

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER 2020

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10a

The Lord will provide richly for his people.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul tells the Philippians that God provides whatever he needs.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (shorter form Matthew 22:1-10)

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a wedding feast.

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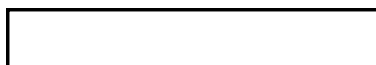
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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'



The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

For many are called but few are chosen

(Matthew 22:14)



Sunday 11th October 2020

28th 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.***

NEWSLETTER

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, 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, Anthony Patrick McCarthy, 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 & Pdraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin,
Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris,
Fr. Simon, 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, 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, Joe Townson, Breige Treanor,
Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Jim Wilkes, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson,
Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

Lately Deceased

John Maher, Barry Achilles, Janice Mary Margaret Denny, Catherine Doherty,
Mary Fullerton, Monica Weld-Richards

Anniversaries

Brian Flynn, Michael Coyne

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 11th October 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 10th October

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Rev Austin Dobson, All those facing further restrictions in an effort to contain the spread of Covid-19

Sunday 11th October —Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am — Margaret, Mary Aloysius & Mary Benedict Rimmer

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am — Gerry Ball, Edward Coffey.

Monday 12th October

Tuesday 13th October

Wednesday 14th October—

St Agnes Funeral Service —Janice Mary Margaret Denny

St Agnes Mass 7.30 p.m— Vicky Arter, We Can Make a Difference

Thursday 15th October— St Teresa of Avila, Doctor and Virgin

St Agnes Funeral Service—John Maher

Friday 16th October—

St Aidan 12 noon - Gardeners of St Agnes & St Aidan, Global Warming

Saturday 17th October— Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Mary's Meals, Those struggling with addiction & their families

Sunday 18th October —Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am — Oppressed minorities around the world (including Uyghur people, LGBT, Palestinians in Israel and people with disabilities)

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am — Sissy McCourt, John Brannon

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.

Many Thanks for your kind generosity.
Fr Anton

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 for both Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms.**

Many Thanks for your ongoing support.
Fr. Anton

MARY'S MEALS

What is Mary's Meals ?

Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals and school backpacks to some of the world's poorest children in the world.

This is a no-frills charity with a simple idea that works: by providing one good meal in a place of learning, children are drawn into the classroom where they can receive an education that could one day free them from poverty. Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. We consist of, respect and reach out to people of all faiths and of none. Mary's Meals' vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. Around 64 million of the world's hungriest children do not attend school. In order to survive, they have to work or beg. Even if they do make it into the classroom, hunger affects their ability to learn. Mary's Meals works in 19 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean. Only £15.90 is all it costs to feed a child for a whole school year. Thank you for helping us to reach more children waiting for Mary's Meals.

Please write your cheques to ' Mary's meals'

We (Parishioners of Sts Agnes & Aidan) support Mary's meal school backpack project.

SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils ,notepads etc. You can support them to get the most out of their lessons by donating a backpack full of the things they need. For many children, a Mary's Meals backpack will be the first gift they have ever received.

What to pack?

backpack / school bag
exercise book / notepad
pencil case with: 4 pencils, 4 pens, ruler, crayons, pencil sharpener, eraser
flip flops / sandals
shorts and t-shirt (for a boy)
dress or skirt and blouse (for a girl)
Towel, bar of soap, toothpaste and toothbrush
tennis ball
dessert spoon



For more detail please visit the website

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

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

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 21st October** after the 7:30pm Mass. If you would like to attend this, please contact the office by **Tuesday 20th October**, 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 the new Government COVID regulations Baptism groups are **limited to 6 people** including: parents, and at least one of the godparents.

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

We request the honour of your presence

When we read today's gospel it's a great relief to remember that there are different kinds of truth in the bible. In the early centuries of Christianity authoritative teachers such as Augustine and Gregory the Great spoke of seven "senses" of Scripture. (Richard Rohr) Later scholars taught that there are nine kinds of truth found in Scripture: scientific, which was primitive science; geographic; historical; mathematical; human character and relationships; moral; proverbial; symbolic truth which is found in parables, myths and allegories; spiritual truth, a record of the relationship between God and his people. The Bible is primarily spiritual truth. (Kieran Sawyer)

In the first reading Isaiah introduces the theme of universalism, that whatever God is doing, he is doing for everyone. (Richard Rohr). "The Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines." In the gospel we find that the indirect, metaphorical, symbolic language of a story or parable seems to be Jesus' preferred way of teaching spiritual realities. He also makes frequent use of hyperbole, exaggerated statements or claims not meant to be taken literally. Jesus invites everyone, 'good and bad' alike, who is willing to come to the banquet which is a symbol of eternal life. 'One thing that distinguishes the first-invited guests from the second-invited guests is Presence. The second-invited guests showed up. The first-invited guests did not. The wedding hall was filled with the second-invited guests but the first-invited guests would not come. That's the main difference between the two groups.' (Michael Marsh) The key to experiencing the infinite, unconditional, loving generosity of God is to just show up, to be present. We can then pray "Lord, you are always present to us. Help us to be present to you."

Sometimes we just can't accept that God could be so generous – which is the spiritual truth in today's gospel. By accepting God's invitation to be present, 'we are inside a different mind that will enable us to see our life from a worldview of abundance. I recently saw a Hubble telescope picture of the Sombrero Galaxy which lies at the southern edge the Virgo cluster of galaxies. The mass of the Sombrero is equivalent to 800 billion suns. The universe contains many billions of galaxies, and each galaxy contains many billions of stars! Read that again if it did not blow you over! God is clearly into abundance and excess and he invites us to share in that largesse, first in receiving it, resting in it and then allowing it to flow through us towards all people and all creation.' (Richard Rohr)