

**Sunday 3rd September 2023**

**First Reading: Prophet Jeremiah 20: 7-9**

*The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God**

**Second Reading:**

**St Paul to the Romans 12: 1-2**

*Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.**

**Gospel: Matthew 16: 21-27**

*If anyone wants to be a follower of me, let him renounce himself*

**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](http://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

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**Deacon:**

*Mike Whelan*

**PRIMARY SCHOOLS:**

*St. Aidan* 0151 477 8370

*St. Joseph* 0151 477 8990

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**Parish Priest**

*Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*  
0151 489 3085

*(Resident in parish)*

*Fr. Richard Sloan* 0151 449 0214

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**PARISH CLUB**

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



**Sunday 3rd September 2023**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

**Next event: 15th September**

**Fund raising night for We Can Make A Difference**  
**(Parish Missionary Project in Suriname and Romanian)**

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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.**

NEWSLETTER

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 2nd September

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Theresa Rossiter

### Sunday 3rd September - Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30am - William Pitt, James Evans

Mass 11.00am - Maureen Hamilton, Bill May

#### **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 4th September

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Wednesday 6th September

Mass 7.30 pm - Susan Otty, Malcomb McMillan

### Thursday 7th September

7.00 pm *Vigil and the reception of the body of* Theresa Rossiter

### Friday 8th September - Feast of The Birthday Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Requiem Mass 12.30pm - Theresa Rossiter

### Saturday 9th September

Mass 5.30 pm - Bill May, Vera Jerr & Carol Payne

### Sunday 10th September - Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Molly Kennedy, Vincenzo Melis

Mass 11.00 am - Lynn Boardman, Patricia Smith

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



## **CARJ**

## **CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE**

CARJ (Catholic association for racial justice) is an independent charity, established in 1984 in London. CARJ works to support people from diverse backgrounds. CARJ campaigns for awareness raising, and education for racial justice.

We are blessed to have a CARJ group here in our parish which is at the moment the only parish based CARJ group in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

We all have a role to play in promoting racial justice. We need to look to our young people to help bring about change and acceptance as we simplify the love of God through them.

### **SOME FACTS TO PONDER!**

86% of refugees are hosted in developing countries.

73% of refugees live in countries neighbouring their own.

**Turkey, Columbia and Pakistan** are the 3 countries that host the most refugees.

According to the EU reception of Asylum Seekers the UK came 17<sup>th</sup> in relation to intake per head of population in 2020.

The UK's share of new asylum applications in 2020 equated to about **7% of the total applications** across the EU.

The UK's population is made up of **LESS than 1% of asylum** seekers and refugees.

In the year ending September 2021, the top five countries of nationality for asylum applications (from main applicants) were: Albania (13,650), Iran (9,652), Afghanistan (6,644) Iraq (6,333) and Syria (4,143)

*Ann Malone*

*Chair of the CARJ – SS Agnes & Aidan*



## **Thank you!**

### **Standing Order Offering Appeal**

Thanks to all those who have begun Standing Order offerings through their banks. We really appreciate your support for the up-keep of the parish.

I would like to encourage those who are yet to take their forms to their relevant banks to kindly do so as soon as possible. **There is also a simplified form at the back of the Church for those who have not already completed one.** Fr Anton

## Lose your self. Find your Self.

'Could human life's central task be a matter of consciously discovering and becoming who we already are and what we somehow unconsciously know?

Many spiritual writers speak of the false self and the True Self. The false self is our psychological creation of our self in space and time. It comes from our early conditioning, family, roles, education, mind, culture and religion. The false self is not bad. It's simply not the True Self. The false self is who we think we are. But thinking doesn't make it so. The false self dies and passes away. Yet it is the raw material through which we discover our True Self in God. And who we are in God is who we are and who we are in God will live forever.[1]

James Finley uses the following poetic image to illustrate the false self. 'Imagine you're standing, looking at yourself before a full-length mirror and imagine this full-length image of yourself has thought through a lot of things, and thinks it's now time to launch out on its own, that it no longer needs you. You try to explain to the image as gently as possible that this won't work because it's an image of you, so it's not going to go well for it without you. But the image just thinks you're trying to hold it back. To demonstrate your point to the image, you step halfway off the edge of the mirror and half the image disappears. It has a panic attack and thinks "I'm not real. I'm not real." Now the image *is* real, it just isn't real in the way it thought that it was real.' Meister Eckhart tells us that "to be real in the fullest possible sense is to be the infinity of reality itself." If we define or understand reality in this sense, then only God is real.' In an act of infinite, loving generosity, God shares with us the fullness of the mystery of infinite reality as our very reality.' [2]

In the story of the Velveteen Rabbit, the wisest and oldest toy in the nursery, the Skin Horse, tells the rabbit about toys being made Real by the love of children: "When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become Real." [3]

'Following Jesus is living from our true self, our real self; living from a loving connection and communion with God, with everyone, with everything.' [1]

*Adapted: [1] R.Rohr [2] J. Finley [3] Margery Williams: The Velveteen Rabbit*

## MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be opened this month  
Thank you for all 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. Please also let us know if a name can be removed from the list.***

Sue Adams, Nita Ambrose, Ellie Beaton, Jane Blakemore, Cheryl Brodie, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Jackie Cureton, Susan Curran, Marie D'acy, Ted Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, Kerry Patricia Doherty, Pauline Ellison, John Evans, George Finnigan, Patricia Fisher, Violet Fitzgerald, Grace, Gary Halliday, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Sally Labonte, Geraldine McLure, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Susan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Millie Martin, John Mitchell, Frank Molloy, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Susan O'Brien, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret & John Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

## Lately Deceased

Chris Pringle, Joan Owen, Bernard McCormick

## Anniversaries

Molly Kennedy, Gertrude Riley

## **Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 3rd September :**

**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 refectio.***

## **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 held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.  
**on 7th September at 11am**

## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:  
First Monday of each month at  
7:30pm. The next meeting will  
be on Monday 4th September.**

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: from October

1st Saturday at  
12.00 noon & 1 pm (Fr Anton)  
1st Sunday at  
1.30 pm and 2.30 pm (Fr. Anton)  
4th Sunday at  
1.30 pm & 2.30 pm (Deacon )

## Asylum Seekers/Refugees

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.



## 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 17th September**

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 Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Hope to see you here!

**Holly** (she/her) Group Leader



## Parish Whatsapp Group



Its wonderful to see so many parishioners connecting via the parish Whatsapp group. All those who worship here and their families are invited to be part of this link.

If you are interested please contact Brian Roberts on 07779328414. This is a great tool to keep everyone informed of important events/services etc.

Our hope is that this will bring more positive energy to our vibrant parish community.

## 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



## 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.

## KNOWSLEY YOUNG ADVENTURERS

To provide the young people in the community the chance to enjoy themselves with friends and develop important personal and independence skills by participating in team building and leadership challenges during adventurous activities that are given in an inclusive, safe and secure environment

We meet every Friday at:

St Agnes and St Aidan's Parish Church  
82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton L36 5SQ



## PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

**Next meeting on 13th September**

1pm until 3 pm In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members will be made more than welcome

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**15th September 7.00 pm**  
**WCMAD Fundraiser at**  
**St Aidan's Parish Club**

22nd October World Mission Sunday

24th November Winter Night at  
St Aidan's Parish Club



## 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**

## MUSIC GROUP AND COMMUNITY PRAYER CIRCLE

'We will be taking a break from meeting over the children's summer holidays and will resume on **Tuesday 12th September.**

However, we will continue to pray for the needs of our parish and local community so all prayer request will be collected each week'.

Many thanks. Love and blessings