

**SUNDAY**  
**12th December 2021**



**First Reading: prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18**  
*The Lord will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival*

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
**Sing and Shout for joy for great in your  
midst is the Holy One of Israel**

**Second Reading: letter of St Paul to the  
Philippians 4: 4-7**  
*The Lord is very near*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.**  
**He has sent me to bring good news to the  
poor.**

**Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18**

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NEWSLETTER

# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



**Sunday 12th December 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
Year C**

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 11th December

**St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm** - Anne & Nick Redmond, Eddie McLoughlin

### Sunday 12th December—Third Sunday in Advent

**Joint Parish Mass will begin at St Aidan 10am followed by procession to St Agnes & St Aidan, Huyton Hey Road where the Mass will continue.**

*(Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan, Jerry Ford, Julie Morgan)*

**Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes & St Aidan Church at 11am**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ) .

**Please note live streamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend these Masses anonymity cannot be guaranteed.**

### Monday 13th December

9.30 am— Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Tuesday 14th December

**Funeral Service 12.30—James (Jimmy) Griffiths**

### Wednesday 15th December ( Memorial of St. John of the Cross )

**Funeral Service 11.00am—Kathleen Halligan**

Mass 7.30 pm — Maureen Hamilton, Tea Ladies of St Agnes & St Aidan

### Friday 17th December

**Funeral Service 12.30p.m.—John Scott**

### Saturday 18th December

**Mass 5.30 pm** - Bobby & Dolly Kelly, Robert Latham

### Sunday 19th December—Fourth Sunday in Advent

**Mass 9.30 a.m.** Joan Mary Sweeney, Thomas Campbell

**Mass 11.00 a.m.** Patrick & Mary McLindon, Tony Crowney

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



## **Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses**

Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am

You can find us on YouTube, the link is

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ)

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,  
If later in the day suits you.

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## Music Group

We will resume, with tambourines at the ready, on Tuesday, 18th January 2022.

**We would love more singers to join us so please give it a thought !**

**Mission Boxes will be emptied this month.**



## **A BIG Thank you from Mary's Meal**

Thank you to all who worshiped at St Aidan's church and contributed to Mary's Meals school backpack project this year. We have so far collected a total of 66 completed backpacks which we will take to our new parish 'Sts Agnes and Aidan' on Huyton Hey Road on Sunday. Please continue to support this project because together we can make a huge difference to many children and their families.

*Thanks to Pat ( Patricia) Murray for all the work this year and her continuing support.*



## 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**



Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of either 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. The money is then sorted, bagged and sent to a coin exchange.

**[www.wearenugent.org](http://www.wearenugent.org)**

**St Aidan's Club is hiring Bar Staff**  
Ring 07932 404 521 if your interested



## SHARe– Support & Help for Asylum seekers and Refugees.

Here at SHARe Knowsley we are hoping to spread some much needed Christmas cheer to refugees and asylum seekers living in Knowsley. We will have a party and would like to be able to give everyone a present. To do this we are asking for donations of:

- Men and Ladies gift sets (toiletries).
- Hats, gloves and scarves
- Sketch pads, colouring items, colouring books

We do have a lot more men so if you are thinking of donating a gift set, please bear that in mind. Donations can be dropped off at the Old School House, St. John's Road, Huyton, L36 0XL

Alternatively, donations of money are always well received. Message if you would like to make a bank transfer.

We are always looking for more bikes. These make a huge difference to people's quality of life as they can get out and go places. Bus fares are so expensive and our clients have less than £40 per week to live on. If you have a bike in good working condition, please contact Sarah on 07565208046

(a message is better than a call as we can then call you back when we have time to arrange drop off / collection). Thank you so much for your support.

## 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.***

Lana Achilles, Joan Arnold, Triona Bromwell, Gerry Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Barbara & Mike Holman, , Steve Hughes, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Peter Markey, Sue Thorpe, Richard Thornborough, Pamela Watson

## Healing Prayer Circle

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our parish community. We offer a safe space to come together for a brew, chat and to pray.

A prayer intentions box is by the Sacred Heart statue. Please feel free to write your prayer intentions down and we will include them at the next meeting.

The last meeting of the year will take place on Monday, 13th December at 7pm in St Agnes Sacristy. We will meet again on 10th January 2022. In the meantime, please utilise the prayer request box. We will continue to pray for your intention over the festive season.

If you want any further information please feel free to call Von on: 07966 102 304

## Lately Deceased

Kathleen Halligan, Joseph Conway, Mary Guyers,

## Anniversaries

Albert John Haynes, Bobby Kelly

## Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 12th December 2021

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.  
Thank you for your support during this difficult time.***

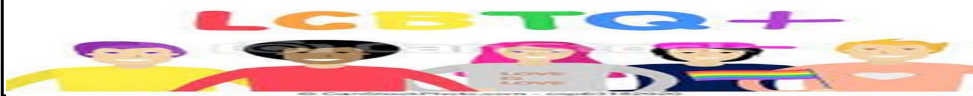
## PARISHES OF ST AGNES & ST AIDAN LGBT+ SOCIAL GROUP

Meetings will be held on 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.

**The next meeting will be 19th December**

Please also follow the Instagram and Facebook page for the Group, or drop me a message for more information. Please follow us on Instagram: St.Agnes\_St.Aidan\_LGBT  
And Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>  
Facebook: 'Parishes of St. Agnes and St. Aidan's LGBT+ Social Group'

I hope to see you there! Holly (she/her) Group Leader



### What must we do?

Wherever their question comes from, whatever has impelled them to ask what they should do, John gives the crowd an answer that, if they heed it, if they take it on as their own, will change them utterly. I'm intrigued by how specific John is with his responses. He does not give his questioners a "one size fits all" solution, as do so many preachers who flavour their sermons with fire. To each group, to each condition presented him, John provides counsel tailored distinctly to their life situation. Amid our daily lives, is there anything more unsettling than receiving a clear word about what it is that we're meant to do in this world? Is there anything that risks taking us deeper into our insecurities, into our fears, into the dark unknown than when someone who sees and recognizes and knows us, then challenges us to be the person whom God has created and called us to be? And is there anything more full of wonder and hope? "Once you live any piece of your vision it opens you to a constant onslaught of necessities, of fears, but of wonders too, of possibilities." (Audre Lorde)

This, finally, is what John the Baptist, this preparer of the way, is offering to his hearers: wonders; possibilities; the invitation to be initiated into a relationship with God's own incarnate self. As ever, John in his fierce fashion is pointing to—making the way for—the One who comes. And this One comes not for the purpose of terrifying us but of loving us. Terror alone—fear of hellfire and damnation—is not enough to sustain a lasting relationship with Christ. Only love—the truest fire—can do this. In this season, we remember and celebrate this fierce and fiery love: the love that created us; the love that garbed itself in our own flesh and came among us; the love that beckons us to respond by discerning and doing what it is that God formed and fashioned us, in all our particularity, to do; the love that we will one day see and know in its completeness.

So what should we do, then? How do we carry this question—this question the crowd asked of John—in this season? How do we discern God's longing for our life? To whom do we listen as we seek an answer to this question?

*Adapted : Jan Richardson*

## Christmas Services 2021

**Wednesday 22nd December**

Reconciliation Service 7.30 pm

**Friday 24th December**

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

5.30 pm and 8.30 pm

**Saturday 25th December**

Christmas Family Mass

9.30 am and 11.00 am

**Saturday 25th December**

Feast of the Holy Family 5.30 pm

**Sunday 26th December**

Feast of the Holy Family Mass

9.30am and 11.00 am

**Friday 31st December**

Mass of Thanksgiving 12 noon

**Saturday 1st January**

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass 5.30 pm

**Sunday 2nd January**

2nd Sunday after Christmas

9.30am and 11 am

**Thursday 6th January**

The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 7.30 pm

*Wishing you and your families Christmas joy and peace and a very happy New Year!*

**Fr. Anton**



## NEW YEAR 2022

