



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Third Sunday of Easter (Luke 24: 13-35)

WEEK COMMENCING 19 <sup>th</sup> April			Church	Intentions
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Vera Hawthorne (anniversary)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Sheila Wright (anniversary)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Requiem Mass for Jennifer Bullen	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Ray and Ed O'Neill (anniversaries)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Peter Milnes (RIP)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Frances Bartley	St Catherine's	~
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Julio Menezes
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Shannon (RIP)
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Betty Blackburn
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Frances Bartley, Jennifer Bullen, Peter Cunningham, Martha Deehan, Pat Madden and Barbara Sinclair.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Colin Aspey, Michael Baker, Mary Burns, Jack Butler, Elizabeth Campbell, Pauline Hall, Ursula Lambert, Josephine Lyons, Marie Mann, Veronica McLarney, John Percy, Marianne Ryan and Anton Wills-Eve.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those whose anniversaries** occur this month and their families including Vera Hawthorne, Ed O'Neill, Ray O'Neill, Sheila Pugh and Sheila Wright.

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** for Frances Bartley whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11am at St Catherine's. Frances 'Fran' was a much loved daughter of Jane Christley and a long standing member of our parish community. Please remember her family and friends.

**WE WELCOME** Eleanor Cubb-Walsh and Eva Sims who were baptised last Sunday to our parish community at St Catherine's and St Agnes.



**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.

**PRAYING WITH THE POPE:** Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of April is to pray for "priests in crisis". Pope Leo invites Catholics to pray for priests who are facing a personal crisis in their vocation. You can watch his video message here: [www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2026/3/31/popesprayer-aprile.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2026/3/31/popesprayer-aprile.html)

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026:** The Pilgrimage Team is very pleased to announce that bookings are now open for the 2026 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Lourdes. By coach 30<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August and by air 31<sup>st</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August. Brochures can be found on the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) along with a link to the new online booking system.

**SHREWSBURY YOUTH MISSION TEAM JOB VACANCIES:** Two vacancies have arisen within the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team for a Programme Coordinator and Youth Mission Team Member. Further details regarding both posts can be found on the Diocesan Website. <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**ADORE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.00-1.00 online: "SURRENDER TO LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker Geoff Poulter, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. Further details at [https://www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

**PRAY IN MAY WITH MARY'S MEALS:** Mary's Meals – named after Mary, the mother of Jesus – is a mission built on a foundation of prayer. Today more than three million precious children will receive life-changing school meals in 16 of the world's poorest communities thanks to the prayers and generosity of their supporters and volunteers. During the month of May, as we take time to honour and celebrate Our Lady in a special way, please join in praying for the hungry children who rely on their life-changing school meals, and for all the children and families around the world who live in poverty. Visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay) to access their prayer resources.

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT:** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711.

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY:** Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com)

**RIVERWAY CHURCH, WEST KIRBY** is hosting a series of free practical Christian themed workshops on relaxation and rest. Sessions on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 11am-12noon. Registration at 10.50am. If you would like to lie down for the session, please bring a blanket or sleeping bag. For further information, please see [riverway.org.uk](http://riverway.org.uk) or call 07708 115977.

**WIRRAL FOODBANK:** tinned fruit, tinned potatoes, tinned custard, sanitary towels and shampoo. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. 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](mailto:stcathoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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