

**Sunday 25th June 2023**



**First Reading Prophet Jeremiah 20:10-13**

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**In your great love, answer me, O God**

**Second Reading: letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:12-15**

*The gift considerably outweighed the fall*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.**

**Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33**

*Do not be afraid of those who kill the body*

**NEW OFFICE/CHURCH**

**Parish Office:**

**82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ**

**Tel: 0151 489 3085**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**Email Address:**

**agnesaidan@rcaol.org.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](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)**

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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*Mike Whelan*

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**Parish Priest**

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0151 489 3085

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



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**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year A**

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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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday 24th June - Solemnity of the birth of St John the Baptist**

Mass 5.30 pm - James & Kathleen Sexton, Kathleen Latham

### **Sunday 25th June - Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Mass 9.30 am - Catherine Wood, Agnes Graham

Mass 11.00 am - Frank McCormish, Theresa O'Brien

#### **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 26th June**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### **Wednesday 28th June - Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr**

Mass 7.30 pm - Pat McLoughlin

### **Thursday 29th June - Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles**

Mass 7.30pm - Sacristans and their families

### **Friday 30th June**

Mass 12 noon - George Patrick Sothern

### **Saturday 1st July -**

Mass 5.30 pm - Ann Ford, Malcolm Farrell & John Gregory

### **Sunday 2nd July - Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Mass 9.30 am - Jean Francis, Derek McEgan

Mass 11.00 am - Cheryl Brodie, Patrick McCloy

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



The next CARJ Meeting will take place in a couple of weeks time, date to be advised. We will be discussing the arrangements for the International Table to be held on 27th August after the 10.30 am Mass. In the meantime, if you are aware of any asylum seeker or refugee families in your neighbourhood please let the Parish Office know. Many Thanks Ann Malone

#### **Car Boot Sale**

Last Saturday of each month  
8am to 12 noon  
at St Agnes & St Aidan Church,  
St Mary's Road/Huyton Hey Road.

£5 per table

To book a space ring **0151 489 3085**



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 11th July 1-3pm** A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community All welcome. Bring a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee served. For more information contact the parish office Tel: 0151 489 3085.

#### **Music Group:**

Next practice **11th July 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Community Room. All welcome.



#### **Summer Camp in Romania**



A group of parishioners will be travelling to Petrosani, Romania on 5th August for one week. We will be organising our first summer camp (since the Covid pandemic) for the children who attend the Maria Stein Children's Centre. This is a centre for disadvantaged children to make school attendance a regularity.

We will be taking crafts and games to entertain the children each day and we would be grateful for any donations. The group who will be travelling are to be commissioned on 30th July at 11.00 am mass.

#### **Romania & Suriname Projects (WCMAD)**

## Finding the Gift Underneath Our Fear

Some scripture scholars say that the words, “Do not be afraid” appear 365 times in the bible. Every day most of us experience fear of someone or something. The context that gives rise to our fear is different for each one of us and can also change from day to day. The same can be said about the intensity of that context: fear of going to the dentist, fear of travelling by air, fear of work colleagues and situations, fear of the economic climate, fear of the results of medical tests, fear of waking up to the daily warning sound of air raid sirens.

‘Whatever our experience, we normally have one of three typical responses to fear: fight, flight or freeze. Fighting back against fear tends to provoke a rebound of even more aggressive, fearful reaction; running away diminishes our lives; freezing changes nothing. While all three may carry us through immediate danger, they don’t help us grow. There is a fourth response: it is learning how to feel fear without being driven by it; it is knowing the difference between healthy fear and paranoia; it is finding the gift underneath the fear. It is a problem when fear becomes the lens through which we see everything. It is difficult trusting that there is a different way of being and then practising it. When we feel afraid, it can be useful to ponder the fear beneath the fear. Usually this fear matters more than what is on the surface. Frequently, what we are actually afraid of is not being able to cope if any of our fears are realised. The emotion we call fear is only energy passing through us. It can, like electrical circuitry, empower but if it is not contained in a system that will safely direct its flow, it can kill.’ [1]

‘It has been said the antidote to fear is not optimism but action rooted in hope. There is a part of each one of us that cannot be impacted by fear or pain. We usually call it the soul or the true self or the core beneath the core.’ [1] We can access this core through any practice that enables us to find true strength in remembering that “our feelings are how we are, not who we are.” [2] If fear brings us to a deeper realisation of who we are in God then we have found the gift underneath the fear. ‘We can tolerate anything as long as our centre holds but it’s very scary when the centre starts to go. All of us have survival strategies: a walk to nowhere in particular, immersing ourselves in some creative activity, communing with nature, being truly present to those we love. Whatever these rituals of nurturance are, they help us find the place that grants us entrance into that deeper place. Each of these experiences helps us become more grounded in a love that transcends fear, a love that sustains us in our fear.’ [3] We experience God incarnate in each of these experiences, saying to us every day: “Do not be afraid.”

*Adapted [1] Gareth Higgins [2] A de Mello [3] James Finley*

## 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. Please also let us know if a name can be removed from the list.***

Sue Adams, Nita Ambrose, Ellie Beaton, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Jackie Cureton, Susan Curran, Marie D’acy, Ted Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, Kerry Patricia Doherty, Pauline Ellison, Patricia Fisher, Violet Fitzgerald, Grace, Gary Halliday, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Geraldine McLure, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Susan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Millie Martin, John Mitchell, Frank Molloy, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret & John Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

## Lately Deceased

Barbara McGee, John Davies

## Anniversaries

Mary Murray

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 25th June:** Clean drinking water (an estimated 785 million people around the world don’t have access to basic drinking water)

**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. Please note: As in previous years Easter and Christmas masses will be for all the parishioners and not for individual intentions. Thank you.**

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

## BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM - DROP- IN SESSIONS

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be on Thursday 29th June 11am—1pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:**  
**First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd July**

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 )

## Asylum Seekers/Refugees

We would like to invite everyone to dedicate each Wednesday to pray for refugees and asylum seekers, especially those loved and cared for by the SHARe Knowsley team.

There are prayer cards and candles available at the back of church; please take one home and join together each Wednesday in prayer.



## 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 is on Sunday 16th July**

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 Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Hope to see you here!



**Holly** (she/her) Group Leader

**With One Voice** is a new choir for LGBTQ Catholics, friends and families from across the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Founder, Carrie Morrow, is a retired Catholic headteacher who also runs a community choir in her home town of Leigh.

Having completed the Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Carrie is on a synodal journey with the Church to reach the margins by singing out with one voice.

Come along to sing hymns and more at masses, celebrations and other worship events, starting Monday 17th July (and every 3rd Monday) at 7.15pm - 8.30pm at SS Agnes and Aidan, Huyton.

To find out more, contact Carrie at [withonevoice@btinternet.com](mailto:withonevoice@btinternet.com)

## KNOWSLEY YOUNG ADVENTURERS

To provide the young people in the community the chance to enjoy themselves with friends and develop important personal and independence skills by participating in team building and leadership challenges during adventurous activities that are given in an inclusive, safe and secure environment

We meet every Friday at:

St Agnes and St Aidan's Parish Church  
82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton L36 5SQ

## THANK YOU

### Standing Order Offering Appeal

Thanks to all those who have begun Standing Order offerings through their banks. We really appreciate your support for the up-keep of the parish.

I would like to encourage those who are yet to take their forms to their relevant banks to kindly do so as soon as possible

Fr Anton



## PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

### Next meeting on 28th June

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

## Lourdes At Home

Venue: Irenaeus Centre

Time: 10am - 4pm

Date: Saturday 15th July 2023

Cost: £10 - suggested donation

## PARISH BBQ

Would like to help out with the Parish BBQ on 9th July?

Setting up, helping cook the food, tidying up afterwards etc then please leave your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

All help is welcome!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th July - Parish Barbecue  
*Following 10.30 am Mass  
Feast of St Agnes & St Aidan*
- 12th July - **7.00 pm** Confirmation by Bishop Tom Naylor
- 15th July - Lourdes At Home  
*Irenaeus Centre*
- 21st July - Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes
- 27th August - International Table  
*Following 10.30 am Mass*
- 15th September - WCMAD Fundraiser at St Aidan's Parish Club
- 22nd October - World Mission Sunday
- 24th November - Winter Night at St Aidan's Parish Club

