



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 25th January 2026 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 4: 12-23)

Day of Special Prayer for Openness to the Word of God

WEEK COMMENCING 25 th January			Church	Intentions
Saturday 24th January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Christine Forsey
Sunday 25th January	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 25th January	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Kathleen Ramsey (RIP)
Monday 26 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Welsh Family Intentions
Tuesday 27 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Michael Baker
Wednesday 28 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	J Williams (sick)
Thursday 29 th January	12.00pm	Requiem Mass for Michael Cook	St Agnes	~
Friday 30 th January	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Marilyn Fardoe (RIP)
Saturday 31st January	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 1st February	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Lil Walsh, Angela Duffy, John Oddy (RIP)
Sunday 1st February	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Brian Shirley

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

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Colin Aspey, Michael Baker, 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 Michael Cook when his Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 29th January at 12noon at St Agnes. Please also pray for James Mackrill whose Funeral Service will take place on Monday 2nd February at 11am at St Catherine's. Please remember their 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. A member of the Rosary Group will be taking the Intentions in the basket to Lourdes.

SCRIPTURE GROUP at St Agnes is every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Parish Rooms.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND: With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. St Catherine's will hold a second collection after Mass this Sunday (25th January). 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. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK: Churches Together West Kirby is holding a service this Sunday 25th January at 4.30pm at St Bridget's. The speaker is Rev Paul McMichael from Riverway with the theme: 'One Body, one Hope and Light.' All very welcome.

ST AGNES SVP: a collection will take place for the St Agnes SVP Conference after the weekend Masses on Saturday 7th February and Sunday 8th 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 7th 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.

MARRIAGE WEEK 7th – 14th FEBRUARY 2026: Marriage Week is an annual celebration offering the opportunity to support and promote marriage and family life. Jane Deegan the Director for Marriage and Family Life Vocation is seeking to build a team of volunteers to support this vital ministry in the Diocese. Two Retreat days have been run to date with another being arranged for April 2026. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity and/or would like to find out more please contact: Monika Golembiewska: monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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Resources for couples and parishes can be found on the Bishops' Conference website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/marriage-week> A link to these resources has also been created on the Shrewsbury Diocese website.

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 by Friday 20th February. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

WORLD LEPROSY DAY is this Sunday 25th January 2026. It aims to raise awareness of a disease that many people think no longer exists. Each year 200,000 people are diagnosed with leprosy and there are millions more who are living with the damaging consequences of delayed leprosy treatment because of the stigma that still surrounds the disease. St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG), which is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity, has been caring for people with leprosy for over 130 years. Find out more about the work of St Francis Leprosy Guild by visiting their website: <https://www.stfrancisleprosy.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) or St Agnes (stagneswestkirby@gmail.com).

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