



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 13th September – Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 18: 21-35)

Day of Special Prayer for Education

WEEK COMMENCING 13 th September			Church	Intentions
Saturday 12th September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Anne McManus (RIP)
Sunday 13th September	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Josie Griffiths (RIP)
Sunday 13th September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 14 th September	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Mary Shannon (RIP)
Tuesday 15 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 16 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 17 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 18 th September	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Marianne Ryan (RIP)
Saturday 19th September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Anthony Clinch (RIP)
Sunday 20th September	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Joshua Armitage (RIP)
Sunday 20th September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

PLEASE PRAY for all those who have died recently and their families especially Joshua Armitage, John Callaghan, Anthony Clinch, Trevor Jones, Kevin Kearns, Mary McQuade and Nigel Wills.

PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially Colin Aspey, Tina Aspey, Michael Baker, Jack Butler, Elizabeth Campbell, Pauline Hall, Ursula Lambert, Josephine Lyons, Marie Mann, Veronica McLarney and John Percy.

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



WE WELCOME Lillian Hall, Aria Hensby, Fergus McKenzie, Edward and Max Ibbotson and Reeva Koltuniak to our Parish Community following their recent baptisms at St Agnes and at St Catherine's.

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.

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC OR WISHING TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Please contact Phoebe in the Parish Office with your name and contact details. There will be an introductory meeting on Monday 21st September at 7pm (location to be confirmed but it will be at St Agnes or St Catherine's).

PRAYING WITH THE POPE: Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for the month of September is for "the care of water." The Pope prays that water may be a "source of fruitfulness, freshness, and hope," and recognizes that water is "a right without borders." <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2026-09/pope-leo-xiv-prayer-intention-september-care-of-water.html>

ST AGNES AND ST CATHERINE'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMMES for children who are in our parishes and are in Year 3 and above will begin this Autumn. Registration forms can be found at the back of each church. Please complete a form and put it in the box in church. Closing date for registration is Sunday 20th September. St Agnes' Parents' Meeting will take place on Thursday 24th September at 6pm.

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THE DIMENSIONS OF LOVE – FR TOM’S PILGRIMAGE: To mark ten years of priestly ministry, Fr Tom Cunnah (Parish Priest at St Winefride’s in Neston) is undertaking a nine-day, 130-mile thanksgiving pilgrimage across the Diocese of Shrewsbury, from West Kirby to Ludlow and Shining Tor. Along the way, he will be praying for vocations and raising awareness and funds for the work of Caritas supporting families in need. Please follow his journey on Caritas’s Facebook page. If you would like to donate to Caritas, please do so using the QR code found on the leaflets at the back of church or on the donation station.

SEASON OF CREATION: Holy Apostles and Martyrs’ in Wallasey will be hosting a screening of the film ‘People’s Emergency Briefing’ on Friday 25th September 6.30-8.30pm. Hear and discuss the national implications of the climate and nature breakdown, and solutions in faith. This is your chance to see the newly released film, share your thoughts, and connect with others who care. The 50-minute film will combine authoritative scientific content from the Westminster event with reactions from members of the public and some more familiar faces. To book please use this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1994939876874?aff=oddtcreator> There is also a pet blessing at St Alban’s on Saturday 3rd October at 10.30am.

RETREAT 19TH OCTOBER TO 22ND OCTOBER 2026: For some years now a party of parishioners from our parishes have been going on retreat together to The Briery Retreat Centre in Ilkley, West Yorkshire. The Briery is under the patronage of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion, an international congregation founded in Manchester in 1851 by Elizabeth Prout. The theme of this year’s retreat is ‘Finding the Voice of Christ’. Usually, we are joined by another group of parishioners from York who are accompanied by a priest who presides at mass for us. All accommodation is en-suite, lifts are available and the food is excellent. The whole experience is very spiritual but very gentle! Return transport to The Briery is arranged with a local company (two-hour journey). The cost of the accommodation and transport this year is £324.00 per person. They may have some additional places available to us this year if we wish to make use of them. If therefore anyone is interested in joining our party this year, please get in touch with me, Deacon Tony Crisp on 0151 6324058 or on anthonycrisp91@gmail.com.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST: Family Fast day is on Friday 2nd October. Put your faith into action and share the Lord’s love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Please use the CAFOD envelopes in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030.

PAX CHRISTI ENGLAND & WALES GENERAL SECRETARY JOB VACANCY: Are you committed to a world where people can live in peace and without fear of violence? Do you have the skills and experience to voice this message to people at all levels? Details and a job description can be found on their website: <https://paxchristi.org.uk/work-for-us/>

MARRIAGE HELP: Communication failure is a major cause of marital breakdown. 1,000s of couples have found Retrouvaille helped their relationship. Retrouvaille is not counselling but a programme to help married couples work through conflicts more effectively. We focus on helping restore trust and hope. Bookings close on 18th September www.Retrouvaille.org.uk +44 7887 296 983

WIRRAL FOODBANK: cereal, tinned potatoes, tinned fruit, deodorant and toothpaste. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. Thank you for your support. In July the foodbank provided: 1,129 emergency food parcels (326 were for children), supported 591 households, distributed 18,301 kg of food, received 8,010 kg of food donations and purchased 7,300 kg of food.



Do you have any items for the newsletter? Would you like to receive the newsletter electronically each week?
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