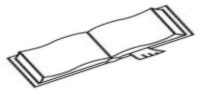


Sunday 24th April 2022



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

Second Reading: Book of the Apocalypse 1: 9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever

Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 24th April 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd April

Mass 5.30 p.m.— Thomas Culley, Margaret Collins

Sunday 24th April— Second Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.30 a.m. - Eddie Nolan, Baby Abigail

Mass 11.00 a.m. Siobhan & Norman Arnold, Janine Whitehurst, Florence Russell

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 4 p.m.

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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ .

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

Monday 25th April—Feast of Mark, Evangelist

9.30 a.m. - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 27th April-

7.30pm -Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 29th April—Feast of Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor

No Mass

Saturday 30th April

Mass 5.30 p.m.— Ann O'Rourke, Eddie Nolan

Sunday 1st May— Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.30 a.m. - Nora & John Fleming, Sean Dunne

Mass 11.00 a.m. Gerry Ball, Frank Walsh

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm
(or by appointment in the presbytery during office hours)



WHAT YOU MAY COME TO BELIEVE

John, the author of today's Gospel, deemed the story of the so-called "Doubting Thomas" an essential one to help us "come to believe." John invites us to face our doubts, speak our fears, and yearn for *more* — more intimacy, more encounter, more experience of the living Christ. In Thomas we see a man who wouldn't settle for someone else's experience of resurrection, but stuck around in the hope of having his own; a man who dared to confess uncertainty in the midst of those who were certain; a man who recognised his Lord in scars, not in wonders. What is striking about Thomas' story is not that he doubted, but that he did so publicly, without shame or guilt, and that his faith community allowed him to do so. And Jesus' response was that he met Thomas right where he was, freely offering the disciple the testimony of his own scars, his own pain. Thomas' story reminds us that resurrection is *hard*; hard to accept, hard to internalise and hard to apply to our lives, especially when our lives are marked by pain, loss, uncertainty and death. If nothing else, Thomas reminds us that faith isn't straightforward. Accepting the resurrection, living it out, sharing it with the world, is tough. It's okay to waver. It's okay to take our time. It's okay to hope for more.

John's desire for his readers was that they would **come** to believe, that they would consent to the process, the path. The implication is that belief is not instantaneous. Conversion is a lifelong process. Maybe this is why the earliest Christians referred to their new faith as "The Way." A 'way' is not a destination. It's a road to walk. It's an invitation to journey. John chose an encounter between doubts and scars to help us come to believe. Though we are a resurrection people, we are also a people in pain. The world around us is wounded, and the scars we're carrying will likely last a long time. Jesus' scarred body resonates for us in so many ways. Jesus and his scars are everywhere. Jesus opened a way for Thomas *through* the marks of his own suffering and trauma, sharing his broken body so that Thomas could find his way to wholeness by accepting his own woundedness. The story that comes after Easter is a story of scars and doubts. This is a tremendous gift; ponder it "*so that you may come to believe and that through believing you may have life in his name.*"

Adapted: Debie Thomas journeywithjesus.net

'The encounter between Thomas and the Risen Jesus is not only a story about believing in the fact of the resurrection but it is a story about believing that we are *wounded and also resurrected at the same time.*' (R.Rohr)



Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am

You can find us on YouTube, the link is

https://www.youtube.com/ChannelUC6YzfvR_fKf9Xut6EigtQ

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.

Nugent Care

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of church after Mass or handed in to 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**

Music Group

Next practice is **26th April at 7pm** in the Sr. Elizabeth Community Room. A mixture of praise and worship music. All welcome. Singing is good for the heart and soul. Plus its an opportunity to make new friends.

Car Boot Sale

Saturday 30th April 2022

This will be held on the last Saturday of every month from 8am -12pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's meeting room

St. Agnes & St Aidan Church, Huyton Hey Road



Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers. Please advise the office if you wish to add someone to our Prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless advised.

Lana Achilles, Joan Arnold, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Susan Curran, Violet Fitzgerald, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Barbara & Mike Holman, Steve Hughes, Joe, Mary Kelly, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Peter Markey, Franky Morgan, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Alice O'Brien, Betty O'Shaunessy, Marie Salkeld, Richard Thornborough, Pamela Watson

Community Prayer Circle

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our parish family. We offer a safe space to come together for a brew, chat and to pray.

A prayer intentions box is by the Sacred Heart statue of Jesus. Please feel free to write down your prayer intentions; stating the name of the person you would like prayers for, health issue, reconciliation etc.

Our next prayer circle will be held on **TUESDAY 3rd May at 7pm** in the Sr. Elizabeth Community room. To find out more please telephone Von on: 07966 102 304

BENEDICTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm.

Lately Deceased

Eileen Marie Hanratty, Ann Evans

Anniversaries

Bella Kearns

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 24th April 2022

Those who struggle with addictions and their families



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.

LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ

**The next meeting will be 24 April 2022
(as 17th April is Easter Sunday)**

Please also follow the Instagram and Facebook page for the Group, or drop me a message for more information.

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ
& on **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>

Facebook: 'Parishes of St. Agnes and St. Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Hope to see you there! **Holly** (she/her)
Group Leader



BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM DROP- IN SESSIONS

1st Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm,
in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room, at St. Agnes
& St. Aidan Church on Huyton Hey
Road.L36 5SQ .

(Entrance on St. Mary's Road via the
arched metal gate)

We are not counsellors, just a small
group of parishioners who have received
training for this special ministry. We
have also experienced the grief of having
lost a loved one.

You may prefer to have a one to one
meeting with one of our care team. Our
monthly Drop – In, is an open invitation
for anyone to come along for a cup of tea
and company. Time shared with a warm
welcome.

An opportunity for quiet prayer should
you wish.

ALL WELCOME

Baptism

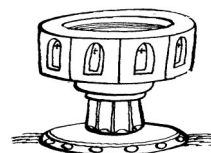
**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month
at 7:30pm**

If you wish to have your child
baptised, you **must** contact the
Parish Office on
0151 489 3085 and you will be
booked into a preparation meeting.

Baptisms:

1st Sunday and 2nd Sunday at
1.30pm & 2.30pm
(Fr. Anton)

4th Sunday at 1.30pm and
2.30 pm (Deacon)



SHARe KNOWSLEY

When your life is in danger and you have to
flee for safety.....
When you leave everything behind and have to
make a treacherous journey.....
When you finally arrive in the UK with only the
clothes you are wearing, it's freezing cold, you
are not allowed to work and you are not given
any money at all, life can seem pretty grim and
you can feel like the universe has forgotten
you.

CAN YOU HELP! A donation of £15 would
purchase a pair of trainers or a warm fleece or
a pair of jeans. £10 would purchase a pack of
underwear. £5 would pay for a pack of socks.

Please help by making a donation into one of
the refugee boxes in the church porch.
We are also accepting nearly new young men's
small or medium clothing which can be
dropped off in the Lady chapel in the church

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Roach
Chair of Share Knowsley

Dates for your Diary

Parish Barbecue—31st July—in the church garden

Winter Night—25th November— in St Aidan's Parish Club



Important Dates for First Communion 2022

St. Aidan's School: Saturday 14th May 2022 at 10 am

St. Joseph's School: Saturday 14th May 2022 at 12:30 pm

St. Anne's School: Saturday 21st May 2022 at 10am OR 12:30 pm

Other Schools: First Communion Day: Sunday 15th May 2022 at 1:30 pm

CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

As part of our **CARJ** initiative we have taken inspiration from the letter of Pope Francis
—**Fratelli Tutti** —

Brothers & Sisters all.

We share the dream for a single global family. Our Parish Community is a welcoming
place for everyone near and far. Where do you come from? Put your mark on the MAP,
(if your country of birth is yet to be marked)at the back of the church and share your
birthplace with us.

If you are passionate about 'Racial Justice', please contact the parish office.



Ann Malone
Chair of the CARJ— Agnes&Aidan