



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

Parish Priest: Fr David Roberts



Sunday 24th August 2025 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 12:49-53)

Sunday 31st August 2025 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Luke 13:22-30)

WEEK COMMENCING 24 th August			Church	Intentions
Saturday 23rd August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Edna & Jack Atherton
Sunday 24th August	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Simon & Kate Lewis & family
Sunday 24th August	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Parishioners
Monday 25 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Fabio Dias (birthday)
Tuesday 26 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	John Oddy (sick)
Wednesday 27 th August	11.00am	Requiem Mass for Danny Marks	St Agnes	~
Thursday 28 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Catherine's	Special Intention
Friday 29 th August	9.15am	Mass	St Agnes	Diamond Wedding Anniversary: Peter & Gwyneth Morris
Saturday 30th August	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Danny Marks (RIP)
Sunday 31st August	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 31st August	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Special Intention (FD)
Monday 1 st September	1.45pm	Requiem Mass for Colette Darby	St Agnes	~
Tuesday 2 nd September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Wednesday 3 rd September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Thursday 4 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Catherine's	~
Friday 5 th September	9.15am	Service of Word & Communion	St Agnes	~
Saturday 6th September	5.30pm	Mass	St Agnes	Gill Davenport
Sunday 7th September	9.00am	Mass	St Catherine's	Parishioners
Sunday 7th September	10.30am	Mass	St Agnes	Terry McLoughlin

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 Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 27th August at 11am at St Agnes and for Colette Darby when her Requiem Mass will take place on Monday 1st September at 1.45pm at St Agnes. Please remember their families and friends during this time.



WE WELCOME Louis Fraine and Seraphina Silvester to our Parish Community following their baptisms at St Agnes and St Catherine's respectively last weekend.

ROSARY AT ST AGNES is on Monday evenings at 7pm over the summer.

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FR DAVID'S GOSPEL REFLECTION 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: One of the questions put to religious teachers in Jesus's time concerned the number of person (many or few?) who will be saved, that is, those who will share in the great banquet of God's kingdom. In today's gospel Jesus is asked the question, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' Jesus does not answer that question. Instead, he issues a series of sayings and parables that emphasised the difficulty involved in entering God's Kingdom and he stresses the need for constant fidelity and vigilance throughout our lives. Thus, Jesus reminds us that even though God wants all of us to be saved, we all need to work at it. Entry into God's Kingdom is not automatically granted, and so we cannot presume on God's mercy and do nothing by way of response to God's invitation. Will only a few persons be saved? The answer to that question remains hidden with God. The two great attributes of God in the Bible are justice and mercy. Which will prevail at the last judgement depends on God. Today's excerpt from Luke 13 affirms that God wants all persons to enjoy eternal life with him. And it reminds us that entry into God's Kingdom is not automatic. Rather, it requires faith in God, firmness of purpose and sharpness of focus and appropriate actions and constant vigilance. While the invitation to God's banquet is extended to all, we have to act upon it. How many will be saved in the end is a decision that rests with God.

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 26th August at St Catherine's and Monday 22nd September* at St Agnes (after 9.15am Mass). No booking required. *NB This is a change of date from last week's newsletter.

WIRRAL COASTAL WALK FOR THE SVP: The magnificent sum of £1,112.20 was raised for the sponsored walk undertaken in July. £894 of this was gift-aided which will increase the total to £1,335.70. On behalf of all those who will directly benefit from the extra help this money will provide, the SVP would like to thank parishioners for responding so generously to their appeal.

CAFOD'S RESPONSE IN GAZA: Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. They have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. Find out how you can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk.

10th ANNIVERSARY OF LAUDATO SI': Join an online event on Wednesday 3rd September at 7pm to mark the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si', Pope Francis' groundbreaking encyclical on care for our common home. Organized by Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales in partnership with CAFOD, this webinar will reflect on the impact that Laudato Si' has had on the work of the speakers and will examine the spiritual and practical challenges that lie ahead, and the unique role faith communities can play in shaping a just and sustainable future. www.bigmarker.com/cafod/LaudatoSi10

JUBLIEE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE: Join Caritas Social Action Network as they host the Jubilee of Social Justice at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral on Saturday 20th September. There will be Holy Mass at 12noon celebrated by Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP, Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool, followed by a light lunch and an exhibition in the Pontifical Hall.



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.

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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