

**Sunday 6th September 2020**



**First Reading**

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Son of Man is appointed as guardian of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 95:1-2,6-9

Song of praise to God, our salvation.

**Second Reading**

Romans 13:8-10

The Law is summarized in the commandment to love your neighbour as yourself.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus teaches his disciples how to settle disputes in the Church.

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Parish Website every week at:

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

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

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0151 489 3085

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 6th September 2020**

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

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.*

## 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, 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, 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 McDougalle,  
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,  
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, Bob Singleton, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie,  
Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Jim Wilkes,  
Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

### **Lately Deceased**

Philip John Bettle

### **Anniversaries**

Vicky Taylor, Winifred Byrne, Margaret Rose McNabb, John Cosgrove

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 6th September 2020**

**St Aidan** - 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.***

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday 5th September –**

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — Fionna Gallardo Sarti, Fred Pruden

### **Sunday 6th September —Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. Agnes** Mass 9.30 am — Bill Carmichael, Margaret Sergison

**St. Agnes** Mass 11.00 am — Phil Gallagher, Austin Riley

### **Monday 7th September**

### **Tuesday 8th September– Feast of the Birthday of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

### **Wednesday 9th September -**

**St Agnes** Mass 7.30 p.m.— Dolly Kelly, Private Intention

### **Thursday 10th September—Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow, Priest & Martyr**

### **Friday 11th September —**

**St Aidan** 12 noon - Ann O'Neill, Madeline O'Hare, Breige Treanor.

### **Saturday 12th September –**

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — Vicky Taylor, Winnie Mansfield

### **Sunday 13th September —Twenty fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. Agnes** Mass 9.30 am — Margaret & Alf Hopkins

**St. Agnes** Mass 11.00 am — Elizabeth & Andrew Rogan

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*Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.*

## 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.

## 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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To opt out of marketing info:

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

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Many Thanks for your kind generosity!  
*Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*

## **Forgiveness**

"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." These words have appeared in the gospel 3 times in the past few Sundays.. Today, Jesus is not just addressing Peter, he is talking to all 'his disciples'; he is talking to us. We have the power to bind one another up by our unforgiveness, gossip, criticism, negativity. We have the power to loose and release one another from those bonds by the mystery of forgiveness. Nothing new happens without forgiveness. Without forgiveness, we remain frozen in the past, frozen in our negative memories, frozen in anger. Unless we become people who let go of our past, let go of our hurts, we just keep repeating that past over and over again. Forgiveness is the only way to free ourselves from the entrapment of the past. Forgiveness is God's job description: to unbind, to free us so that something new can happen.

We may initially wonder if forgiveness is being advocated in Jesus' words at the beginning of this gospel reading where he says that if a person refuses to repent after a process that involved three different encounters calling for repentance, then he should be "treated like a pagan or tax collector". What is our immediate understanding of these words? Many of us would say that it means that the offender must be put out from the community and be regarded as an outsider and we would justify our decision by saying that this drastic and final step was to be taken not in a spirit of revenge or vindictiveness but out of real concern for the wellbeing of the whole community. Let's read that verse again. Jesus said, "Treat him like a pagan or tax collector." How did Jesus treat pagans and tax collectors?..... Jesus showed them unending love and respect. He treated them with the dignity that was due to someone created in the image of God. When we speak and act with love, God will act through our words, our actions, our attitudes, our gestures. "Whenever two or three of you are gathered in the right spirit, there I am." Forgiveness could almost be described as the very name of God.

(Richard Rohr and an unknown source)

**mary's  
meals**

a simple solution  
to world hunger

## **MARY'S MEALS**

It is that time of year again when we will start collecting for Mary's Meal's. This will be the ninth year our parish has supported the school backpack project. .

Backpacks can be brought to any of the Masses this month. **A copy of the list of items requested is available in the church porch.**

**Please only donate the items requested on the list, as any other items may be removed at the sorting centre to avoid difficulties at customs and also when the bags are distributed in the villages.**

## IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

Would you like your child to be Baptised? Are they aged 8 or younger?

Because of current restrictions, we have had to make several changes to our Baptism preparation programme.

- 1) Please call the parish office (**0151 489 3085**). They will ask for an email address and you will be sent a link to a preparation video. You will need to answer 4 questions and email your responses to the parish office:  
[agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)

Your child's opportunity to be Baptised is not determined by what you answer, but it is more an opportunity for you to reflect on what you are asking for.

- 2) In addition to this, you (parents or a parent and a Godparent or grandparent) will have to attend a very short meeting at St. Agnes church with Fr. Anton (& the parish Baptism preparation team).

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 23rd September** after the 7:30pm Mass. If you would like to attend this, please contact the office by **Tuesday 22nd September**, midday, so that you will have time to access the video before the meeting.

Children may not attend this meeting and you will need to wear a face covering.

- 3) Once you have attended this meeting, you will need to phone the parish office to book a date for the baptism.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, Baptism groups are limited to 30 person including: parents, siblings of the child, godparents and grandparents.

These meetings will now take place on an allocated Wednesday after the 7:30pm Mass. We encourage you to come to Mass prior to the meeting.

A. Fernandopulle

## Parish Offertory Collection

We are delighted to see many of you back at Mass. Thanks for your continuing support to the parish. Please note that we are still not permitted to pass on the offertory collection bags during Mass. As you may have noticed there are number of 'collections baskets' placed in the church and we would appreciate if you could place your offertory/donation in those baskets. A **Big Thank** you to those who have opted to make your parish contribution via Standing Order Bank payments. If you wish to make your contribution via Bank Standing Order please contact the parish office on **0151 489 3085**

Many Thanks for your ongoing support.  
Fr. Anton

### Fourth Dimension Charity Shop

Do you have a couple of hours free during the week? If so, the Fourth Dimension Shop in the village is in need of new volunteers to sustain the present staff levels and would love to hear from you. The shop is an ecumenical charity founded to raise money through the sale of goods and refreshments to assist in developing countries and to meet the needs of our own area.

If you are interested in helping please contact:  
**The Fourth Dimension Shop in Huyton Village**  
Tel: 0151 480 5257

## **ST AIDANS CLUB NEW OPENING TIMES**

**SATURDAY 2—7 p.m.**  
**SUNDAY 7—12 p.m.**

