

Sunday 1st January 2023



First Reading: Book of Numbers 6: 22-27

They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel and I will bless them

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, be gracious and bless us

Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

God sent his Son, born of a woman

Gospel Acclamation:

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son

Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

They found Mary and Joseph and the baby... When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.

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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Safeguarding Representatives

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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NEWSLETTER

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

Year A

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
Reg. Charity No. 232709

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 31st December - 7th Day within the Octave of the Nativity

Mass 5.30 pm - Andrew Fisher, Daphne Flynn & Mary Thomas

Sunday 1st January - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass 9.30 am - Victims of racial, ethnic, sexual and religious discrimination

Mass 11.00 am - Ted & Pat Barry, Patricia Spencer

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 4th January - Feast of the Holy Innocents

Mass 7.30 pm - Terminally ill Parishioners and their families

Thursday 5th January

11.30 am - **Requiem Mass** - Alice O'Brien

Friday 6th January - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 12 noon - Tony McIver (in Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room)

Saturday 7th January - St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen & James Sexton, Nancy Rickland

Sunday 8th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass 9.30 am - Catherine Wood,

Mass 11.00 am - Kathryn Hughes, Pauline Simon



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

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE

'Sometimes you need to sit in a quiet room in order to hear your own voice and not let it drown in the noise of others' - Charlotte Eriksson

The Old Schoolhouse on St John's Road has opened a room for quiet reflection, a space to think, a place to pray. It is open to all who feel the need for a time alone with their thoughts and a chance to speak with God.

*Please know you are welcome to come anytime **Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm***

St Aidan's Parish Club

There are two new function rooms available in the Parish Club. This enables the club to host three functions at the same time. Please try and use the parish club for your family events. You are more than welcome to go and take a look.

Call Jacqui on: 07932 404 521

MARY'S MEALS - What we do

Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future.

We are already feeding more than two million children every school day – and, together, we can reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals.

How to get involved with our charity

It costs just £15.90 to feed a child with Mary's Meals for an entire school year – meaning even small donations can transform lives.

If you're unable to donate at this time, there are lots of other ways to support our mission.

Together, we will reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals.

For further details contact the parish office or check this link

www.marysmeals.org

Message from Fr. Anton

As we move through the joyful celebrations of Christmas, in a few days' time, we will say goodbye to the year 2022. It's a good time to look back and be grateful for each and every one, who considers themselves a part of this community. Whether you are able to regularly worship with us or not, due to various commitments, I am delighted you are part of this all-inclusive and welcoming community. Thank you for your support this year.

Since we became one large parish family, under the name St Agnes & St. Aidan a year ago, it's heart-warming to see the inclusivity, camaraderie and genuine friendships taking shape and we look forward, with hope, to the building of our new church with a variety of facilities to accommodate the needs of the people in Huyton and the surrounding area.

Blessed with the largest number of Mass attendance in our pastoral area, it's wonderful to see many of our parishioners getting involved in various groups, whether it's the parish team, including the religious sisters, the parish pensioner club, CARJ (Catholic association for racial justice), LGBT+ support group, parish after Mass tea club, parish prayer group, music group, welcoming group, gardeners, those who clean and maintain the interior of the church, the flower arrangers, the car boot team, Eucharistic ministers who visit the house-bound, volunteering in supporting the asylum seekers and refugees (Share Knowsley), volunteering at the Fourth Dimension Charity shop in Huyton, and the list goes on.

We are also delighted that various groups in the area like the gamblers anonymous and the sewing group, continue to use our facilities both here in the church meeting room and also in our St. Aidan parish club. A few months ago we had the opportunity to gather our parish volunteers for a Thank You meal in our club; we are blessed with over 80 committed & loyal volunteers whose services are invaluable.

The generosity of our parishioners towards: Nugent Care (Liverpool charity caring for people in and around Liverpool), Mary's Meals, supporting parish overseas missions in Suriname and Romania, SHARe Knowsley, all makes a huge difference to the lives of many in need.

My apologies if I have not mentioned the particular group you are part of, but please know you are very much appreciated and we are blessed because you are part of this enthusiastic parish family. You are all an inspiration to me and a shining light in the community. May God continue to bless those we love and the most in need of our prayers.

Happy Christmas and a healthy new year

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle
Parish Priest.

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, 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, Ben Lloyd, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Malcolm McMillen, Laura Maddock, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Betty O'Shaunessy, Claire Pendleton, Margaret Quixley, Hugh Reilly, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Billy Turner, Mike & Rose Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Anniversaries

Clara Taylor

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 31st December 2022

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. Thanks

BENEDICTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm. **Weekday Opening -The church is open daily from 10 am—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 WELCOME



Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023

Flying directly from Liverpool to Lourdes and staying at Hotel Astoria/ St Louis de France. To reserve your place please contact Parish Office on 0151 489 3085

Price includes: Return flights, transfers and 7 nights full board
The cost will be £825. There will be a non-refundable deposit of £300 to be paid by 21st February 2023 with the balance payable by 21st April 2023

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

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

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 15th January 2023

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



St Agnes Little Church and Welcoming Group

We are looking for new volunteers to be part of our Children's Liturgy Team. This would only mean a commitment of 20 minutes every six weeks, which equates to about 8 times a year. We would really welcome your help.

The only criteria: DBS check for safeguarding as required by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Please ring the office for more information.

We are also looking for new members for our 'Welcoming' group to meet and greet people (& to handover hymn books and Newsletters) as they come into the church. If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak to a member of the welcoming group today. Many Thanks .

SHARE KNOWSLEY

When your life is in danger and you have to flee for safety.....

When you leave everything behind and have to make a treacherous journey.....

When you finally arrive in the UK with only the clothes you are wearing, it's freezing cold, you are not allowed to work and you are not given any money at all, life can seem pretty grim and you can feel like the universe has forgotten you.

CAN YOU HELP! A donation of £15 would purchase a pair of trainers or a warm fleece or a pair of jeans. £10 would purchase a pack of underwear. £5 would pay for a pack of socks.

Please help by making a donation into one of the refugee boxes in the church porch.

We are also accepting nearly new young men's small or medium clothing which can be dropped off in the Lady chapel in the church

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Roach
Chair of Share Knowsley

Men's Rites of Passage

A 5-day life-changing program for men devised by Richard Rohr OFM which has been undertaken by over 5000 men across the world.

This is not about religion, but about spirituality. About age-old traditions that guide men into manhood. About coming to trust that there is something much greater at work in your life than you could ever imagine. Taking you sometimes OUT of your comfort zones, but more deeply back into your own life. You may find yourself mentally, intellectually, emotionally or spiritually challenged. This is part of the experience for some men: it may feel risky or uncomfortable; you may not always feel in control. Throughout the 5 days you will be held by an experienced team of male elders who have all previously undertaken the Rites themselves. As the Elders take you through the process of the Rites you will experience drumming, ritual, fire, silence, small groups, wilderness, solo-time, teaching . . . and more. The Men's Rites of Passage are suitable for men of all colour, age, sexuality, ethnicity and faith tradition (or no faith); men with more severe physical disabilities are asked to provide more details of their restrictions during the application process and we will provide further advice.

The Men's Rites in 2023 will be held from **June 28, 2023 14:00** until **July 02, 2023 16:00**
At [The Bield at Blackruthven, Nr. Perth](#), Scotland

<http://www.malejourney.org.uk/rites> or speak to Fr. Richard Sloane or Fr. Anton

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.

PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 11th January
1p.m. until 3 p.m. In the parish
meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members will be made more than
welcome



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



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



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.weare nugent.org



Weekday Opening Times

The Church is open
(Mon - Fri 10am— 1 pm). There is always instrumental music playing.
(Please be aware that on occasion there will be members of the parish working in the church.)

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.

Heart-knowing

Today we are told that Mary treasured the words of the shepherds and 'pondered them in her heart.' In the Hebrew biblical tradition, the word 'heart' is not a place of sentiment or emotion; it's the place where everything comes together, where our mind, body, emotions, our psyche and our soul all work together as one and we experience wholeness. So the heart-way of knowing, the heart-way of reflecting that we hear from Mary is a different way of knowing reality. We shouldn't confuse it with simply being sentimental or emotional. It's much bigger than that; it's much deeper than that; it's much broader than that. The biblical tradition is saying that to know from the heart is the place from which we know truthfully, honestly, fully and deeply.' [1]

'The mind is a great tool for reading the *quantitative* universe. But when that function runs the show we end up thinking that accumulating is the goal of life. The heart is the organ of perception that reads the *qualitative* universe, the realm of beauty, truth, joy and peace. We want the head and heart to work in concert with each other, but we would hope that the heart be the master. As we go deeper into the ground of our own heart, we become aware that it is simultaneously *our* heart and also the heart of the One who holds us in love.' [2]

'Today's second reading says it is from that place that we find hope. It is from that place that we know we are objectively sons and daughters of God.' [1] With Mary, may we treasure these words and ponder them in our heart, knowing that all will be well, whatever life holds for us.

Throughout the coming year:

'May the single, most significant dimension of life be our relationship with the Source of Goodness;

May we remember that relationships are what count above all else - more than work or money, or all the material things we spend so much time tending;

May we look in the mirror at least once a day and smile in happy amazement;

May we carry peace within ourselves, allowing it to slip into the hearts of others so our planet becomes a place where violence, division and war are no more.

[3]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Matthew Wright [3] Joyce Rupp

First Communion 2022/2023

Parent Meeting	Tuesday 17 th January 2023 7 pm – 8 pm
Children's sessions	24 th OR 26 th January 2023
	21 st OR 23 rd February 2023
	21 st OR 23 rd March 2023
Rehearsals St. Joseph	Friday 12 th May 2023
Rehearsals St. Aidan	Thursday 11 th May 2023
Rehearsals St. Anne	Friday 19 th May 2023
Rehearsals Other Schools	Friday 12 th May 2023 (4pm – 5pm)
Reconciliation Service – All	Thursday 4 th May 2023 6:30 pm
First Communion St. Joseph's	13 th May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan's	13 th May 2023 10:00am
Other Schools	14 th May 2023 4 pm
First Communion St. Anne's	20 th May 2023 10am and 12:30 pm



You may have noticed that **the Golden Book** has now been placed near the St. Mary's Road entrance to the church. If you would like the name of your loved one written in this book, 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 17th January 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, 17th January 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.

