



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 12: 49-53)

WEEK COMMENCING 17 <sup>th</sup> August			Church	Intentions
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	John O'Connell
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Richard Gladding (anniversary)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Simon and Kate Lewis & family
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Peter Blackburn (anniversary)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Ms Judith Varley
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Edna and Jack Atherton
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Simon and Kate Lewis & family
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners

**PLEASE PRAY** for all those who have died recently and their families especially Colette Darby, Angela Duffy (St C's), Patricia Gavin and Danny Marks.

**PLEASE remember in your prayers all those who are sick especially** Angela Gough, Pauline Hall and Ben Wills-Eve.

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

**PLEASE PAUSE FOR PRAYER** for Danny Marks when his funeral will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11am at St Agnes. Please remember his family and friends during this time.

**ROSARY AT ST AGNES** is on Monday evenings at 7pm over the summer. All intentions prayed for in the rosary basket will be taken to Lourdes.

**SERVICES OF WORD AND COMMUNION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST OR DEACON:** There will be a training session for parishioners who have expressed an interest in working as part of a team to lead these services when they are required. The same session will be held in each parish and parishioners can attend whichever date is more convenient: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at St Catherine's and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at St Agnes (after the 9.15am Mass). No booking required.

**STEPS OF HOPE:** Thank you for your generous support for Caritas Shrewsbury at St Catherine's on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July and at St Agnes on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. A wonderful total of £777.60 was donated across both parishes. Pete Graham thanks you all for your very warm welcome. For more information on Caritas and its vital work in our community please visit [www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk).

**HOLY APOSTLES & MARTYRS' ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP) – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** In September Holy Apostles & Martyrs' SVP will be running another series of its successful programme called "At a Loss". The seven session programme aims to provide a safe space for people who have experienced a bereavement recently or in the past. Sessions are guided by trained facilitators, to help people to explore steps to promote the path to recovery. If you feel this programme would be helpful to you or someone you know, please contact us, in confidence, by telephone 07894 240 469 or by emailing [recovery.hamsvp@gmail.com](mailto:recovery.hamsvp@gmail.com) or speak to an SVP member.

St Agnes 0151 625 6367 [st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk](http://st-agnes-west-kirby.org.uk) | St Catherine's 0151 632 4388 [stcatherineshoylake.org](http://stcatherineshoylake.org)

**THE SEASON OF CREATION: SEPTEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 4, (FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI):** during this season we are encouraged to pray and engage in community events in order to deepen our relationship with our God, our neighbour and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. **Pope Leo's message on the Care of Creation:** "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience (*Laudato Si'*, 217). In a world where the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the first to suffer the devastating effects of climate change, deforestation and pollution, care for creation becomes an expression of our faith and humanity". From <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/care-of-creation-2025-papal-message/>

### PRAYER FOR CARE OF CREATION

*Father, Lord of all creation, we praise you with all your creatures and the whole universe that comes forth from the work of Your hands. We acknowledge the privilege and responsibility that You give us as stewards of Your creation. In our ignorance we have done damage to our common home and our brothers and sisters are suffering.*

*Through faithfully following your Son guide and direct us to prepare for a better future. Teach us to contemplate You in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of You. Give us the grace to recognise, respect and protect all You have created, using wisely all that you have entrusted to us.*

*Holy Spirit, who first hovered over the dawn of creation and drew order out of the chaos help us to build your kingdom of justice, love, peace and beauty where the poor of the earth are crying out. You, who live and reign, world without end, Amen.*

From <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/prayer-for-the-care-of-creation/>

**BENEDICTION** in honour of Saint Therese of Lisieux is to be held at the Carmelite Monastery in Birkenhead on Sunday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Following the Benediction there will be veneration of the first class relic of St Thérèse and the blessing of the roses. All very welcome.

**JUBILEE EVANGELISATION EVENT:** 'Sharing Hope with a Broken World' with guest speaker Mark Saunders on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am-2.15pm at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. To book email: [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**MARRIAGE HELP:** Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. The next course date is 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. For more information please visit: [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or telephone: 0788 7296983.

**JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS** with Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis. Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. Book a free place here: <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>



**FOODBANK ITEMS:** tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes, packet soup, jam and packet rice. Collection boxes can be found at the back of each church. Thank you. *Did you know that over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to give everyone referred to them a balanced and nutritious three day supply of food.*



**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](mailto:stcathhoylake@gmail.com)) or St Agnes ([stagneswestkirby@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswestkirby@gmail.com)).

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