



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (John 6: 51-58)

WEEK COMMENCING 7 <sup>th</sup> June			Church	Intentions
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention of Charles Eadsforth Lil Walsh, John Oddy, Angela Duffy Parishioners
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Judy Sherren
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Patricia Wickens (RIP)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Deceased members of Pinder & Devlin families
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Kathleen Fitzgerald (anniversary)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Ana Menezes
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention (MC)
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Marcus Darby (birthday thanksgiving)

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Jennifer Bullen, Mary Edwards, Geoff Harrop, Pat Wickens, Anton Wills-Eve and Lloyd Wolfe.

**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 and Marianne Ryan.

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



**WE WELCOME** Amaury Caldwell and Ivy Harwood to our Parish Community following their recent baptisms at St Agnes.

**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 CATHERINE'S FIRST SACRAMENTS PROGRAMME:** We welcome ten children and their families on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 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 9.00am Sunday Mass. Cake and coffee will be served in the lounge after Mass – all very welcome!

**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 still a few places available. Lunch and refreshments are provided. Cost is by donation. If you would like to attend, please contact Phoebe in the parish office.

**MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS:** On Trinity Sunday Bishop Mark introduced us to Pope Leo's first teaching letter *Magnifica Humanitas* which he explained was about safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. It is a profound document on what it means to be human in this age of rapid technological development, reminding us of our God-given dignity and the importance of working towards the common good. Pope Leo warns against the increased inequality that AI could bring and urges us to put human beings, especially those who are poorest and most vulnerable at the heart of all that we do. He reminds us of our Christian vocation to look beyond the confines of our own interests and commit ourselves to the common good, saying: "For the Christian community, social justice is a concrete way of following Jesus and remaining faithful to the Gospel." He asks us to build a "civilisation of love" and to work together with one another to create a better world, which reflects the Kingdom of God. CAFOD invites you to find out more about the Pope's message for us today and how you can respond to this call. Visit their website for more information: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/magnifica-humanitas-explained> Professor Anna Rowlands, a theologian and Professor at the University of Durham was one of the speakers at the presentation and she calls the Magnifica Humanitas 'a gift to the world'. If you have a few minutes, do watch this video of Professor Rowlands explaining in more detail: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/magnifica-humanitas-is-a-gift-to-the-world-says-professor-anna-rowlands/>

**NEW DIOCESAN WEBSITE:** To mark the Diocese's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a new website has been launched for the Diocese of Shrewsbury. The renewed website is not merely a platform for information but offers a window on the life and witness of our Shrewsbury Diocese. The new website can be accessed here: <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/>

**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/>

**ST CATHERINE'S CENTENARY - 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 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.

**BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY:** the next course will be held at Riverway, West Kirby on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7pm - 9pm. Please book by contacting Rev Alex Williams via [office@stbridgets.org.uk](mailto:office@stbridgets.org.uk). Further details at the back of each church.

**WEBELIEVE:** Festival of Catholic Life Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026, St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. The WeBelieve Festival brings the Church together in England and Wales. It is an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to experience the joy of community, and to encounter personally the Lord Jesus, our salvation. Book your tickets at [webeliefefestival.com](http://webeliefefestival.com)

**MISSIO:** The Red Box is 90! For generations the red box has helped missionaries transform lives through faith, compassion and hope. Today as society becomes increasingly cashless and less connected, your support is more important than ever. The Red Box is more than a collection box – it is a reminder that small acts of prayer, sacrifice and generosity can transform lives. Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission. Please visit Missio's website to see how your donations make a difference: <https://missio.org.uk/>

**WIRRAL FOODBANK:** lentils (500g), tinned meat, squash, soya milk and tinned vegetables. 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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