

Sunday 26th July 2020

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Solomon pleases God when he asks for a wise and understanding heart to better govern the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

The law of the Lord is more precious than silver and gold.

Second Reading

Romans 8:28-30

God chose us to be conformed to the image of his Son.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)

Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



*The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure
hidden in a field.....(Matthew 13:44)*

Sunday 26th July 2020

17th 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, Paula Fitzpatrick, 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-Edmundson, 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 McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahan, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Pdraig 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, Marie McFarlane, 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, Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Philip Simmins, Bob Singleton, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Maggie Stewart, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow. Barry Watson

Lately Deceased

Ste Rimmer, Michael Bruder

Anniversaries

Nicola Riley, Arthur Brown

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 26th July 2020

St Aidan - Courage to denounce racism

***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.***



Mass Intentions

Saturday 25th July - Feast of S James, Apostle

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Austin Riley, Tony Kehoe

Sunday – 26th July– Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am - Mike Thomas, Paula Fitzpatrick

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Norman and Siobhan Arnold, Janine Whitehurst

Monday - 27th July -

Tuesday – 28th July

Wednesday—29th July - Memorial of St Martha

St Agnes Mass 7.30 p.m.— John McManaman, Sr Muriel

Thursday 30th July - Optional Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus.

Friday– 31st July— Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola

St Aidan 12 noon - Reenie Carmichael, Private intension

Saturday 1st August– Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Agnes 5.30pm — David & Brian Fisher, Peter & Nellie Lynch

Sunday – 2nd August—Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am — Parishioners, Private intention.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am — Austin Riley, Protection of the Indigenous people around the world.

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 Office (0151 489 3085).

Men's Rites of Passage

A 5-day life-changing programme 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 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)

Current Mass Times

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

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



Please note this will be the final week this will be printed.

Cautious Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

As of 6th July, permission was given for churches to re-open under strict conditions. These are as follows:

- 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.
- 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.

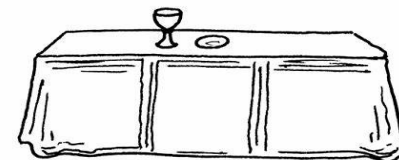
Communicants must avoid skin to skin contact with the minister's hands. If contact happens the minister is to pause and sanitise his hands.

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

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

Please be aware that the church has a limited number of people who can be in the building. Due to the many cleaning constraints, we have been advised to just have one church open at this stage.

If you would like any information about funerals, baptisms or weddings, please contact the parish office: 0151 489 3085



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..
Text **AGNES** to 70450 to donate £3..
Text **AGNES** to 70460 to donate £5..
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

The Sacrament of Baptism

We are aware that there are many people anxious to find out about Baptisms. There is so much to consider, given the strict guidelines that we are having to adhere to at the moment. If you have already attended a Baptism meeting and have not yet been contacted by someone in the office, please contact us on 0151 489 3085.

If you have not yet attended a Baptism meeting, and would like to put your child's name down for Baptism, please call the office on the above number from the beginning of next week (w/c 27/07/2020), when we will have more information for you.



Hidden Treasure

"Our vocation is to appreciate ourselves as the pearl of great price. We get to discover ourselves as the treasure in the field and to rejoice with God in the wondrous work that God does in each of our lives. I will never exhaust the mystery that is me. So, the good news is I can never figure myself out.

I can always surprise myself." [1] There is a story of two brothers who each asked for the gift of a horse for their birthday. When the day arrived, they ran outside – and found two large piles of manure! One brother walked away in disgust; the other started digging excitedly into the manure shouting, "There has to be a horse in here somewhere!" How do we see ourselves?

'My highest ambition is to be who I already am - hidden with Christ in God from before the origins of the universe.' [2] Our True Self is who we objectively are from the beginning, in the mind and heart of God, "the face we had before we were born," as the Zen masters say. It is our substantial self, our absolute identity, which can never be gained nor lost by any technique, group affiliation, morality, or formula whatsoever. The surrendering of our false self, (selling all that we have) which we have usually taken for our absolute identity, yet is merely a relative identity, is the necessary suffering needed to find "the pearl of great price" that is always hidden inside this lovely but passing shell. We are afraid to believe in our own greatness. We are afraid of the unknown. Or perhaps it is more true to say that we are afraid of losing the known. [3]

The psychologist Rollo May believes that the neurosis of our age is that we're afraid to be all that we are. That is, we're afraid to accept the full potential of who we are and what we're called to be, because if we accept it, we just might have to stand up and bear witness to it. But the price paid for the half-lived life is bitter. [4]

The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to reveal to us the truth of our being so that the way of our being can match it. (Wm. Paul Young)

[1] Mary Beth Ingham [2] Thomas Merton [3] Richard Rohr [4] James Finley

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 now reopened, 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

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

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 .



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*

