



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 7th December 2025 – The Second Sunday of Advent (Matthew 3: 1-12) Bible Sunday

WEEK COMMENCING 7 th December			Church	Intentions
Saturday 6 th December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Kathleen Ramsey (RIP)
Sunday 7 th December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Billy Agnew (anniversary)
Sunday 7 th December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Fran & Ray Allen Golden Wedding Anniversary
Monday 8 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Barbara Majumdar
Tuesday 9 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Susan Fallan (sick)
Wednesday 10 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Thursday 11 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention
Friday 12 th December	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Saturday 13 th December	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Reeves
Sunday 14 th December	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	David Smith, DFF Smith & Scott families
Sunday 14 th December	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

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. **SCRIPTURE GROUP** at St Agnes is every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms at St Agnes. The last session before Christmas will be next Thursday 11th December. **ADORATION** with the Rosary at St Agnes is every Monday 7pm-8pm.

APPEAL BY EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA: this will take place during Masses this weekend. 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.

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!

ST AGNES' PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD is available to sign at the back of church.

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THANK YOU for your generous donations to support families living in temporary accommodation on Wirral: With your donations we hope each child will receive a selection box and pyjamas at Christmas. The unwanted toiletries / gifts will be used for homeless families and as tombola prizes. The proceeds of the tombola will be used to provide fresh food including fruit and vegetable parcels to families in need on Wirral.

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 18th December.

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 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.

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>

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY: Thank you so much for your generous contributions to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Your donations in our parish collection and online are helping families like Waré's in Ethiopia. CAFOD's local partners worked with Waré's community to build an underground water tank that now provides safe water for 300 families. Your support this Harvest will help more communities have better access to safe water. You can read more about Ware's story here: cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2025

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24 th December	5pm	St Catherine's
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Christmas Day: Thursday 25 th December	9am	St Catherine's
Christmas Day: Thursday 25 th 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?
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