

**SUNDAY 14th March 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**READING 1** Book of Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23

*The wrath and the mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 136: 106

**O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

**READING II** Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2: 4-10

*You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life**

**GOSPEL:** John 3: 14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

**OFFICE/PRESBYTERY**

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**For your information:**

Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

**www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk**

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## STAY CONNECTED 0151 489 3085

As we continue through further restrictions on our contact with others, we want you to know we are here to chat. We are not trained professionals, but we are a friendly voice on the other end of the phone. If you would like someone to talk to, please call the office number: 0151 489 3085, leave a message and someone will call you at home for a chat. If you would like to volunteer to chat to someone, please let the office know.

## Let's STAY CONNECTED!

(Every Thursday between 18.30 and 21.00 a listening volunteer, Von Corner (qualified mental health nurse) will be available to take your call so you can talk in confidence.

**(Telephone Number 0151 525 7260)**

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**Year B**

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***Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world and proclaim the Good News to the whole of creation.***

NEWSLETTER

## Prayer Requests

### ***For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers***

Lana Achilles, Amy Adair, Joan Arnold, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny, Joanne Baduna, Batey family, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Paul Bullen, Teresa Burke, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Philip Dell, Pauline Dermott, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Cath Fadden, Paula Fitzpatrick, Margaret Flynn, Brian Funnell, Collette Garlick, Euan Gee, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Tom Jones, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Stephen & Sharon Hinckley, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman, Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, John Jones, Kathleen Keenan, Marie Keight, Patrick Kelly, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence, Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Averyll, Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, Doreen McNamara, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris, Norma Mudge, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Pam Nugent, Terry Naylor, Madeline O'Hare, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Joe Townson, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Jim Wilkes, Fr Nicholas Wilde, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

### **Lately Deceased**

Dora Thomas, Cathy Jones, Veronica McCowan, Sally Jones

### **Anniversaries**

Barry Watson, Alfred Patrick Moore, Eddie McLoughlin  
Ann Rowley,



**Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 14th March 2021**

**St Aidan** Parish Volunteers, People of Myanmar/Burma

**St Agnes** People persecuted by their own government and forced to flee their country

***Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass  
Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.  
Thank you for your support during this difficult time.***

## ***Eternal Life***

“God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” ‘Unfortunately, the phrase *eternal life* is often misinterpreted to mean *life in heaven after you die* — as are *kingdom of God* and its synonym, *kingdom of heaven* — so I think we need to find a better rendering. If eternal life doesn't mean “life after death,” what does it mean? Later in John's Gospel, Jesus reduces the phrase simply to *life* or *life to the full*. Near the end of John's account, Jesus makes a particularly fascinating statement in a prayer, and it is as close as we get to a definition: “This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent” (John 17:3). So here, eternal life means knowing, and knowing means an interactive relationship with the only true God and with Jesus Christ.’[1]

To know and to be known; to love and to be loved: these are our deepest longings. When we are with someone who knows us, ‘the eyes of the other receiving me, delighting in me, enjoying me and looking at me – make me feel like **me** and my best me! When we allow ourselves to be perfectly received, to be totally gazed upon by the One who knows everything and receives everything, we are indestructible. From God's side, the gift is total, once and for all and forever. God's face is turned towards us absolutely. It is we who have to learn to return the gaze.’[2] And when we do, we experience eternal life, we ‘touch eternity’ [3]

“God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.” ‘The only thing that separates us from God is the *thought* that we are separated from God. That's all. It's all in our head. We can't be separated from God. When we surrender to that reality, allow it, enjoy it, draw upon it – that's what it means to be saved; that's what it means to have eternal life’ [2]

*Adapted: [1] Brian McLaren [2] Richard Rohr [3] Daniel O' Leary*

## **ST AGNES MISSION BOXES**

Mission Boxes are due to be opened this month.

If you would like your Mission box emptied, please hand it to your collector when the Missio magazine is delivered.

Thank you for your continued support

## IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

Would you like your child to be Baptised?

Are they aged 8 or younger?

If you have already attended a Baptism preparation class/meeting please contact the parish office between 10am- 12noon Monday to Friday on 0151 489 3085.

We will contact all those who are booked to attend a Baptism preparation class/meeting (after Easter) after 8<sup>th</sup> April



## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

### From 12th April:

Baptisms: Single household baptisms can take place with proxy Godparents.

1st Communions: If you have small individual family communions at a weekend Mass time.

### From 17th May

Baptisms: These can proceed with up to 30 people present in Church.

Weddings: These can proceed with up to 30 people present.

1st Communions: If you have individual family communions at a weekend Mass time.

### No earlier than 21st June:

Funerals: All limits removed. Weddings: All limits removed

Baptisms: All limits removed.

**Please note that these dates are provisional and are dependent on government guidelines**

## FIRST COMMUNION

The First communion survey link for 2019/2020 children.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLWD893>

We will keep this year's group (2020/2021) updated as soon as we know more. Please keep an eye on Facebook, the newsletter and messages will also be relayed through schools.



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 13th March -

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Barry Watson, Maureen Funnell, Joseph Patrick Knight

### Sunday 14th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Doreen McKeown, Linda Vaughan

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Terry Kennedy, Bernard Riley

**Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes Church at 11am**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fKfIF9Xut6EjgtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fKfIF9Xut6EjgtQ) .

**Please note livestreamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend these Masses anonymity cannot be guaranteed.**

### Tuesday 16th March

St Agnes Funeral Service 11.30 am - John Cooper

### Wednesday 17th March - Feast of St Patrick, Bishop

St Agnes Funeral Service 12.30pm - Eileen Burgess

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Sheila Evans, Audrey Cousin

### Friday 19th March - Solemnity of St Joseph

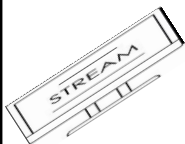
St Agnes Funeral Service 1.45pm - Dora Thomas

### Saturday 20th March

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Maureen Funnell, Joseph Patrick Knight

### Sunday 21st March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Rose Mountain, Dec'd Members of the Keight Family



### Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am from St. Agnes Church.

You can find us on YouTube, the link is

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ)

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,  
If later in the day suits you.

**Please note livestreamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend these Masses anonymity cannot be guaranteed.**

### IMPORTANT HELPLINES

These times are very difficult. There is help available. This list is not extensive, but here are some numbers. Please don't struggle alone!



#### Domestic violence or abuse

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247**
- **The First Step: 0151 548 3333**
- **Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247** Free 24-hour national helpline run by Women's Aid and Refuge.
- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327** Confidential helpline for male victims of domestic abuse.  
**Samaritans: 116 123**  
Call us any time, day or night. Whatever you're going through, you can call from any phone, at any time for free or email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- **Shout:** offers assistance by text 24 hours a day. Text 85258 to speak to a trained volunteer.
- **Childline: 0800 1111** If you're aged under 19, you can contact Childline for advice and mental health support.
- **Drinkline: 0300 123 1110** is the national alcohol helpline, which can be contacted confidentially
- **Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040**
- **Mind, the mental health charity 0300 123 3393** Email: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk).

### Cautious Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

We will once again reopen our churches for public Masses from **Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> March**. **Please note** this is not a return to business as usual. Each church will have a limited number of people who can be in the building.

- Those who are able are encouraged to gather on a weekday rather than a Saturday evening or Sunday, to release the pressure on weekend Masses.
- Social distancing guidelines are still in force.
- Volunteer stewards will be on hand to direct people to benches and to encourage worshippers to maintain reasonable social distancing. Hand sanitising on arriving will continue.
- Votive candles may be lit (but only from a lit candle.)
- Lingering clusters of conversation in the porch or outside the church are to be avoided.
- **FACEMASKS:**  
People coming to Church will have to wear a facemask, which they will be permitted to lower to receive Holy Communion.

We look forward to welcoming you once again!

### Parish Funding During the Coronavirus Lockdown

It is always difficult to approach financial matters, but as you know, the Coronavirus has had far reaching implications, one of which is the significant decrease in monetary contributions to the parish because of Lockdown. If you are not yet able to return to Mass and would still like to make a contribution, please consider the following: We would like to invite those parishioners who normally give to the weekly collection at Sunday Mass, either in envelopes or cash, and feel able to continue to do so, to consider setting up a monthly standing order for an equivalent amount. Please contact us by e-mail ([agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

Text giving is also available for each parish and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Please note all texts cost the amount you donate plus one standard rate message.

#### For St. Aidan

Text [AIDAN](#) to 70085 to donate £2..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70450 to donate £3..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70460 to donate £5..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70470 to donate £10.

#### For St. Agnes

Text [AGNES](#) to 70085 to donate £2..  
Text [AGNES](#) to 70450 to donate £3..  
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