



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 17th May 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter (John 17: 1-11)

Day of Special Prayer for World Communications

WEEK COMMENCING 17 th May			Church	Intentions
Saturday 16 th May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 17 th May	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Sheila Pugh
Sunday 17 th May	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	A and JW
Monday 18 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Patricia Collins-Morgan (Eden Flowers)
Tuesday 19 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Pat Madden (RIP)
Wednesday 20 th May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Marianne Ryan
Thursday 21 st May	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Bereavement Care Team: Christ the King & Our Lady, Liverpool
Friday 22 nd May	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Ray O'Neill
Saturday 23 rd May	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Teresa Stapleton
Sunday 24 th May	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Frances Bartley (RIP)
Sunday 24 th May	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, Geoff Harrop, Pat Madden and Pat Wickens.

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 – 8pm (except on bank holidays).

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



ST AGNES' FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME: We welcome seven children and their families on Saturday 16th May at 11am for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Please keep the children in your prayers. Thank you to our catechists and parents for all they have done in preparing the children for this sacrament. There will be a Parish Celebration the following day at the 10.30am Sunday Mass. Refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass – all very welcome!

THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY: The theme for this year's World Day of Social Communications, chosen by Pope Leo, is 'Preserving Human Voices and Faces'. "In today's communication ecosystems, technology influences interactions more than ever before – from algorithms curating news feeds to AI authoring entire texts and conversations." You can read Pope Leo's message on the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales website here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-leos-message-for-world-communications-day-2026/>

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PARISH RETREAT DAY Saturday 20th 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. Cost is by donation. If you would like to attend, please contact Phoebe in the parish office.

BBC'S SONGS OF PRAISE SING GOSPEL (FREE EVENT): Tuesday 19th 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 email: info@lostintv.com or by following this [link](#).

OXFAM WEST KIRBY is looking for volunteers! Could you spare some time to help in the shop on Grange Road, West Kirby? One of our St Agnes parishioner's Paul Marks is the new manager and he needs your help. Pop into the shop to have a chat to Paul or further information can be found online: <https://www.oxfam.org.uk/get-involved/> Paul will be at coffee after the Parish Celebration Mass on Sunday, please look out for him with his Oxfam badge and have a chat!

PRAYING WITH THE POPE: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of May is to pray "that everyone might have food". Pope Leo invites Catholics to pray that everyone might have food, as he highlights how millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger while so much food is wasted. You can watch his video message here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-a60VaSe3tY>

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA TO THE DIOCESE: In the last week of May, our diocese is hosting the relics of St Gerard Majella on their tour of England and Wales. This is to mark St Gerard's 300th anniversary. He was a Redemptorist lay-brother from Southern Italy who died at 29. There will be four locations across the Diocese; Shrewsbury Cathedral, Chester, New Brighton, and Stockport. Please see the poster at the back of each church for details. St Gerard is popularly invoked as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession.

WIRRAL COASTAL WALK FOR THE SVP: On Sunday 7th June, Simon Latters, who was received into the Church at Easter, will be walking the Wirral Coastal Walk for the SVP together with 2 of his sons, Ewan (13) and Rory (10), from New Brighton as far as West Kirby (about 10 miles). If anyone would like to sponsor them, forms will be available after Mass in St Agnes' and St Catherine's on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May. Thank you in advance for your support.

ST CATHERINE'S CENTENARY - SAVE THE DATE: Join us on Sunday 12th July at 9am at St Catherine's to celebrate 100 years of the laying of the foundation stone of the church (1926-2026). Bishop Mark will be joining us on this special occasion. 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' PARISH LIBRARY: Do please visit the parish library in the old baptistery where the books have been re-sorted. The main section is what is loosely named 'Spiritual Reading'. If you would like to borrow a book, just write the title in the notebook on top of the shelves, together with your name and the dates when borrowed and returned. There is also a cardboard box of books next to the library – please feel free to take home and keep any of these books.

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

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