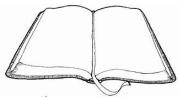


Sunday 16th of August 2020



First Reading

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

The sign of God's salvation will be a woman clothed with the sun.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 45:10-12, 16

The queen takes her place next to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Christ has redeemed Adam's sin.

Gospel Acclamation

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:39-56

Mary greets Elizabeth and sings God's praise.

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Sunday 16th August 2020

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, s Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Lila Czerwinska, 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, 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 McDougale, 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, Philip Simmins, Bob Singleton, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow.

Lately Deceased

Catherine Edwards, Baby Jemima Keyser, Fionna Sarti, Paul Vaughan, Mary Anne Griffiths

Anniversaries

Dennis Coleman, Josie Mulcahey

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 16th August 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 15th August -Solemnity Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Michael Bruder, Parishioners

Sunday 16th August –

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am - Ste Rimmer, Those mentally and physically challenged.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Patricia Mitchell, Volunteers

Monday 17th August

Tuesday 18th August

Funeral Service—Mary Anne Griffiths (St Agnes)

Wednesday 19th August -

Funeral Service—Fionna Sarti (St Helens Crematorium)

St Agnes Mass 7.30 p.m.— Christopher and Nora Lloyd

Thursday 20th August— Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot and Doctor

Funeral Service—Paul Vaughan (Springwood Crematorium)

Funeral Service—Catherine Edwards (*St. Aidan's Church*)

Friday 21st August —Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

St Aidan 12 noon - Peter and Pat Markey, John McManaman, Joanne Baduna

Saturday 22nd August– Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Daphne Flynn, Baby Jemima Keyser

Sunday 23rd August—Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am — The Brown Family, People of Belarus

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am — Terry Naylor, Private Intention

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) 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

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Many Thanks for your kind generosity!
Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

The Old Schoolhouse

The gardeners in the Old Schoolhouse are looking for help to bring the area back to its former glory. If you are interested in helping the volunteers will be there from around midday every Monday.

Look forward to seeing you and thank you in anticipation

Refunds for Walsingham and Medjugorje

Due to the cancellation of both pilgrimages all monies paid will be refunded in the next week or two. Please contact the office to confirm to whom the cheque is to be paid.

Many thanks

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

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.

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/UCzmZorkVDC04H7FNifNIX9A>

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

Blessed Believing

What if we really believed God is uniquely present and active in the circumstances of each of our lives, speaking a word? What if we truly believed there would be a fulfilment of the word spoken? What if instead of allowing our circumstances to determine what we believe, we allowed our believing to reinterpret the circumstances? That would be blessed believing, Elizabeth and Mary type of believing, the kind of believing that gives birth to new life. That believing is at the heart of today's gospel reading. Two pregnant women, neither of whom, according to their circumstances, should be or could be pregnant. One is too old. One is too young. One is barren. One is a virgin. Yet, both are pregnant.

Neither Elizabeth nor Mary allowed the circumstances of their lives to define who they were or limit who they might become. Believing for them is not so much about what they see but how they see. Each one believed she was more than the circumstances of her life. Elizabeth believed she was more than just a barren, childless, old woman. Mary believed that God loved her in her nothingness, in her littleness. Mary found favour with God. In Greek, 'favoured' means undeserved love, unmerited, totally free from the giver's side. Mary doesn't argue about her worthiness. She simply accepts that God can do what God can do.

Both women saw, hidden within their particular situation, a deeper meaning and a new life. They believed through the circumstances of their lives. Each one trusted that the God of the impossible was somehow in the circumstances reshaping, transforming, and fulfilling her very existence. God was at work within these two women changing them, not their circumstances. So it is for each one of us.

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Michael Marsh