

Sunday 16th July 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth give growth

Responsorial Psalm:

Some seeds fell into rich soil, and produced its crop

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Romans 8:18.23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 13 :1-23

A sower went out to sow.

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Email Address:

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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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Deacon:

Mike Whelan

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0151 489 3085

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



Sunday 16th July 2023

Fifteenth 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 15th July - Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Peter & Nellie Lynch, Rose Grieve

Sunday 16th July - Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Pat McLoughlin, Rose Murphy

Mass 11.00 am - Mary Murray, Barbara Hoyle

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 17th July

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 10.30 am - Monica Cecilia Oakley

7.15pm - 8.30pm - With One Voice choir practice (new choir for LGBTQ+ and their families and friends, all are welcome)

Wednesday 19th July

Mass 7.30 pm - CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice), Asylum Seekers and Refugees

Thursday 20th July

Funeral Service 1pm - Colin Doherty

Saturday 22nd July - Feast of St Mary Magdalene

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen Latham, Jospeh David Holland

Sunday 23rd July - Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Mary Ryan, Tommy Cullen

Mass 11.00 am - Gabriel Santer, Special Intention

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: Tuesday 18th July at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. Music is good for the heart and the soul. A great opportunity to make new friends and serve the parish through ministry. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 18th July 1-3pm. A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community. If you have a prayer intention, please complete a prayer slip (by St Martins or Our Lady statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.



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)

God, the Ground of our Being

The dictionary definition of a parable is that it is a short simple story illustrating a moral or spiritual truth. Richard Rohr compares parables to Zen koans: they're meant to split apart our normal ways of thinking about things and help us see with different eyes and hear with different ears. 'We speak of getting lost in a story, but part of what draws us to a story is the promise of finding: finding a different world, finding another time, finding ourselves.' [1]

'The story of the sower and the seed is very familiar to us as are the various interpretations of the nature of the soil which symbolise the state of our heart. We have rightly been encouraged to lead lives which have all the ingredients of lives rooted in good 'soil': lives of love, of prayer, of forgiveness, of gentleness, of compassionate action.' [2] If we only consider this interpretation, we may only focus on what **we** do and especially on our many failures to be 'good soil.' We may be tempted to think that our weaknesses 'have the authority to name who we are. Only infinite generosity has the authority to name who we are.' [3]

'What if this parable is not about our own successes and failures but about the extravagance of a sower who does not seem to be fazed by such concerns, who flings seed everywhere, wastes it with holy abandon? If this is really the parable of the Sower and not the parable of the different kinds of ground, then it begins to sound quite new. The focus is not on us and our shortfalls but on the generosity of our maker, the prolific sower who does not obsess about the condition of the fields, who is not cautious or judgmental or even what we would call practical, who is not stingy with the seed but who casts it everywhere, on good soil and bad.' [4] This parable, like all the other parables, is meant to jolt us out of any understanding that would limit God's love to the good or the worthy. [2]

This interpretation of the parable focuses on God, the **ground** of our being. As we grow in awareness that 'the infinitely generous love of God is our origin, our sustaining ground' [3], as we become rooted in God's love, we will share that unconditional love with everyone we meet.

'When we pare away the layers of familiarity in the stories of our faith—those layers that can lull us into thinking we know what a story is about – we may find the story beneath the story; we may find where the story begins. When we reach for the threads that a good story offers, we are returned to ourselves.' [1]

[1] Jan Richardson [2] Lisa Hunt-Wotton [3] James Finley [4] Barbara Brown Taylor

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, 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, Johnny 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, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, 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

Stephen Grimes

Anniversaries

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 16th July : 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 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 on Thursday **3 August 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 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 12.30 pm and
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 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.

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

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 9th August
(26th July meeting cancelled)

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

21st July	Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes
27th August	International Table Following 10.30 am Mass

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7)

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

