



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter (John 14: 1-12)

WEEK COMMENCING 3 <sup>rd</sup> May			Church	Intentions
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Pat Madden (RIP)
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Kathleen Bennett
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Caterina Santocchi (RIP)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Thanksgiving
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Shannon
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Fiona Wright (RIP)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Private Intention
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Rita and Aldo Verrico
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Pat Madden (RIP)

**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.

**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.

**RETREAT DAY AT ST JOSEPH'S, UPTON:** Come to St Joseph's on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for a day of reflection on the role and example of St Joseph in our spiritual lives. The day begins at 9.45am with Morning Prayer, followed by two talks given by Mrs Jane Deegan, Diocesan Director for Marriage and Family Life, and Fr Joseph Fawcett-Wood. There will be Mass, Adoration, Confession, and the Rosary. The day will conclude with the crowning of Our Lady at about 3.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided. All welcome.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD:** There will be Mass on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am at St Catherine's and at 7pm at St Agnes.

**BBC'S SONGS OF PRAISE SING GOSPEL (FREE EVENT):** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - recording at 7pm (doors open from 5.30pm). An invitation to come and join BBC Songs of Praise at Liverpool Olympia celebrating the joy and power of Gospel music with very special guests and plenty of opportunity to lift your voice and your spirits! There is no minimum age for entry, all ages are warmly welcomed but children aged 17 and under must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Venue: Liverpool Olympia, West Derby Road, Liverpool, L6 9BY. Tickets can be obtained at no cost by following this [link](#).

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**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY** is holding a day of reflection on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Shrewsbury Cathedral Chapter House. The day will include reflections from Father Sean Henry and Dr Kieran Moriarty. There will also be Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . All Hospitality members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**PENTECOST TWO CATHEDRALS MARCH, LIVERPOOL:** 'Many voices, One faith.' The Churches of the Liverpool City Region invite you to join together as we celebrate Pentecost with a march from Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral to Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. We will be gathering for this family friendly event at 3pm on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May on the plaza outside the Metropolitan Cathedral before walking together along Hope Street to the Liverpool Cathedral. We will be welcoming people from many different cultures and backgrounds to participate in this symbol of Christian unity and togetherness. The march finishes at the Anglican Cathedral with family friendly activities and numerous stalls from local charities advertising their work. All welcome!

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS 2026** will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 12 noon at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. If you are celebrating a special wedding anniversary in 2026 or were married within the last year you can apply for an invitation from the Bishop. Please send your details to the parish office including names, address and which anniversary you are celebrating.

**PARISH RETREAT DAY** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 10am-4pm: This is a day for both parishes at Sister of the Way Convent, 24 Abbey Road, West Kirby, CH48 7EP. There are six places available for each parish. If you would like to attend, please contact Phoebe in the parish office.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 9am at St Catherine's to celebrate 100 years of the laying of the first foundation stone of the church (1926-2026). Bishop Mark will be joining us on this special occasion.

**ST CATHERINE'S CENTENARY:** Did you know that Mass was once said in a bungalow on the corner of Grove Road before the building of St Agnes in West Kirby which was the closest catholic church to Hoylake? Parishioners would walk along the railway line from Hoylake (there were no trains on a Sunday) to attend Mass at St Agnes (which opened in 1897). West Kirby parish records from 1907 show that funds were beginning to be raised for a 'new church in Hoylake'. Do you have any photos or stories of St Catherine's you could share for a summer exhibition? We would love to hear from you. Please do get in touch with the parish office.

**ST AGNES ROSARY:** All intentions placed in the Rosary Basket will be taken to Lourdes towards the end of May. These petitions will be placed near the statue of Our Lady, as a sign of entrustment to her intercession.

**GIVING:** If you would like to set up a regular standing order to St Agnes or St Catherine's, SVP or CAFOD please do contact the parish office for further information. This is an invitation only, please do not feel under any pressure to give.

**CAR PARKING:** Please do consider our neighbours and fellow parishioners who have difficulty walking and need to park closer to church to attend Mass.

**WIRRAL FOODBANK:** tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding and tea. 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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