

Sunday 26h April 2020



First Reading

Acts 2:14,22-33

Peter and the apostles announce that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11

God will show us the path of life.

Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

You were saved by Christ's sacrifice.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35

Jesus appears to two disciples who are walking to Emmaus

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 26th April 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

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,
Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond,
Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg,
Janet & Ray Cragg, Eileen Critchley, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis,
Nathan Davies, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge,
Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, 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-Edmondson, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman,
Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, Eileen Joyce, Kathleen Keenan,
Marie Keight, 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, Lawrence McClintock, 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, Christine Malone, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin,
Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris,
Fr. Simon, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Terry Naylor,
Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Mary Organ, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton,
Wyn Pickup, Chrissie Pearch, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley,
Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Philip Simmins, Steve Smith, James Soundie,
Mary Waldron, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow,
Maggie Steward

There are a number of young adults in our parishes who are terminally ill at the moment. Please remember them and their families specially in your prayers.

Lately Deceased Ann Bryne, Tony Kehoe, Thomas J. Doherty, Edward T. Hendrick, Brian C. Wallace, Peter J. Carribine, Kathy Ventre

Anniversaries - Bridget Theresa Thomas, J. Lynch, Thomas Leather

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 26th April 2020

St Aidan - Parish Volunteers and their families, Mentally and physically challenged

***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

During the lockdown Fr. Anton is celebrating Mass each day at 3pm in the presbytery and Fr. Richard will also celebrate at 10am in his home. 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).

Saturday 25th April (Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist)

Mass 3pm — NHS staff and Essential workers.

Sunday 26th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 3pm — Siobhan Arnold, Janine Whitehurst, Norman Arnold,
Florence Russell

Monday - 27th April

Mass 3pm — Tony Ventre, Gwen McGuinness (Ventre)

Tuesday –28th April

Mass 3pm — Trevor Parry, The homeless and the unemployed.

Wednesday 29th April

Mass 3pm— Ann Byrne, NHS staff and essential workers

Thursday 30th April (Solemnity of St. George, Martyr)

Mass 3pm — Breastmates (Lyndale Cancer Support)

Friday 1st of Mary

Mass 3pm— Share Knowsley, Asylum seekers and refugees

Saturday 2nd of May

Mass 3pm — Those mentally and physically challenged

Sunday 3rd May- Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass 3pm — Thanksgiving, WHO (World Health Organization)

Staying Connected

Fr. Anton and the office staff have been trying to make contact with all the parishioners. Just to say hello and check how everyone is doing. We have a large database now of numbers, but obviously there will be people we don't have numbers for. If you have not received a call and would like one, please can you let us know your number. We will try our best to contact people and least once every two weeks, just to stay connected.

Spiritual Resources Little Church

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/UCzmZorKVDC04H7FNiX9A>

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>

Volunteer and help schemes

Since stricter measures have now been enforced by the Government, we have been advised that all volunteer and help schemes need to go through the appropriate channels.

We would like to thank all those who volunteered to help in the event it was necessary, if you would still like to help, please go through the following channels, so that all necessary health and safety procedures are followed and adhered to.

- Knowsley - <https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/community-hub>
- Liverpool - <https://liverpool.gov.uk/.../c.../coronavirus-volunteer-to-help/>

Virtual Gathering

This weekend we return to 'meeting' together at our usual Mass times. By now we will have started to establish what works in each of our homes. There is something powerful in knowing that the community we are part of is still spending time together at a particular time of the week.

If it suits you, play some quiet music and light a candle. Bring to mind the people you meet on your way into church, those who you would greet on your way to your seat, those who you would see in their regular places in the church. Call to mind the familiar faces, voices and names and bring them into your quiet time.

Make the sign of the cross and either read through the daily readings or you can listen to them being read via the parish Facebook page.

Listen to Fr. Anton's message and read through the reflection in the newsletter.

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

The road between the now and the not-yet.

Today's gospel tells the story of two dazed and distraught disciples travelling along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. Although they were probably not aware of it, these disciples were in what is called "liminal space"—a particular spiritual position where we hate to be, but where the biblical God is always leading us. The Latin root 'limen' literally means "threshold," referring to that needed transition when we are moving from one place or one state of being to another. Liminal space usually induces some sort of inner crisis: you have left the tried and true (or it has left you), and you have not yet been able to replace it with anything else. It is a time of waiting, a time of transformation. "Waiting is the passionate and contemplative crucible in which new life and spiritual wholeness can be birthed." (Sue Monk Kidd) It is in this crucible that the solid and fixed material of our lives dissolves and returns to its original state, becoming raw material for transformation. Like the disciples, we will be asked at some point to review the ideas which have accompanied us to this moment in our lives. Even our most sacred beliefs can become encrusted over time, worn out symbols of a living reality that is no longer so alive. We will be invited to bring the old ways into the crucible and heat them with the fire of our desire, vision, passion, and longing.

While we might romanticise this process, it comes with a certain devastation. It is not oriented in what we would ordinarily think of as self-development, but is a required "darkening" we must go through so that we can begin our work anew, with fresh vision. The various "crucible" moments of our lives will not be times of peace, joy, and contentment, but of revolution where we might not be sure if we will make it through to the other side. In many ways, we will not, at least the "me" we thought we were at the start of the process will be gone. If we do not engage consciously in the process of dissolution, as many have discovered, life will bring dissolution to us, by way of transition, change, and psychic upheaval of all kinds: the ending of a relationship we thought would last forever, a shift in our health, the loss of a job, an unexpected depression, the inability to find meaning. This disruption is a forerunner of wholeness but by nature the whole will always include the dark, not only transcend it.

Jesus offered the disciples a completely different lens through which to view their recent traumatic experiences, a lens which was to draw their attention to the nature of the spiritual journey—the paschal rhythm of suffering, death, and resurrection. This necessary suffering leads to new life as the authentic self that God created, that God knows so intimately and that God invites us to live free and unencumbered in his presence. (Adapted : Ruth H. Barton; Matt Licata)

"Resurrection is when one moment reveals the meaning of all moments." - R.R.

Communal Activities for the Parish.

Congratulations to our Bake Off Cake Week winners, **Annette Brannan, Rosie Sheridan and the Roberts family: Lynda, Brian and Penny**, and a huge thank you to all who took part. We loved seeing all the creations. This past week we have been competing in pudding/ dessert week. This coming week will be our last Bake Off challenge for a little while... we will see if people want it back in the not too distant future. So, it's **Show Stopper** week. We'd love to see what you'd include in an afternoon tea. You could go classy and sophisticated or perhaps you'd like to have a little fun. Entries will close on Saturday 2nd May, 12pm.

It's been lovely to read the creative writing entries... please keep them coming. 10 lines or less may feel a little restrictive to people, so if you'd like to expand your ideas, then please do.



This week we put out a video of what we are missing about parish life. We hope you were able to watch it on Facebook, we will try to get it uploaded to the Parish Website too. For the next few weeks, we wanted to offer the opportunity for people to reflect on two things:

1st:

What makes the Parish of SS. Agnes and Aidan your parish community? Perhaps generations of your family have been part of the community, perhaps you are fairly new to the parish. We would love to hear your memories, your stories, your special moments - Sunday masses, tea clubs, friends, social gatherings, weddings, baptisms, first communions, confirmations, perhaps even funerals that have made our two churches another home for you. We'd also love photos. If you could give us a date and if you're willing, the names of those in the photo, that would be great. Our hope is to compile all of these into a memoir.

Please send these to the email address: agnesaidancommunity@gmail.com under the subject heading: My Parish Memories.

2nd:

We would like to create a photo journal of how we are all doing our part to stay safe in lockdown and or connected to our parish community. We are very aware that many of our parishioners are key workers and are still out doing their jobs, we want to celebrate that too. Please send your photos/ selfies to us via the Facebook post or email: agnesaidancommunity@gmail.com with the subject heading: Safe in Lockdown.