

Sunday 6th August 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 55: 1-3

Come and eat

Responsorial Psalm:

You open wide your hand, O Lord you grant our desires

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Romans 8: 35.37-39

No created thing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Gospel: Matthew 14: 13-21

They all eat as much as they wanted

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

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

PARISH CONTACTS

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Sr. Mary Rose 0151 482 6895

Daughters of St. Paul 0151 487 8550

St. Mary of Namur 0151 489 1302

Deacon:

Mike Whelan

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

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Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

(Resident in parish)

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St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



Sunday 6th August 2023
Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A

*(Next event: 27th August
International Table organised by CARJ)*

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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 5th August

Wedding 1.30pm of Anthony G Hope and Hannah L Daly

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Edward Coffey

Sunday 6th August - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass 9.30 am - Pensioners Club, Breastmates (Lyndale)

Mass 11.00 am - Alice Bowden, Daphne & Brendan Flynn

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 7th August

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 9th August - Feast St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, ODC

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 11th August - 1.45pm Funeral Service - Monica Saltmarsh

Saturday 12th August

Mass 5.30 pm - Vivien Brounrigg, Parish Gardeners

Sunday 13th August - Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Alicia Bowden, Kathleen Woods

Mass 11.00 am - Maureen McLindon, Mary Fletcher

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



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.



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.

MUSIC GROUP AND COMMUNITY PRAYER CIRCLE

'We will be taking a break from meeting over the children's summer holidays and will resume on **Tuesday 12th September**.

However, we will continue to pray for the needs of our parish and local community so all prayer request will be collected each week'.

Many thanks

Love and blessings

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. **There is also a simplified form at the back of the Church for those who have not already completed one.**

Fr Anton

It is Wonderful to be Here

Before the Transfiguration, Peter and his fellow disciples experienced Jesus as a teacher, a storyteller, a healer and a travelling companion. His face, his manners, his voice, his mission were all familiar to them; familiar and safe. Then one day on a mountain, the unimaginable happened: before their very eyes Jesus changed, becoming at once both fully himself and fully unrecognisable. Whenever we think we have God figured out, it's good to be reminded that we don't have all the answers. It's good to be brought to our knees by a God whose thoughts are not our thoughts, and whose ways are not our ways. It is good to encounter Jesus on the mountaintop. On the other hand, *it's not* good to fixate on the sublime, to carve up and compartmentalise our lives, separating "sacred" from "secular," the mountain from the valley, the spectacular from the 'mundane'. Desperate for the mountain, we miss the God of the valley, the work place, the school yard, the grocery store, the street corner.

"It is wonderful for us to be here." As soon as Peter affirmed his experience, he tried to hoard it; he tried to harness the holy; he tried to limit his wonderful experience to one place. Our mountaintop experiences will come and go according to God's will and timing, not according to our management. In that sense, sublime spiritual experiences are easy; they require little from us. We can't control them. What's hard is consenting to follow Jesus back down the mountain. What's challenging is learning to cultivate awe and wonder in the rhythms and routines of the everyday. [1]

Jesus tells the disciples who witnessed his transfiguration, "Don't talk about it!" 'He knew that talking too soon would only weaken the experience. Silence seems necessary to preserve the sacred and the mysterious. We will never be able to talk about it, nor do we need to. Our ordinary shining life will be its only and best proof.' [2] 'Silence helps us remember how we felt on the 'mountaintop.' And remembering helps us walk on, facing wherever life's journey takes us, enabling us to say, "It is wonderful to be here." ' [3]

Adapted [1] Debie Thomas [2] Richard Rohr [3] Rev. Kathy Manis Findley

Prayer Requests

There are boxes for prayer requests at the statues on both sides of the church. These petitions will be prayed for by the community prayer circle at their monthly meeting.

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, Jane Blakemore, Cheryl Brodie, 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, John Evans, George Finnigan, 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, Teresa Rossiter, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Vivien Brounrigg, John Fisher, Billy May

Anniversaries

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 6th August : Those who struggle with addiction and their families

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 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

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room. Date to be advised

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting: First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 7th August

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: from October

1st Saturday at 12.00 noon and 1 pm
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm (Fr. Anton)
4th Sunday at 1.30 pm 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.



ST AIDAN'S PARISH CLUB

We are looking to recruit two new bar staff at the club.

If you are 18 or over and are interested please contact Jaquie on 07932 404 521

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 20th August

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.

Come along to sing hymns and more at masses, celebrations and other worship events, starting **Monday 21st August (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

INTERNATIONAL TABLE OF FELLOWSHIP

27th August at St Agnes & St Aidan Church, Huyton Hey Road,

All are welcome.

Tickets are available from the office or after mass. The invitation is for all from varied ethnic backgrounds in and around Huyton. If you wish feel free to bring a plate of traditional food to share

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



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 9th August

1pm until 3 pm In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members will be made more than welcome

Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see anyone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened.

Sometimes it is due to the fact that a bus route has changed it's time and no longer ties in with the mass times.

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you become aware of anyone who has not been seen for a while and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch with them if they so wish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 27th August | International Table Following 10.30 am Mass |
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Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7)

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| 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 |

