



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

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## Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (John 1: 29-34) Day of Special Prayer for World Peace

WEEK COMMENCING 18 <sup>th</sup> January			Church	Intentions
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Across Charity - thanksgiving
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Marcus & Ben Darby
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Requiem Mass: Elizabeth Cavendish-Bell	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Private Intention (TM)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Pat & Cathy Molloy & family
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Peace in the world
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Conroy Family
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Jim Forsey
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Kathleen Ramsey (RIP)

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Elizabeth Cavendish-Bell, Michael Cook, Linda Garvey, Betty Hogan and James Mackrill.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers** all those who are sick especially Colin Aspey, Mary Burns, Ursula Lambert, Mary 'Pat' Madden, Marie Mann, John Stanley and Veronica McLarney.

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

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** for Elizabeth Cavendish-Bell when her Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am at St Agnes. Please remember her family and friends.

**ADORATION** at St Catherine's is every Wednesday at 7pm. **ADORATION** with the Rosary at St Agnes is every Monday at 7pm.

**SCRIPTURE GROUP** at St Agnes is every Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Rooms.

**PRAYING WITH THE POPE:** Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of January is to encourage us to 'pray with the Word of God'. Pope Leo invites everyone to join his monthly prayer intentions. His message can be seen here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-01/pope-leo-xiv-january-prayer-intention-pray-with-pope.html>

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND** is this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation online or via the contactless donation stations at the back of each church (please choose the Priests' Retirement Fund tab). To find out more about the Fund and to donate online please go to [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund). Thank you.

**PEACE SUNDAY** is on Sunday 18th January. The Bishops' Conference encourage us all to use Sunday to reflect on the Pope's message for the World Day of Peace on the 1st January. Pope Leo has said that the theme for his message which will be 'Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace'. On Peace Sunday, please support Pax Christi's work which includes promoting nonviolence as a way of resolving conflict, advocacy and campaigning for peace and peace education in schools. You can donate via the envelopes at the back of church or their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/product-category/peace-sunday-appeal/)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CHESHIRE:** A Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Chester Cathedral, CH1 2DY will take place on Sunday 18 January at 5pm. The Guest Speaker will be Bishop Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London. This service brings together believers from many traditions to pray for peace, justice and deeper unity in our communities and our world. The service will also feature the Chester Taize Choir. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**FEAST OF ST AGNES** is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Please join us in the foyer for a cup of tea after 9.15am Mass at St Agnes.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK:** Churches Together West Kirby is holding a service on Sunday on 25<sup>th</sup> January at St Bridget's at 4pm. The speaker is Rev Paul McMichael with the theme: 'Do you believe' John 11:26.

**ST AGNES SVP:** a collection will take place for the St Agnes SVP Conference after the weekend Masses on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please place any contributions in an envelope marked 'SVP' in the offertory basket or through the presbytery door at St Agnes. Thank you for your support.

**A CEILIDH** for both parishes is taking place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at St Agnes Parish Hall. Bring your dancing shoes and a bottle of something. Doors open 7.00pm. Tickets are £5 available on the door or prior to the evening from Chris Goldring or Geraldine Swift at St Agnes or Tony Murphy at St Catherine's.

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES** are taking place in February and March (two consecutive Saturdays). Please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

**HOUSEKEEPER VACANCY:** A vacancy has arisen for a Housekeeper at St Anne's presbytery, Rock Ferry for 12 hours per week £13.45 per hour. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, email [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) by Friday 20 February. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

**ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE'S AGM** is on Thursday 22nd January 2026 at 1pm at Asylum Link in Liverpool. Please email [info@asylumlink.org.uk](mailto:info@asylumlink.org.uk) if you would like to attend. They are also hosting a Spring Extravaganza Fundraising Dinner on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm-11pm at Ullet Road Church Hall, Liverpool. Tickets are £50 per person and can be booked via the St Anne's Centre. Further details on the noticeboard at the back of each church.



**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.



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