#### SUNDAY 14th February 2021 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**READING 1** Book of Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 The leper must live apart: he must live outside the camp

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 31: 1-2. 5. 11. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation

READING II 1 Corinthians 10: 31-33, 11: 1 Take me for your model, as I take Christ

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for US

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 40-45 The leprosy left him at once and he was cured

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## **STAY CONNECTED** 0151 489 3085

As we continue through winter and 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, will be available to take your call so you can talk in confidence. **Telephone Number 0151 489 2498**)

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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.



#### YOUR IDEAS

## 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, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, 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 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 McLaughin, 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, Gordon Park, 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 Julia Fletcher, Sheila Evans, Robert Burghall

Anniversaries Norman Arnold, Catherine Shaw, Tom Costello, BradleyTaylor,

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 14th February 2021



St Aidan Refugees and Asylum Seekers

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. Last week we printed a summary of the things that have happened since we went into Lockdown last March. We'd love your suggestions on what has been helpful, what you might like to see continue or see more of and what ideas you might have that we can use in the coming weeks/months.

Please let us know via Facebook or email.

Many thanks

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## MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals has launched an emergency appeal for aid for Tigray in Ethiopia, where millions have been forced to flee their homes as a result of conflict there which has been ongoing since November. The UN has described it as a very severe situation with around 4.5 million people without food and basic supplies and many children separated from their families, living in refugee camps on the borders. Fortunately, Mary's Meals are already established in Ethiopia and were previously feeding 24,230 children in schools every day. This means that Mary's meals have an established and trusted partner agency in the area and are therefore able to get help to those who need it most. In other words, we are already giving aid and saving lives!

I wanted to ask whether it would be possible for you to make a short announcement which can be read out during notices at Mass if you would be so kind to do so please?

I also wondered whether a group in your parish would be interested to receive a Zoom talk about the situation in Ethiopia? We have an army of volunteers who are ready and waiting to give a presentation whether the group is large or small and they can take Place any time, daytime, evenings, or weekends. If the group isn't meeting at the moment or are unable to fit a talk in currently with things already planned, we do have a short video clip from our CEO, Magnus MacFarlane Barrow which I would be delighted to share with them to either show at one of their meetings or share with their members.

Please do get in touch if you require any further information, now or in the months to come.

Finally, I'd like to share the link with you for donations. If you can display this on websites, social media pages or newsletters that would be fantastic! This is the link: <u>https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\_gb/donate-to-ethiopia</u>.

Thank you so much for your support. I look forward to hearing from you in due course about whether you would like a copy of the information to read out at Mass.

With warmest regards Anna Dunne, Supporter Engagement Officer, Liverpool

## Embracing the Leper

'Both Jesus and the leper defv the rules - the leper was not to approach: Jesus was not to touch or even speak to the leper who was condemned to a life of isolation and treated as a non-person. When the leper spoke to Jesus it was from a faith that asked for recognition. Jesus knew he would be excluded the moment he touched the leper because it was forbidden by law and so he was sending a clear message that the law needed breaking. It is significant that Jesus heals the leper by touching him.' [1] "Touch, and the world of touch, bring us out of the anonymity of distance into the intimacy of belonging ... touch brings presence home." [2] 'Leprosy is a symbol of the aspects of our lives that we fear, all that we deny, all that we wish to exclude from our lives. In touching the leper Jesus is symbolically telling us that God wishes to reach us in our weakness and restore us to fullness of life. What are the issues in our lives that are "untouchable", that need to be embraced, released and healed?'[1] 'In defiance of popular thinking, both therapy and spirituality encourage us to embrace our shadow self, to reclaim what we have denied, feared and rejected, to befriend our mistakes and failures. In doing so we leave space for Mystery, for the healing alchemy of God – who is within us.' [3]

Adapted: [1] Ennis Blue [2] John O'Donohue [3] Richard Rohr

## **Blessing Prayer for Healing**

May you desire to be healed.

May what is wounded in your life be restored to good health.

May you be receptive to the ways in which healing needs to happen.

May you take good care of yourself.

May you extend compassion to all that hurts within your body, mind, and spirit. May you be patient with the time it takes to heal.

May you be aware of the wonders of your body, mind, and spirit and their ability in returning you to good health.

May you be open to receive from those who extend kindness, care, and compassion to you.

May you rest peacefully under the sheltering wings of divine love, trusting in this gracious presence.

May you find little moments of beauty and joy to sustain you.

May you keep hope in your heart.

(Joyce Rupp)

Please note our churches are closed for weekend Masses until further notice. <u>St</u>. Agnes is opened only for funerals. <u>Sunday Mass will be live streamed via YouTube at 11am</u> https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ.

## Mass Intentions

<u>Sunday 14th February — Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time -</u> (Day for the Unemployed) *Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes Church at 11am* Mass 11.a.m – Norman & Siobhan Arnold & Janine Whitehurst.

<u>Monday 15th February</u> -St. Agnes Funeral Service 11.30am - Francis Joseph Gibson

<u>Tuesday 16th February</u> -St Agnes Requiem 2.30pm - Margaret Mary Steven

## Ash Wednesday

People are suffering in so many ways just now that the last thing we want to do is to turn Lent into yet another burden for them to carry ... even that of bearing ashes on our heads! As things stand, our churches will still not be open for public worship by the time Ash Wednesday comes.

This period of the pandemic has seen many people forced into 'food insecurity' – a cover-up phrase for going hungry. Food banks and other emergency provisions are not always adequate, and many have 'fasted' out of necessity. For the rest of us, perhaps the emphasis this Lent should be on another traditional practice, alms, and on what we can do to help those in severe needs now. Our 'fast' is to give all 'security'.

While we are unable to be present in churches this year, our beginning of Lent will necessarily be private and we may have to follow Jesus' words, whatever you do, do not have it trumpeted before you, "and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you."

#### Wednesday 17th February (ASH WEDNESDAY)

St Agnes Funeral Service 12.30pm - Yvonne Woods

Presbytery Mass 4.00 p.m. – Margaret Mary and Mary Aloysius and Mary Benedict Rimmer

Sunday 21 February —First Sunday of Lent

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

Mass 11.a.m – Joyce Owens, Doreen Guyers

## 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 0327Confidential 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

- **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.

#### 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 monitory 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.

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

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



