

**Sunday 9th April 2023**



**First Reading:** Acts of the Apostles 10: 34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad**

**Second Reading:** from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4

*You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord**

**Gospel: John 20: 1-9**  
*He must rise from the dead*

**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**

**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

*Honor Ambrose* 0151 480 5608

**PARISH CLUB**

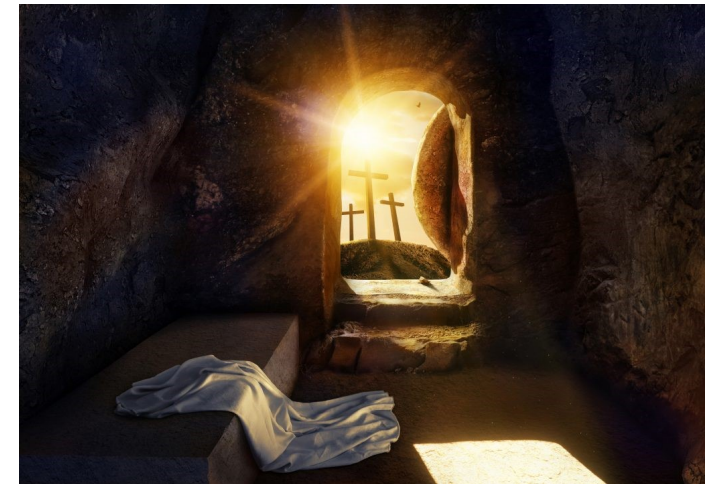
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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 9th April 2023**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**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.***

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 8th April

Mass 8.30 pm - Asylum Seekers and Refugees

### Easter Sunday 9th April

Mass 9.30 am - Volunteers of St Agnes & St Aidan

Mass 11.00 am - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan



### **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.**

### Wednesday 12th April

Mass 7.30 pm - Margaret Murphy, Jean Foster

### Thursday 13th April

**Requiem Mass 11 am—Brian Tyrer**

### Friday 14th April

Mass 12 noon - Margaret & Wilf Murphy, Marilyn Davies

### Saturday 15th April

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Daphne Flynn

### Sunday 16th April

Mass 9.30 am - Tony & Barbara Moran, Anne & Michael Ward

Mass 11.00 am - Ann Shields, Bella Kearns

**Mass 2.00 pm - LBGTQ+ Catholics, families and friends  
(organised by the Archdiocese of Liverpool)**

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



## **Dates for First Communion Programme and celebrations**

Rehearsals St. Joseph	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Rehearsals St. Aidan	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Rehearsals St. Anne	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Rehearsals Other Schools	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (4pm – 5pm)
Reconciliation Service – All schools	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 6:30 pm
First Communion St. Joseph	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 10:00
Other Schools	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 4 pm
First Communion St. Anne	20 <sup>th</sup> 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:**

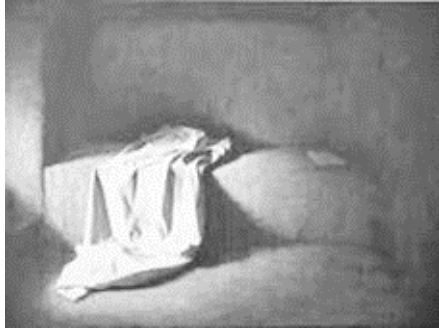
**Tuesday 11th April 1-3pm** A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community whilst sharing friendship and lunch. All welcome. Bring a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee served. For more information contact the parish office Tel: 0151 489 9388. Or call Von ( 07966 102 304) if you wish to join the **WHATSAPP** Prayer Group.

## **Music Group:**

Next practice **Tuesday, 11th April 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.

## *The Empty Tomb*

For all three liturgical cycles the Gospel reading for Easter Sunday invites us to the empty tomb where we find linen cloths abandoned on the floor and another carefully rolled up (some translations say folded ) in a separate place.



Mary, Peter and John are traumatised, confused and frightened and no doubt feel as empty as the tomb in which they stand. So if we do not feel the joy that we think we are expected to feel on Easter Sunday, then we are in good company.

Father Chrystian Shankar gives an example of one of the various attempts to explain the meaning of the linen cloths. 'The rolling up and

placement of this cloth hearkened to a Jewish custom of the time and is related to a common practice used by servants and masters. A servant, after he had prepared the dining table for his master, would stand to the side, out of sight of the master, but attentive. He wouldn't dare to return to the table until the master had finished his meal. When he was finished, he would rise, clean his fingers, mouth, and beard, and leave the 'napkin' crumpled in a ball on the table. The wrinkled, discarded napkin indicated "I have finished." If, however, for whatever reason, the master left the table with the intention of returning, then he would crease the napkin into folds and leave it beside his dishes. This was a message for the servant that he was not to disturb the table, because he, the master had indicated: "I am returning."

The imagery of this story and the artist's visual image of the empty tomb are both 'at the service of the 'unsayable'. And when we speak of emptiness, we are not speaking of just emptiness, but of emptiness that is beginning to be filled with a Presence.' [1] In our 'empty tomb' experiences we trust that God has not left us, and we experience this when we stand in awe and wonder as John did at the open tomb, believing that we are in the presence of a profound life-altering mystery. Opening our hearts to that mystery, we allow it to transform us from within.' [2]

Then we will experience deep Easter joy.

*Adapted: [1] James Finley [2] Sharon Grussendorf*

## **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 a space ring **0151 489 3085**



## **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.***

Nita Ambrose, Ellie Beaton, 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, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Susan McKeown, Pat Mansfield, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Millie Martin, John Mitchell, Frank Molloy, 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, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

## **Lately Deceased**

Terry Phillips, Fr Vin McShane, Lawrence McCrystal, Terry Phillips

## **Anniversaries**

Peter Philip Cailceta,

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 9th April 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. 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 20th April 11am—1pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

## 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 )

Because of the Bank Holiday the next meeting is on Monday, 15th May at 7.30 p.m.

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.



## Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023



The balance is payable by  
**21st April 2023.**  
Cheques to be made payable to  
St Agnes Parish

## 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 April**

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



**Archdiocesan next LGBTQ+ Catholics, families and friends gathering 16th April 2023 at St Agnes & St Aidan's Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ Mass will begin at 2 pm and will be followed by a social gathering. All are very welcome**

## Nugent Care

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of church after Mass or handed in to the office.

They are also collecting **any type of currency (coins or notes) including old English and Euros.**  
**www.wearenuigent.org**

## SHARe KNOWSLEY

We are a group of like minded people who want to do something to try and improve the lives of those who have left their homes and everything they know to escape the horrors of persecution, violence, war and oppression.

On a local level, we hope to create a support network for asylum seekers and refugees who may live near us, giving them the assistance they need to live with dignity, so that they can rebuild their lives. Offering friendship is at the heart of everything we do. We have established close links with the British Red Cross who have outreach workers that are often at the drop-in to give casework advice and support.

We also aim to provide support further afield by giving assistance where we can, be it in the form of financial contributions or donations of clothing and food.



## PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

### Next meeting on 12th April

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**



## 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. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community. Those interested need to notify the parish office not later than the 1st of October

### Parish Contacts:

**Parish Office:** 0151 489 3085

**Email:** agnesaidan@rcaol.org.uk

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th April - Archdiocesan LGBTQ+ Mass at 2pm followed by refreshments

24th May - 7.30 pm - Time to Remember Service

9th July - Parish Barbecue  
Following 10.30 am Mass  
Feast of St Agnes & St Aidan



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