

Sunday 12th July 2020

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

The Word of the Lord shall achieve its purpose.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65:10-14

A prayer of praise to God for his abundance.

Second Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Together with all of creation, we await God's redemption.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

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Sunday 12th July 2020

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission Statement of the Archdiocese of Liverpool

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

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny, Joanne Baduna, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Cath Fadden, Margaret Flynn, Philip Gallagher, Collette Garlick, Janine Garvey, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmondson, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman, Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, Eileen Joyce, 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, Mary Lydiat, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Sr Maureen McCollum, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougale, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Deacon Joe Morgan, Aidan Morris, Fr. Simon, 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, Chrissie Pearce, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Bernard Riley, Ste Rimmer, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Philip Simmins, Bob Singleton, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Maggie Steward, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow.



Lately Deceased Irene Carmichael (Reeny), Brian J. Fisher

Anniversaries Kenneth Vaughan, John Edward Denham, Arthur Brown

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 12th July 2020

St Aidan - End to racial discrimination.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th July—St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe

St. Agnes 5.30pm— Christopher & Norah Lloyd, Parishioners

Sunday – 12th July– Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am - Joanne Baduna, Oppressed minorities around the world

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am— Austin Riley, Tony Kehoe

Monday - 13th July -

Tuesday – 14th July

Wednesday—15th July

St Agnes Mass 7.30 p.m.— Joan Moran, All those facing further restrictions in an effort to contain the spread of Covid-19

Thursday 16th July—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Friday– 17th July

St Aidan 12 noon— Kay Walters, St. Aidan's Parish club staff.

Funeral Service — Teresa Elizabeth Husselbury (Springwood Crematorium)

Saturday 18th July

St. Agnes 5.30pm —Bobby Kelly , Parishioners

Sunday – 19th July– Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am —Peggy Coyne, Courage to speak out against injustice

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am— Brenda McArdle , Parish Volunteers

We already have a number of Mass intentions for Masses that were already scheduled, but if you would like a Mass said, please will you contact the Parish



Men's Rites of Passage

A 5-day life-changing program for men devised by Richard Rohr OFM which has been undertaken by over 5000 men across the world.

This is not about religion, but about spirituality. About age-old traditions that guide men into manhood. About coming to trust that there is something much greater at work in your life than you could ever imagine. Taking you sometimes OUT of your comfort zones, but more deeply back into your own life. You may find yourself mentally, intellectually, emotionally or spiritually challenged. This is part of the experience for some men: it may feel risky or uncomfortable; you may not always feel in control. Throughout the 5 days you will be held by an experienced team of male elders who have all previously undertaken the Rites themselves. As the Elders take you through the process of the Rites you will experience drumming, ritual, fire, silence, small groups, wilderness, solo-time, teaching . . . and more. The Men's Rites of Passage are suitable for men of all colour, age, sexuality, ethnicity and faith tradition (or no faith); men with more severe physical disabilities are asked to provide more details of their restrictions during the application process and we will provide further advice.

<http://www.malejourney.org.uk/rites> or speak to Fr. Richard Sloane or Fr. Anton

MARY'S MEALS

Every year we collect school backpacks for the Mary's Meal's Project. Items can be donated over the summer holidays at church. This will be the eighth year our parish will be participating and so far we have sent over 1,000 completed backpacks abroad (Malawi). Good quality second-hand items are ideal and many schools see this as a great recycling opportunity, while new items can be found in most supermarket value ranges. Complete backpacks and individual items are gratefully received! You also have the opportunity to feed a child for an entire school year by donation just £13.90.

If you would like to have more information about the Backpack Project please check the parish website or google <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

Thanks in advance for your support

Car Parking

Please pay attention to parking on the streets during Mass. Often cars are parked which makes it impossible for wheelchair users and prams to pass safely on the pavement. Residents also need to access their driveways with ease.

Thank you for your consideration .



Nugent Care

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the office.

They are also collecting any type of currency (coins or notes) including old English and Euros. The money is then sorted, bagged and sent to a coin exchange.

www.wearenugent.org

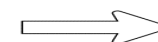
Parish Funding During the Coronavirus Lockdown

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) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

**For more ways of contributing please check the next page*



Cautious Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

The Archbishop will give permission for churches to re-open for Mass and other public services beginning on **Monday 6th July** under the strict conditions, some of which are set out below for the prevention of infection and the protection of those attending.

Permissions will be reversed should rates of infection rise. This is not a return to business as usual.

Each church will have a limited number of people who can be in the building. If there is more than one church in a parish it is advisable to just get one ready at this time.

- The vulnerable should carefully consider the wisdom of returning to Mass too soon. They are not obliged to do so. The Sunday obligation has not been re-instated.
 - Those who are able might be encouraged to gather on a weekday rather than a Saturday evening or Sunday, to release the pressure on weekend Masses. Fr Anton will let you know the arrangements for weekday Masses.
 - Social distancing guidelines are still in force. Volunteer stewards are required to be on hand to direct hand sanitising on arriving and leaving, to direct people to benches and to encourage worshippers to maintain reasonable social distancing.
 - Votive candles may be lit (but only from a lit candle.)
 - Single use newsletters, Mass sheets, or other papers may be used but must be taken home.
 - Only the priest should be on the sanctuary – without deacons, servers, readers etc.
 - There will be no Sign of Peace.
 - There will be no singing.
 - There should be no handshakes or hugs etc. after services.
 - Collections should be in a basket on the way in or the way out.
- Lingering clusters of conversation in the porch or outside the church are to be avoided.
- To avoid volunteers having to sanitise toilets after each individual use, they must remain closed and only be used in a genuine emergency.

FACEMASKS:

- People coming to Church will have to wear a facemask, which they will be permitted to lower to receive Holy Communion.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Holy Communion will be given as the Sacred Host only.

- Holy Communion will be distributed ***after the final dismissal of the Mass***

The words: “The Body of Christ. Amen” will only be said once at the beginning of distribution. They are not to be repeated for each communicant.

Communicants will be directed to approach the altar and then leave the church directly after receiving Holy Communion ***without returning to their benches.***

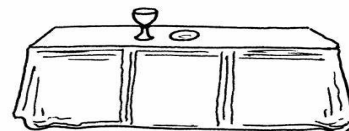
Parishioners should avoid bringing shopping or other large personal items to church in order to avoid returning to their places after receiving.

- Volunteer stewards will moderate the flow of those queuing for Holy Communion.
- Communicants are instructed to approach with arms outstretched in order to maintain a reasonable distance from the minister.
- Reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is not permitted.

Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands. If contact happens the minister is to pause and sanitise his hands.

- Communicants should deliberately step to one side and then place the Sacred Host in their mouth and then follow directions to leave the church.

It is important to note, that while the 6th July has been given as a start date, there are many conditions to meet before a church can be re-opened. We will endeavour to do so as close to the 6th as possible, but we will keep you informed when we ourselves know a specific date. Once all is in place to open safely, there will be further information regarding funerals, Baptism's and weddings.



Another New and easy way of contributing to Sts. Aidan and Agnes

Text giving is now 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

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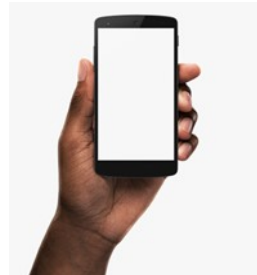
Text **AGNES** to 70470 to donate £10

To opt out of marketing info:

Text AIDANNOINFO or AGNESNOINFO to (select text number for chosen amount).

To receive marketing info:

Text AIDAN or AGNES to (select text number for chosen amount).



Many Thanks for your kind generosity!
Fr. Anton Fernandopulle



Good soil

The parable of the sower and the seed is very familiar to us as are the various interpretations of the nature of the soil which symbolise the state of our heart. We have rightly been encouraged to lead lives which have all the ingredients of lives rooted in good 'soil': lives of love, of prayer, of forgiveness, of gentleness, of compassionate action.... These are the fruits of growth from good soil. But what is good soil? In farming terms good soil is soil that has been ploughed, has been turned over and over, and has been fertilised. In other words it has had lots of manure dug into it. It stinks, it is messy but it is rich for planting. It is where growth takes place. The seed has to be transformed from one form into another. This is done in the dark womb of the soil. It is in darkness and in solitude that transformation takes place. Death, darkness and solitude are used as vehicles of transformation. Out of death comes life. Out of darkness comes life. Pain, darkness and discomfort are the vehicles or portals that are used to transform us.

Our culture today despises pain and difficulty, it does everything it can to avoid it. "We give answers too quickly, take away pain too easily and too quickly stimulate. We build false structures on top of the soil. The soil is piled high with things that will hopefully anaesthetise the pain. These are the weeds and the thorns and the hard ground. The seed cannot even reach the soil. In terms of soul work, we dare not get rid of the pain before we have learned what it has to teach us. Darkness and brokenness are where we learn lessons of humility, trust, gratefulness, resilience and reliance. Yet this sacred space is the very space we avoid...we avoid God, who works in the darkness – where we are not in control! Maybe that is the secret: relinquishing control?" (R.Rohr)

If you feel that circumstances have ploughed through your life; if you feel that your life is messy; if you are in a dark place right now, know that you are in the very space where transformation can take place. Allow the spirit of God to begin that metamorphosis in you. Embrace the pain and allow it to teach you. Don't become hard and bitter or look for things to anaesthetise the pain. Life will come to your spirit. Trust the process and allow it to produce good fruit in you. Let the darkness do its work. You are in good soil.

Adapted: Lisa Hunt-Wotton and Richard Rohr

Spiritual Resources

There are a number of links to live Mass streams, prayer suggestions and messages from Archbishop Malcolm on the Liverpool Archdiocese website:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Home-Page>

We encourage you to take a look.

We would recommend tuning into the live Mass of Fr Peter Morgan at St Anne's Parish. This can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmZorKVDC04H7FNiNIX9A>

Little Church

There are resources for the little church on the parish Facebook page. -*Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan*' and the Parish Website -<http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk/about>

Virtual Gathering

While the church has reopened this weekend, we are very aware that many will not yet feel ready to return to Mass. We continue to meet together virtually, bringing the church and all our community at home together. At your usual Mass time, allow yourself time for prayer and quiet reflection.

Together pray the Our Father and the following prayer:

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the
days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.

Bless them and keep them safe. Amen

Close with the sign of the cross

CAR BOOT SALE

We will be opening for 'business' at the end of July but due to the generosity of parishioners and friends we would request that no further donations are brought along. We have so much stock and have now run out of storage space. As and when we make some room we will let you know.

Many thanks for your on-going support and generosity towards
'We Can Make A Difference' (Parish overseas mission in Suriname & Romania)

Mass Times: Starting from Saturday 11 July 2020

St. Agnes Catholic Church, Huyton:

Saturday 5:30 pm

Sunday 9:30 am and 11 am

Wednesday 7:30 pm

St. Aidan Catholic Church, Huyton:

Friday 12 pm

Rather than varying the Mass you attend each week, we ask you to pick a single Mass time that you will be attending for the duration of these special circumstances.

While we know the measures are strict, we look forward to welcoming those who feel they would like to attend Mass again. We understand that for many, it is not yet the time; everyone remains a valued member of the community.

join us

St. Agnes Mission Boxes

Mission Boxes will NOT be opened whilst the current virus restrictions are in place. Box holders will receive their magazine and a card explaining how to make a private donation the missions, if they wish to do so.

Many Thanks

