

Sunday 30th April 2023



First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 2: 14.36-41

God had made him both Lord and Christ

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading: St Peter 2: 20-25

You have come back to the shepherd of your souls

Gospel Acclamation:

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me

Gospel: John 10: 1-10

I am the gate of the sheepfold

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)

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Pastoral Assistant:

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Safeguarding Representatives

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 30th April 2023
4th Sunday of Easter
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 29th April - Feast of St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Sr Angela Grant, Sr Mary Connell

Sunday 30th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for

Vocations

Mass 9.30 am - Tommy Smith, Betty O'Shaunessy

Mass 11.00 am - Abigail & Family, Hannah & Peter Davies

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 1st May

9.30 am - *Celebration of the Word and Communion*

Wednesday 3rd May

Mass 7.30 pm - Malcolm McMillan, Sr Grazia La Carrubba

Thursday 4th May - Feast of the English Martyrs

First Holy Communion Reconciliation Service 6.30 p.m.

Friday 5th May

Mass 12 noon - Those struggling with additional and their families, Tea club

Saturday 6th May

Mass 5.30 pm - Parish Gardeners, WCMAD (We can make a difference)

Sunday 7th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.30 am - Pensioners Club, Sacristans & their families

Mass 11.00 am - Special Intention, Michelle Fitzpatrick

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



Dates for First Communion programme and celebrations

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 schools	Thursday 4th May 2023 6:30 pm
First Communion St. Joseph	13 th May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan	13 th May 2023 10:00 am
Other Schools	14 th May 2023 4 pm
First Communion St. Anne	20 th 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 9th of May 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 **9th of May 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.

“I give you repose. I revive your drooping spirit.”

“I am your shepherd. In relationship with me, there is nothing you shall want.”

God is personally telling me this in this moment and in my heart I know that it is true. I take it in and I recognise it as beautiful because it *is* beautiful. In my heart I know that it's beautiful because it *is* true. And so I let my heart be accessed by God personally speaking to me in those reassuring words.

***“Fresh and green are the pastures where I give you repose.
Near restful waters I lead you to revive your drooping spirit.”***

“What are these pastures of repose, God? Is it perhaps this relationship with the beloved, the intimate other, that this relationship is you? Is it that you are the reality in which I'm resting in the intimacy and the sweet exchanges and closeness of this relationship? Is it this child in my life? When I'm reading a child a story, there is a disarming simplicity of the child. I am reposing in you while reposing in the presence of the child or the friend, the grandmother, the grandfather, father, mother, sister, brother: that person in whose presence I sense something; that their presence makes my life qualitatively better because of their presence in it. Are the restful waters where you revive my drooping spirit to be found in my relationship with that person, with this family, with this community?

Is it the situation that I'm in where I find a certain meaning, a certain ministry, a certain work where I'm contributing something to the human endeavour through my gifts and my abilities? Is it listening to a certain poet, the rhythms of their voice; or certain music? Is it the long slow walk to no place in particular? What are these moments? These are the moments where you give me repose, where you revive my drooping spirit. Please help me to be even more grateful and even more sensitive to this because although I know this is true in my mind as I meditate on this, it's elusive to me. It's there, but it's hard to stabilise in it. It slips away because of the distractedness of my mind and heart. Even though you are unwaveringly present in my wavering ways, my wavering ways swing so out of reach, I slip off the path. I know that my desire to stabilise in this is an echo of *your* desire that I might be ever more habitually stabilised in the realisation that the true nature of every passing moment is that you are unwaveringly present.

I ask you not to break the thread of this awareness as I go through my day. I know it'll break many times, because it'll break every time I get reactive; every time I buy into the illusion that what's happening has the power to name who I am. But I know that although it breaks from my end, the thread never breaks from your end. Maybe throughout the day, in the midst of the situations of my life, as if out of the corner of my eye, I'll catch little glimpses of you, unconditionally sustaining me, guiding me, loving me.”

Adapted : James Finley. Meditation on Psalm 22

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.

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, 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

Michael McCloy

Anniversaries

Joan Savage, Patrick Cullen

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 30th April 2023: Terminally ill Parishioners and their families

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 25th May 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 was payable by **21st April 2023**. Please pay any outstanding balance asap
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 21st May

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

Lourdes At Home

Venue: Irenaeus Centre

Time: 10am - 4pm

Date: Saturday 15th July 2023

Cost: £10 - suggested donation



The recent CAFOD collection from the 'soup' family fast day raised £486.50. Thank you for your generosity.

NEW MEMBERS WANTED FOR LOCAL UKULELE GROUP

We do not teach but you can learn and improve with the group

If you are interested please call
Bryan 07725097814 or
Margaret 07919967848



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 10th May

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



Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month

8am to 12 noon at

St Agnes & St Aidan Church, St Mary's Road/Huyton Hey Road. £5 per table - To book a space ring **0151 489 3085**

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

24th May - Time to Remember Service 7.30pm

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

12th July Confirmation by
Bishop Tom Naylor

15th July - Lourdes At Home
Irenaeus Centre

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