

Sunday 27th November 2022



**First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 2:1-5**

*The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'**

**Second Reading:**

**St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14**

*Our salvation is near*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Let us see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.**

**Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44**

*Stay awake so that you may be ready*

**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**

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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*Cath Golding* 07759 296 233

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**PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 27th November 2022  
First Sunday of Advent**

**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

### Saturday 26th November

Mass 5.30 pm - Sandra Nelson, Cathy Tinsley, The Pious List

### Sunday 27th November - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 9.30 am - The Pious List, Mary Pollock

Mass 11.00 am - The Pious List, Joan Peters

4 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction



### **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 28th November

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Wednesday 30th November - Feast of St Andrew, Apostle

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Friday 2nd December

12 noon - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Saturday 3rd December - St Francis Xavier, Priest

Mass 5.30 pm - Margaret Fotheringham, Staff in our Primary Schools

### Sunday 4th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Mass 9.30 am - Bernard Riley, Alison O'Connell

Mass 11.00 am - James & Sarah Watts, Rose Mountain

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



## **First Communion 2022/2023**

Application forms are now available for the First Communion programme for children currently in Year 4. They have been distributed via schools and are available at the back of the church if you attend another school. The closing date for this was **Monday, 7th November**. If you have missed the closing date please contact the parish office **asap**.

**Dates for your Diary.** 2nd Parent Meeting - Tuesday 17th January 2023 7pm in  
Sts Agnes & Aidan Church

## **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.

**Parish Contacts:** Office: 0151 489 3085  
**Email address:** agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

## **GOSPEL POWER**

The book of Gospel reflections will be available at the back of church in the following weeks at a cost of £5.25. The book covers daily Gospel reflections for the whole year.

**PLEASE PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE ENVELOPE ON THE DESK**

## **Community Prayer Circle:**

**Tuesday 6th December 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, 6th December 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.

## ***Advent Longing***

'Advent celebrates human yearning. There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfilment that somehow lies beyond us. It flows from our deeply rooted human incompleteness. St. Augustine uttered the classic description of this spirit: "You made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." All of us long for something more as we make our pilgrim way. When people focus on power, pleasure, fame, or financial prosperity, they often find themselves moving aimlessly, without fulfilment.' [1]  
Advent is about trying to make sense of that intense and disturbing imperative for a completeness that always eludes us, that burns in our flesh and never leaves us alone.

Just as it is the task of the water-diviner to 'divine' the presence of the sweetest water deep down in the earth, so it is the task of spiritual leaders to enable us to 'divine' our divinity, to find the hidden well of mystery within us. The liturgy of the Christian Church responds to this mystery of our inner truth, but also wakens us to the danger of settling prematurely for lesser unions, of mistaking false gods for God. Our weakness lies in the setting up of the shop of our lives at the wrong address, in misreading 'true north' in the compass of our brief existence on this earth. Advent reminds us of, and returns us to our true roots, to God's first dream for us.' [2]

Whenever we experience the wonder of the hidden well of mystery within us, we will long to do all we can to 'stay awake', to nourish an awareness that God is present to us in every moment of our lives, in all the circumstances of our lives.

*Blessed be the longing that brought you here*

*And quickens your soul with wonder.*

*May you have the courage to listen to the voice of desire*

*That disturbs you when you have settled for something safe.*

*May you have the wisdom to enter generously into your own unease*

*To discover the new direction your longing wants you to take. [3]*

Adapted: [1] Robert Maloney [2] Daniel O'Leary [3] John O' Donohue

## **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, Annette Devine, Pauline Ellison, Violet Fitzgerald, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Malcolm McMillen, Laura Maddock, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Alice O'Brien, Betty O'Shaunessy, Claire Pendleton, Hugh Reilly, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Billy Turner, Mike & Rose Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, John Wilson.

### **Lately Deceased**

Mary Mulvaney

### **Anniversaries**

Mary (May) Mulville, Sandra Nelson, John Scott

### **BENEDICTION**

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm.*

### **Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 27th November 2022**

Those who struggle with addictions and their families



***Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.***

## **Fourth Dimension Charity Shop**

Do you have a couple of hours free during the week?

If so, the Fourth Dimension Shop in the village is in need of new volunteers to work in the shop and would love to hear from you. The shop is an ecumenical charity founded to raise money through the sale of goods and refreshments to assist in developing countries and to meet the needs of our own area.

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

**The Fourth Dimension Shop in Huyton Village  
Tel: 0151 480 5257**

## 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 18th December 2022**

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



## 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)

**PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

## 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.

## 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.wearenugent.org](http://www.wearenugent.org)

## 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**

## Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023



Flying directly from Liverpool to Lourdes staying at Hotel La Solitude  
To reserve your place please contact Parish Office on 0151 489 3085  
Price includes: Return flights, transfers and 7 nights full board  
More details will follow shortly.

## PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next Meeting is on **Wednesday 14th December 1pm to 3pm.** All are welcome for a cuppa and a chat. We are also hoping to organise trips out, raffles, etc. If you are interested please write your name on the list at the back of the church, call the parish office or just come along.

Thanks.  
**Mary McCloy & Pat Murray**



## WARM AND COSY CENTRE

Our Parish Centre (St Aidan parish club) will be open **every Monday between 1pm and 3.30pm** as a safe and warm place. Everyone is welcome

There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and WiFi and friendly company



## CHESS CLUB/BOARD GAMES

If you are interested in joining the Parish Chess/Board Games Club please contact Max  
**07878 922 057**



## Weekday Opening Times

The Church is open (Mon - Fri 10am— 1 pm). We would like to invite you to pop in during the week, light a candle, say a prayer or just take the opportunity to sit quietly. There is always instrumental music playing. (Please be aware that on occasion there will be members of the parish working in the church.)

## 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 WELCOME**