasey and at Age UK Wirral's Birkenhead location. For further details please contact AGE UK IT Co-ordinator Karen Kelly on 07517 132233 or [karenkelly@ageukwirral.org.uk](mailto:karenkelly@ageukwirral.org.uk).

**CAFOD DAILY ADVENT REFLECTIONS:** Sign up for daily reflections straight to your inbox. The daily emails began on the first day of Advent and will end on Christmas Day. Sign up here: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray>

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS:** This year, share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD World Gift – from safe water, to school supplies! A meaningful way to bless loved ones and help families overseas. Please have a look at [worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk)

**CHRISTMAS MASSES 2025**

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm	St Catherine’s
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Christmas Day: Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9am	St Catherine’s
Christmas Day: Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	St Agnes

\*Christmas Vigil Mass at St Agnes 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 ([stcathoylake@gmail.com](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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