



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 1st March 2026 – Second Sunday of Lent (Matthew 17: 1-9)

WEEK COMMENCING 1 st March			Church	Intentions
Saturday 28th February	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Bridget Tinsley
Sunday 1st March	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Joan Wilkins (RIP)
Sunday 1st March	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 2 nd March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Andrew Wheelton
Tuesday 3 rd March	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Vocations to the priesthood & consecrated life
Wednesday 4 th March	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Frances McAlhoon (RIP)
Thursday 5 th March	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 6 th March	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Friday 6 th March	12.00pm	Funeral service for Mary Gavin	St Catherine's	~
Friday 6 th March	2.00pm	World Day of Prayer Service	St Catherine's	~
Saturday 7th March	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Patricia Collins Morgan
Sunday 8th March	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	In memory of Cath Cotter
Sunday 8th March	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Margaret Cook, Mary Gavin, Fr Paul O'Grady, Mary Shannon and Elizabeth Tobin.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Colin Aspey, Michael Baker, Mary Burns, Elizabeth Campbell, Martha Deehan, Pauline Hall, Ursula Lambert, Mary 'Pat' Madden, Marie Mann, Veronica McLarney, John Percy and Anton Wills-Eve.

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

PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER for Mary Gavin whose funeral service will take place on Friday 6th March at 12noon at St Catherine's. Please also remember Margaret Cook whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday 23rd March at 10.30am at St Agnes and Mary Shannon whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 24th March at 9.15am at St Agnes. 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.

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

LENT LUNCHES: every Friday in Lent from 11.30am until 12.00pm followed by a soup and roll lunch. Dates: Friday 6th and 20th March at St Hildeburgh's and Friday 13th March at St John's.

CAFOD LENT APPEAL – FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION: In Lent, we are invited to live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope at the back of church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10. Thank you.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will take place on Friday 6th March at 2pm at St Catherine's. The World Day of Prayer is an international, women-led, ecumenical movement that shares the hopes, concerns, and prayers of women from around the globe. Each year, women from a different country craft a service, sharing their unique spiritual journey and culture. For 2026, the women of Nigeria have created a service that speaks to our need for peace and solace, drawing on their faith and experiences in a world filled with struggles and anxieties.

ST CATHERINE'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday during Lent from 6th March at 7pm.

CHURCHES TOGETHER WEST KIRBY - STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Tuesday 3rd March at 11am at St Agnes, (refreshments at 10.30am). Tuesday 10th March will be at St Andrew's in West Kirby at 11am and will alternate church each week during Lent.

DAY OF REFLECTION: A date for your diary. On Saturday 7th March Fr Neill Robb from St Werburgh's Chester will lead a Day of Reflection at St Winefride's in Neston – "Prefer nothing for the Love of Christ". There will be a talk at 11am, Immensity of God's love for us followed by Mass at 12 noon. Then at 4pm there will be a second talk, Conversion of Life (our love for Christ).

A SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION for both parishes will take place on Monday 16th March at 7pm at St Catherine's.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND: join their Lent prayer circle where each week they will share a unique story from a Christian in the Holy Land and their personal prayer request. You can sign up by visiting: www.friendsoftheholylake.org.uk/pray

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: During April 2026 the SVP Conference at Holy Apostles and Martyrs', Wallasey will be running another series of its successful programme called "At a Loss". It is designed to provide support for people who are grieving because of the death of a loved one. The seven-session programme aims to provide a safe space for people who have experienced a bereavement recently or in the past. Sessions are guided by trained facilitators, to help people to explore steps to promote the path to recovery. The sessions will be held in Wallasey Village. If you feel this programme would be helpful to you or someone you know, please telephone, in confidence, 07894 240 469 or email recovery_hamsvp@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGES: Sadly the Lourdes charity Across has now closed and there will be no further pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance. Tony Murphy would like to thank all those associated with the Chester Across Group since he organised it in 1994 and more recently the Wirral Across Group. Thank you to all for your support. Pope Leo has declared 2026 as a Jubilee Holy Year for St Francis. Maria Fryer from St John's, New Ferry is organising a special pilgrimage to Assisi on 28th June to 3rd July. The cost is £995 and 20 people are required to make the pilgrimage viable. If you would like to know more, please see the poster at the back of church or telephone Maria on 07576 243343.



FOODBANK ITEMS: tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, custard and shampoo. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. **ST CATHERINE'S LENT APPEAL:** can you help with any of the following items each week during Lent: Sunday 1st March: tin week (soup, meat, vegetables, custard, fish), Sunday 8th: pasta and rice week, Sunday 15th: toiletries week, Sunday 22nd: Easter treat week. Thank you for your support.



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

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