

**SUNDAY 27th December 2020**

**First Reading**

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6. 12-14

*He who fears the Lord respects his parents*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**127:1-5**

*O Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!*

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:12-21

*Family Life In The Lord*

**Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;  
let the message of Christ find a home with you.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:22-40

*The child grew, filled with wisdom*

**OFFICE/PRESBYTERY**

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**For your information:**

Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

**[www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)**

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to  
parish office

**PARISH CONTACTS**



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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## STAY CONNECTED

**0151 489 3085**

As we approach 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)**

**Sunday 27th December 2020**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**



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*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***

Lana Achilles, Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Joan Arnold, 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, Steve Chamberlain, 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, Euan Gee, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Tom Jones, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmondson, 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, Mary Lydiat, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Pdraig 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, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Catherine (Kit) Pheonix, 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 Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

### **Lately Deceased**

Mary Costa -Fernandopulle, Etelca Ghirocean

### **Anniversaries**

**Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 27th December 2020**

**St Aidan** Expectant Mothers, 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.***

## ***At Christmas, Time Deepens***

At this time of year we have a feast of celebrations: Christmas, Holy Family, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (Jan 1st) and the beginning of a new year rooted in all the experiences of 2020. We could ask the question, "Where do we begin?" Perhaps it is more beneficial to ask, "With whom do we begin?" Immediately our minds become still as we become aware of our oneness with God who is present in all the deep emotional experiences of each celebration. 'We desperately need to make clearances in our entangled lives to let our souls breathe. The Celtic imagination embraced the day as a sacred space. They knew that time is eternity in disguise. At Christmas, time deepens. Christmas reminds us to glory in the simplicity and wonder of the mystery of the Incarnation; it unveils the extraordinary, that our hurried lives conceal and neglect.' [John O' Donohue]

In today's gospel we are told that when Jesus, Mary and Joseph returned to their home in Nazareth, 'Jesus grew and became strong and filled with wisdom.' 'Wherever we call 'home', whatever the manner of our celebrations this year, may we grow in awareness of the wonder of who we are so that we can 'dare to fully live, right where we are.' (Ann Voskamp).

We may be surprised by the conditions that nurture that growth: *Sometimes it takes darkness and the sweet confinement of your aloneness to learn anything or anyone that does not bring you alive is too small for you.* ['Sweet Darkness' David Whyte]

'We do not understand the mystery of grace--only that it meets us where we are, but does not leave us where it found us.' (Anne Lamott)

## ***Nugent Care***

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of either 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.



## 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.

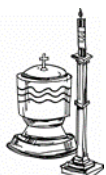
- 2) In addition to this, you (parents or a parent and a Godparent or grandparent) will have to attend a very short meeting at St. Agnes church with the parish Baptism preparation team.

The next meeting will be on **MONDAY 4th January at 7.30 p.m.** If you would like to attend this, please contact the office by **FRIDAY 30th December**, midday, so that you will have time to access the video before the meeting.

## Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your Confirmation or Holy Communion -  
Please start attending Mass  
at St. Aidan or St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

*Please make yourself known to Fr. Anton  
(contact details in this newsletter).*  
Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 26th December—Feast of St Stephen First Martyr

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m. — Cec Roscoe, The Godamune Family

### Sunday 27th December — Feast of the Holy Family

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m.— Dolly Kelly, Jennifer Hewitt

St Agnes Mass 11 a.m.— Those Mentally & Physically Challenged.



### Tuesday 29th December—Feast of the St Thomas of Canterbury (Becket)

St Agnes Requiem Mass 11.00 a.m. —Maureen Hamilton

### Wednesday 30th December

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1.30 p.m.—Sandra Watson

St Agnes Mass—7.30 p.m. — Special Intention, WCMAD

### Thursday 31st December— 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity, St Sylvester I, Pope

St Agnes Funeral Service—10.30 a.m.—Joseph Maloney

### Friday 1st January—Mary Mother of God ( NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS)

St Aidan Mass—12 noon – Parishioners, their families and friends, Peace & Justice

### Saturday 2nd January — SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m. — Pat McCoy, Staff In Our Primary Schools

### Sunday 3rd January—2nd Sunday after Christmas

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m.— Marie Gordon, SHARE Knowsley.

St Agnes Mass 11 a.m.— Michael & Desmond Head, Ann Caldwell.

## LIVE STREAMING

**Sunday 11am Mass will be live streamed and will be available via you tube:**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fKiF9Xut6EjqtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fKiF9Xut6EjqtQ) .



### 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](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.



### THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed from  
12.30 p.m. on  
Wednesday 23rd December until  
Monday 4th January.



### Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see anyone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Sometimes it is due to the fact that a bus route has changed and it's time no longer ties in with the mass times or that they are shielding.

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you become aware of anyone who has not been seen for a while and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch with them if they so wish.

### 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.

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

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

### CAR BOOT SALE

The car boot sale has been suspended until next year 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 run out of storage space. As and when we make some space 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)

