

**SUNDAY 21st March 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**READING 1** Prophet Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
*I will make a new covenant and  
never call their sin to mind*



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-15  
**A pure heart create for me, O  
God**

**READING II** Letter to the Hebrews 5: 7-9  
*He learnt to obey and became for the source  
of eternal salvation*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**If a man serves me, says he Lord, he  
must follow me, wherever I am, my  
servant will be there too.**

**GOSPEL:** John 12: 20-33  
*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies,  
it yields a rich harvest*

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Newsletter items by Thursday morning to  
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NEWSLETTER

# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## STAY CONNECTED 0151 489 3085

As we continue through further restrictions on our contact with others, we want you to know we are here to chat. We are not trained professionals, but we are a friendly voice on the other end of the phone. If you would like someone to talk to, please call the office number: 0151 489 3085, leave a message and someone will call you at home for a chat. If you would like to volunteer to chat to someone, please let the office know.

## Let's STAY CONNECTED!

(Every Thursday between 18.30 and 21.00 a listening volunteer, Von Corner (qualified mental health nurse) will be available to take your call so you can talk in confidence.

**(Telephone Number 0151 525 7260)**

**Sunday 21st March 2021**  
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**Year B**

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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.***

## Prayer Requests

### *For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers*

Lana Achilles, Amy Adair, Joan Arnold, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny, Joanne Baduna, Batey family, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Paul Bullen, Teresa Burke, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Philip Dell, Pauline Dermott, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Cath Fadden, Paula Fitzpatrick, Margaret Flynn, Brian Funnell, Collette Garlick, Euan Gee, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Tom Jones, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmondson, Stephen & Sharon Hinckley, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman, Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, John Jones, Kathleen Keenan, Marie Keight, Patrick Kelly, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence, Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Averyll, Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougale, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, Doreen McNamara, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris, Norma Mudge, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Pam Nugent, Terry Naylor, Madeline O'Hare, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Joe Townson, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Fr Nicholas Wilde, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

### Lately Deceased

Pat Coffey, Jayda Jones, Jim Wilkes

### Anniversaries

Arthur Withe, Stephen Morrey,



**Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 21st March 2021**

**St Aidan** Parish Volunteers, People of Myanmar/Burma

**St Agnes** People persecuted by their own government and forced to flee their country

***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.***

## **True Life**

"Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life." 'What is the life we have to lose and what is the life we have to find? Thomas Merton speaks of the *false self* and *true self*. It is the false self that has to die, but we are all so attached to it. Our false self is who we think we are but our thinking doesn't make it so. We define ourselves by our singularity, our separateness, our differences, and we spend most of our life over-defining that. All the stuff that we pretend to be and we think we are, is almost entirely created by our mind, our culture, our family. That is what is passing, that is what is going to die. That is not who we are. We confuse this *idea* of ourselves with who we actually *are* in God. St Paul tells us that 'we are hidden with Christ in God'. The Eastern religions describe it as the 'face you had before you were born.' Jesus is inviting us to return to our anchored self, our eternal self, our true self where we are all exactly the same – the beloved of God. [R. Rohr]

If we can risk losing our false self, true love and community are possible. "Unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."

*The seed is in the ground.*

*Now may we rest in hope*

*While darkness does its work.*

*Wendell Berry*

After reading the above poem, the composer Andrew Maxfield said, "I fell in love with the word *darkness*. Often I associate the idea of hope with light, and so the connection to darkness caught me off guard. But in the life of a seed, darkness is indeed the context of hope, where hope must be greatest before the realisation of that hope opens into the first glimpses of light and bits of green." If we allow darkness to do its work within us as we go through the process of dying to who we think we are, we will discover who we really are. Our grain of wheat will then become bread for others.

## **IMPORTANT HELPLINES**

These times are very difficult. There is help available. This list is not extensive, but here are some numbers. Please don't struggle alone!

- **Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000**
- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801**
- **Samaritans: 116 123** email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- **Childline: 0800 1111**
- **Mind, the mental health charity 0300 123 3393** Email: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk).
- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247**

## IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

Would you like your child to be Baptised?

Are they aged 8 or younger?

If you have already attended a Baptism preparation class/meeting please contact the parish office between 10am- 12noon Monday to Friday on 0151 489 3085.

We will contact all those who are booked to attend a Baptism preparation class/meeting (after Easter) after 8<sup>th</sup> April



## Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

### From 12th April:

Baptisms: Single household baptisms can take place with proxy Godparents.

1st Communions: If you have small individual family communions at a weekend Mass time.

### From 17th May

Baptisms: These can proceed with up to 30 people present in Church.

Weddings: These can proceed with up to 30 people present.

1st Communions: If you have individual family communions at a weekend Mass time.

### No earlier than 21st June:

Funerals: All limits removed. Weddings: All limits removed

Baptisms: All limits removed.

**Please note that these dates are provisional and are dependent on government guidelines**

## FIRST COMMUNION

The First communion survey link for 2019/2020 children.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RLWD893>



We will keep this year's group (2020/2021) updated as soon as we know more. Please keep an eye on Facebook, the newsletter and messages will also be relayed through schools.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 20th March

St. Agnes Mass 5.30 pm. - Maureen Furnell, Joseph Patrick Knight.

### Sunday 21st March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Rose Mountain, Dec'd Members of the Keight Family

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Fr Peter Fox, Kathleen Oulton & Ken McDonald

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fFKiF9Xut6EigtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EigtQ).

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

### Wednesday 24th March

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Margaret, Mary & Mary Aloysius and Mary Benedict Rimmer

### Thursday 25th March - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

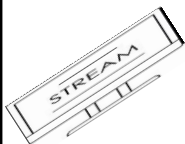
### Saturday 27th March

St Agnes Mass 5.30p pm - Daphne Flynn, Pat Mulvenna

### Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Deceased Members of the Pilnick Family, Private Intention

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Janine Whitehurst, Norman and Siobhan Arnold James & Ella Watts



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

Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am from St. Agnes Church.

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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## HOLY TRIDUUM

Thursday 1st April

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**St Aidan Mass 7.30pm.**

Friday 2nd April—Passion of the Lord

**St Aidan 10.00am - Stations of the Cross**

**St Agnes Service 3.00pm – Passion of the Lord**

Saturday 3rd April—Easter Vigil

**St Agnes Mass 8.30pm –**

Sunday 4th April - Easter Day

**St Aidan Mass 9.30am -**

**St Agnes Mass 11.00am –**



## Holy Week

## Cautious Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

We are once again reopen our churches for public Masses. **Please note** this is not a return to business as usual. Each church will have a limited number of people who can be in the building.

- Those who are able are encouraged to gather on a weekday rather than a Saturday evening or Sunday, to release the pressure on weekend Masses.
- Social distancing guidelines are still in force.
- Volunteer stewards will be on hand to direct people to benches and to encourage worshippers to maintain reasonable social distancing. Hand sanitising on arriving will continue.
- Votive candles may be lit (but only from a lit candle.)
- Lingering clusters of conversation in the porch or outside the church are to be avoided.
- FACEMASKS:  
People coming to Church will have to wear a facemask, which they will be permitted to lower to receive Holy Communion.

We look forward to welcoming you once again!

## Parish Funding During the Coronavirus Lockdown

It is always difficult to approach financial matters, but as you know, the Coronavirus has had far reaching implications, one of which is the significant decrease in monetary contributions to the parish because of Lockdown. If you are not yet able to return to Mass and would still like to make a contribution, please consider the following:

We would like to invite those parishioners who normally give to the weekly collection at Sunday Mass, either in envelopes or cash, and feel able to continue to do so, to consider setting up a monthly standing order for an equivalent amount.

Please contact us by e-mail ([agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

Text giving is also available for each parish and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Please note all texts cost the amount you donate plus one standard rate message.

### For St. Aidan

Text [AIDAN](#) to 70085 to donate £2..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70450 to donate £3..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70460 to donate £5..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70470 to donate £10.

### For St. Agnes

Text [AGNES](#) to 70085 to donate £2..  
Text [AGNES](#) to 70450 to donate £3..  
Text [AGNES](#) to 70460 to donate £5..  
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