

SUNDAY 31st January 2021
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 Book of Deuteronomy 18: 15-20
I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts

READING II 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

An unmarried woman can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy

GOSPEL: Mark 1: 21-28

He taught them with authority

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Parish Newsletters are posted on
Parish Website every week at:

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to
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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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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 31st January 2021
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B
Racial Justice Sunday

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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.

NEWSLETTER

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Lana Achilles, Amy Adair, Joan Arnold, 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, Brian Funnell, 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, 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 McMahan, Doreen McNamara, 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, 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 Wilde, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

Lately Deceased

Patrick O'Donohue, Veronica Hargreaves, Brenda Evelyn Abrams, Thomas Grattan, Doreen McKeown, Michael Orr, Bogdan Romulus Ghirocean (Sr Silvia's father)

Anniversaries

Mary Veronica Van Cleemput, Anthony Conroy

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 24th January 2021

St Aidan 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.



Up until Christmas, we had the Sunday readings available via video on Facebook. Now that we have the live link to Mass available, we will stop this. We have also had regular Little Church activities.

Over the summer we had our Parish Bake Off, Make Some Noise, Artistic and Writing Challenges and Parish Zoom chat and Zoom quiz.

Groups of friends, no longer able to meet have arranged a time to light a candle, say the rosary and feel the connection of friendship despite distance.

The Lenten Retreat group and then the Advent retreat group continue to be blessed with meditations and reflections from Sr. MaryRose and Sr. Silvia.

We have tried to remember and celebrate significant events and moments throughout the year in as safe and meaningful a way as possible: palms and crosses on our doors for Palm Sunday, Stations of the cross online, Easter activities, Rainbows and Poppies in our windows, VE Day celebrations, Remembrance Sunday and the Online Remembrance Service, Advent reflections and Christmas celebrations.

In March last year, none of us could have foreseen that we would have the Christmas we did, but working with schools and thanks to our creative and generous volunteers, we were able to send out over 300 Christmas cards and small gifts to the residents in 9 of the local Care home. The We Can Make a Difference team, thanks to your continued generosity, sent out the annual Christmas Selection boxes. We put up our outdoor crib, made by Bryan Blois and painted by children in our three schools, and again, thanks to our stewards, we were able to open our churches for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses.

We continue to be inspired by the incredible work done by SHARe Knowsley and all their volunteers and we are grateful for all your generosity towards this and Nugent Care who we continue to support.

There are always things we don't know about and we know that there will be so many examples of ways people have reached out to others in these very strange times. We are grateful for the role each and everyone of you has played in keeping us safe, encouraged and connected.

So, where do we go from here? We'd love your suggestions on what has been helpful, what you might like to see continue or see more of and what ideas you might have that we can use in the coming weeks/months. Please let us know via Facebook or email.

Many thanks
Christine Ball - christinewball@gmail.com

What Next?

Hi everyone. It's been a little quieter for the last couple of weeks on our online platforms. Settling in to the new year and this latest Lockdown has taken some navigating. Over the last year, we have tried to maintain as much community spirit as possible via our online platforms. We are aware that not everyone is able to access this and many of our parishioners have found various other ways of staying in touch and connecting.

Here's a summary of some of what's been happening:

Father Anton has continued to say Mass throughout all the lockdowns and church closures. Mass intentions remain, so please call to make a request if you'd like a Mass said.

We are now pleased to have WiFi in St. Agnes. With a few tweaks, we hope to have regular live streaming of Sunday Mass at 11am; this service will also be available for funerals free of charge. Thank you for your patience while we figure things out. A huge thank you to Les Girvin for making this possible, and Bryan Blois.

If you haven't already done so, please subscribe to our YouTube channels:

https://youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ - live streaming of Mass and Funerals

https://youtube.com/channel/UC98BS12mPD_Jund-a8A2Cqw - community activities and videos

Our newsletters are available weekly via the website, printed copies, Facebook and the WhatsApp group.

Our parish WhatsApp group has a large number of parishioners offering encouragement and support. If you would like to join the WhatsApp group, please let us know.

The office staff, Lesley, Honor, Jeanette and Ann, and some volunteers continue to make regular phone calls to as many parishioners as possible. We do not have an exhaustive list of numbers, so if you or a relative would like to have regular contact please let us know. Von Corner has also kindly offered her time and experience to be a listening ear every Thursday between 18:30 and 21:00. All contact details are available in the newsletter.

We have always been blessed with dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. The pandemic has done nothing to dampen this. To name but a few examples:
The maintenance of our buildings and gardens,
Stewarding and cleaning our churches
Flowers, Counters, Our website, Lay Funeral ministry, Delivering newsletters and cards, The Mary's Meals Backpack project, The live streaming of Masses.

Please note our churches are closed for weekend Masses until further notice. St. Agnes is opened only for funerals. Sunday Mass will be live streamed via YouTube at 11am

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ .

Mass Intentions

Sunday 31st January—Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes Church at 11am

Mass 11.a.m – Pauline McCoy, Veronica McLindon

Monday 1st February

St Agnes -Funeral Service 12 .45 p.m. - Patrick O'Donohue

Tuesday 2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

St Agnes Funeral Service 11am - James Quirk

Wednesday 3rd February

St. Agnes– Requiem Mass 12.00pm - Veronica Hargreaves

Presbytery Mass 4.00 p.m. – Joseph Knight, Philip Boardman

Thursday 4th February

St Agnes—Funeral Service 10.00 a.m. - Evelyn Abrams
Graveside Service Knowsley Cemetery 11 am - Margaret Lankertis

Sunday 7 February —Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes Church at 11am

Mass 11.a.m – Brian Keller, Maureen Hamilton



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_fKiF9Xut6EjgtQ

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,
If later in the day suits you.



IMPORTANT HELPLINES

These times are very difficult. There is help available. This list is not extensive, but here are some numbers. Please don't struggle alone!

Domestic violence or abuse

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247**
- **The First Step: 0151 548 3333**
- **Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247** Free 24-hour national helpline run by Women's Aid and Refuge.
- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327** Confidential helpline for male victims of domestic abuse.
Samaritans: 116 123
Call us any time, day or night. Whatever you're going through, you can call from any phone, at any time for free or email: jo@samaritans.org
- **Shout:** offers assistance by text 24 hours a day. Text 85258 to speak to a trained volunteer.
- **Childline: 0800 1111** If you're aged under 19, you can contact Childline for advice and mental health support.
- **Drinkline: 0300 123 1110** is the national alcohol helpline, which can be contacted confidentially
- **Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040**
- **Mind, the mental health charity 0300 123 3393** Email: info@mind.org.uk.



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.

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.

IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE AT PRESENT ALL BAPTISM'S HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD

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 short meeting at St. Agnes church with the parish Baptism preparation team.

We will advise, when we are able to hold the next Baptism Preparation Meeting. In the meantime, if you would like to put your name on the list for this please contact the parish office.