

**Sunday 26th February 2023**



**First Reading: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7**

*The creation and fall of our first parents*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Be merciful, be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned

**Second Reading:**

**St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19**

*However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

**Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

**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](http://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:**

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**Safeguarding Representatives**

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**PARISH CLUB**

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Year A**

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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 25th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Leo Pearson, Eric Cooper

### Sunday 26th February - First Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Fr Peter Fox, Mrs Roberts

Mass 11.00 am - Mary Gibbs, Sr Nives Bormoline

#### **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,

### Monday 27th February

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Tuesday 28th February

Requiem Mass 11.30 am - Mary Bennett

### Wednesday 1st March - Feast of St David, Patron of Wales

6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Mass 7.30 pm - Victims of racial, ethnic, sexual and religious discrimination

### Thursday 2nd March

Requiem Mass 10.30 am - Malcolmb McMillan

### Friday 3rd March - Women's World Day of Prayer

Mass 12 noon - Sr Redenta Yannini, Sick Parishioners

### Saturday 4th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Sr Costanza Justo, Sr Maria Agnes Yoko

### Sunday 5th March - Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Hugh Reilly, Malcolm McMillan

Mass 11.00 am - Bernard Wheaton, Margaret Bowden

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm

(or by appointment during office hours)



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

### **First Communion 2022/2023**



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 28th 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, 28th 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.

## ***Knowing and Not Knowing***

'It is important to realise that all temptations come to us under the guise of some kind of goodness. No sane person chooses the purely evil unless some positive benefit is seen to come from it. In the first reading, the serpent says, "When you eat from this tree your eyes will be opened, and *you will be like gods*, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and that *it was desirable for the knowledge it could give*, she took some and ate it. The original temptation /sin was to satisfy our need to be in control, to make our own judgments on **what** is good and what is evil – and **who** is right and who is wrong. It is our demanding to know and insisting that we know! This false moral certitude is the complete opposite of the meaning of faith: not knowing, and not needing to know. This is a deeper way of knowing and leads to a deeper compassion. This is why all great traditions teach some form of contemplation, because it is a different form of knowledge that emerges, a much deeper consciousness of who we all are in God.' [1]

'In today's Gospel reading, the temptations are preceded by the words: "***If*** you are the Son of God..." The evil one tempts us to make us doubt our divine identity.' [1] 'Whether Jesus said yes or no did not determine his sonship, his belovedness. They already were a reality. Jesus could neither earn them nor lose them, and neither can we. The temptations and struggles in the desert, did not determine how God would see Jesus but how Jesus would see himself. Jesus' response to temptation was grounded in knowing and experiencing the truth about himself. [2]

We will all want to 'do' something during Lent to leave ourselves open to God's transforming love and to respond to the temptations which disconnect us from our awareness of our original beauty and goodness. Whatever we decide, Howard Thurman reminds us that, "the true purpose of all spiritual disciplines is to clear away whatever may block our awareness of God in us." This could be our daily 'mantra' during Lent. Each day will reveal what it is that is blocking our awareness – variations on the themes of our need to be in control, our need to know all the answers. 'When the quest for certainty and control is pushed to the background, the possibility of wonder returns. Wonder provides a gateway to wise insight.' [3] 'We need transformed people today, and not just people with answers.' [1]

*Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Michael Marsh [3] Tobin Hart*

## **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, John Davies, 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, Ben Lloyd, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

### **Lately Deceased**

Elizabeth Woodruff, Betty O'Shaunessy,

### **Anniversaries**

Dougie Maylor, Manuel Benjamin Samosa, Robert Francis Gilmartin, Margaret Bowden, Sheila Whitehead, Joan O'Keefe, Peggy Coyne

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 26th 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 10am—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.

The balance is payable by **21st April 2023**.

Cheques to be made payable to St Agnes Parish

## 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 and 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 26th February 2023**  
**St Bede's Church, Appleton Village, Widnes WA8 6EL**

**Mass will begin at 2 pm and will be followed by a social gathering. All are very welcome**

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 8th March**  
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**



## Monthly Craft Group

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

## VOLUNTEERING AT SHARE KNOWSLEY

We are always looking for volunteers at SHARE Knowsley and offer a range of volunteering opportunities from helping sort donations to becoming a befriender.

Following the appalling events last Friday night outside the hotel, it is more important now than ever before, to show the asylum seekers who find themselves in Knowsley, a friendly face and make them feel welcome.

We are especially looking for volunteers for our Kirkby and hotel drop-ins. If you interested in finding out more or want to apply, then please contact our office by sending an email to [admin@shareknowsley.org.uk](mailto:admin@shareknowsley.org.uk)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th July - Parish Barbecue  
Following 10.30 am Mass

21st July - Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

27th August - International Table  
Following 10.30 am Mass

15th September - WCMAD Fundraiser  
St Aidan Parish Club

22nd October - World Mission Sunday

24th November - Winter Night  
St Aidan Parish Club

