

Sunday 12th February 2023



First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless

Responsorial Psalm:

They are happy who follow God's Law

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 2: 6-10

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory
before the ages began

Gospel Acclamation:

**Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you
have the message of eternal life**

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37

You have learnt how it was said to our
ancestors; but I say this to you.

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ

Tel: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday - 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Tuesday-Friday - 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Email Address:

agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

Mass cards available from church/office.

*(Please note the parish office is located
beside the church, entrance via the church
car park—green door)*

For your information:

Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to
parish office

PARISH CONTACTS

SISTERS:

Helpers of the Holy Souls

Sr. Elizabeth 0151 480 7904

Sr. Mary Rose 0151 482 6895

Daughters of St. Paul 0151 487 8550

St. Mary of Namur 0151 489 1302

Deacons:

Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

St. Joseph 0151 477 8990

St. Anne's 0151 477 8260

Parish Priest

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

(Resident in parish)

Fr. Richard Sloan 0151 449 0214

Pastoral Assistant:

Christine Ball - christinewball@gmail.com

Safeguarding Representatives

Cath Golding 07759 296 233

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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.***

NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th February

World day of prayer for the sick and those who care for them.

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Stephen Critchley

Sunday 12th February - Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Mary Murray, Phylis Nuttall

Mass 11.00 am - Jack & Sheila Evans, Nora & John Fleming

Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass is live streamed every Sunday at 11am on youtube:

Search Youtube Stagnesstaidan

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,
Livestreamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

Monday 13th February

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 15th February

Mass 7.30 pm - Wilf Murphy, Vera Cushion

Friday 17th February

Mass 12 noon - Christine Moore, Cecilia Reardon

Wedding Service 2pm: Philip Iveson and Rachel Renwick

Saturday 18th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Jerry Harris, Hugh Reilly

Sunday 19th February - Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Billy Greenway, Josie Ferguson

Mass 11.00 am - Rose Mountain, David Sheenan

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm
(or by appointment during office hours)



First Communion 2022/2023

Children's sessions St. Anne's – Tuesdays	21 st OR 23 rd February 2023 6pm – 7 pm St. Aidan's Club L36 7XR
St. Joseph's/St. Aidan's/Other Schools – Thursday (unless arranged otherwise)	21 st OR 23 rd March 2023 6pm – 7 pm St. Agnes & St. Aidan Church
Rehearsals St. Joseph	Friday 12 th May 2023
Rehearsals St. Aidan	Thursday 11 th May 2023
Rehearsals St. Anne	Friday 19 th May 2023
Rehearsals Other Schools	Friday 12 th May 2023 (4pm – 5pm)
Reconciliation Service – All	Thursday 4 th May 2023 6:30 pm
First Communion St. Joseph's	13 th May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan's	13 th May 2023 10:00am
Other Schools	14 th May 2023 4 pm
First Communion St. Anne's	20 th May 2023 10am and 12:30 pm



If you would like the name of your loved one written in **The Gold Book**, situated near the St. Mary's Rd. entrance, please add the their name and the month they died to the list that can be found at the back of the church, or you can call the parish office (0151 489 3085) and ask for their name to be added to the list.

Community Prayer Circle:

Tuesday 14th February 1-3pm A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community whilst sharing friendship and lunch. All welcome. Bring a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee served. For more information contact the parish office Tel: 0151 489 9388. Or call Von (07966 102 304) if you wish to join the **WHATSAPP** Prayer Group.

Music Group:

Next practice **Tuesday, 14th February 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Community Room. Music is good for the heart and the soul. A great opportunity to make new friends and serve the parish. All welcome.

Beyond wrongdoing and rightdoing

'We can too easily forget that the law is more about relationships than it is rules. When that happens we're in grave danger of keeping the rules and losing the relationship.' [1]

'Laws can inform and form us but they cannot transform us. Law is a necessary stage one, but if we stay there it actually becomes a stumbling block. It often frustrates the process of transformation by becoming an end in itself. Torah, or Law, is the best and most helpful place to begin but not the best place to stay, and surely not the best place to end.

Juridically, law is an end in itself, absolutely good and necessary for social order. Spiritually, law is a means, not an end at all. What is the law really for? It's not to make God love us. He does love us and we are powerless to change that one way or another. The purpose of spiritual law is simply to sharpen our awareness of who we are and who God is, so that we can name our insufficiency and, in that same movement, find God's fullness. Spiritual power is the ability to influence others and events through our very *being*. Spirituality is a concern for our real inner Source, as opposed to any primary concern for our 'doing'. *Doing* will always take care of itself when our *being* is right.

When telling his Jewish followers to be faithful to their own tradition Jesus strongly distinguished between essentials and non-essentials, and then pushed it even further. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses six repetitions of the same phrase: "You have heard it said . . . but I say. . . ." I call this the "yes/and" approach: yes the law, *and* there is something more, which is the real and deep purpose of that very law. Law is never an end in itself.

Only people of the Spirit actually change things. The rest of us just rearrange them.' [2]

***Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,
there is a field.
I'll meet you there [3]***

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr [3] Rumi

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers. Please advise the office if you wish to add someone to our Prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless advised.

Chris Booth, Ann Bradshaw, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Jackie Cureton, Susan Curran, Marie D'acy, Annette Devine, Kerry Patricia Doherty, Pauline Ellison, Violet Fitzgerald, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Ben Lloyd, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Malcolm McMillen, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Betty O'Shaunessy, Claire Pendleton, Margaret Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike & Rose Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Bernard John Wheaton, Leo Pearson

Anniversaries

David Sheenan, Robert (Bob) Moore, John Alfred (Alf) Moore

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 12th February 2023 : Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List. If you wish this to be said on a specific date can you please give the office as much advanced warning as possible. Thank you.

Weekday Opening : The church is open daily (except on bank holidays) from 10 am—1pm for quiet prayer and refecton.

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM - DROP- IN SESSIONS

1st Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm, in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room, at St. Agnes & St. Aidan Church on Huyton Hey Road.L36 5SQ . (*Entrance on St. Mary's Road via the arched metal gate*)

We are not counsellors, just a small group of parishioners who have received training for this special ministry. We have also experienced the grief of having lost a loved one. You may prefer to have a one to one meeting with one of our care team. Our monthly Drop – In, is an open invitation for anyone to come along for a cup of tea and company. Time shared with a warm welcome with an opportunity for quiet prayer should you wish.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023

Flying directly from Liverpool to Lourdes and staying at Hotel Astoria/ St Louis de France. To reserve your place please contact Parish Office on 0151 489 3085

Price includes: Return flights, transfers and 7 nights full board
The cost will be £825. There will be a non-refundable deposit of £300 to be paid by 21st February 2023 with the balance payable by 21st April 2023. Single room supplement will be £35 per night.

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 & 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.

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm

If you wish to have your child baptised, you **must** contact the Parish Office on **0151 489 3085** and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

Baptisms: 1st Sunday and 2nd Sunday at 1.30pm & 2.30pm (Fr. Anton)

4th Sunday at 1.30pm and 2.30 pm (Deacon)

The next meeting will take place on Monday 6th March

LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ

The next meeting will be 19th February 2023

Please also follow the Instagram and Facebook page for the Group, or drop me a message for more information.

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ
& on **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>

Facebook: 'Parishes of St. Agnes and St. Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Hope to see you here!
Holly (she/her) Group Leader



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 22nd February
1pm until 3 pm In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members will be made more than welcome

Thanks. Sharon, Mary and Pat



Parish Whatsapp Group

Its wonderful to see so many parishioners connecting via the parish Whatsapp group. All those who worship here and their families are invited to be part of this link.

If you are interested please contact Brian Roberts on 07779328414. This is a great tool to keep everyone informed of important events/services etc. Our hope is that this will bring more positive energy to our vibrant parish community.



Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon

St Agnes & St Aidan Church,
St Mary's Road/Huyton Hey Road

£5 per table

To book your space ring

0151 489 3085



Congratulations



To

Rachel Valerie Renwick

and

Philip Frank Iveson

who will be married at

St Agnes & St Aidan's Church

On Friday 17th February 2023

Please remember

this couple in your prayers as they begin their married life together.

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be on Thursday 9th March 11am—1pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.



CARJ



(Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

As part of our **CARJ** initiative we have taken inspiration from the letter of Pope Francis — **Fratelli Tutti —Brothers & Sisters all.**

We share the dream for a single global family. Our Parish Community is a welcoming place for everyone near and far. Where do you come from? Put your mark on the MAP at the back of the church and share your birthplace with us.

Join us at our next meeting, Thursday
16th February at 7 p.m.
Sr Elizabeth Room—All Welcome