# Sunday 10th September 2023

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

#### **Responsorial Psalm:**

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts

**Second Reading:** 

St Paul to the Romans 13: 8-10

Love is the answer to every one of the commandments

## **Gospel Acclamation:**

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother

#### **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

#### Deacon:

Mike Whelan

#### **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:

Christine Ball - christinewball@gmail.com

#### **Safeguarding Representatives**

Cath Golding 07759 296 233 Honor Ambrose 0151 480 5608

#### **PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'



# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



# Sunday 10th September 2023 Twenty-Third 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)

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc. Reg. Charity No. 1199714

#### 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 9th September

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

# <u>Sunday 10th September - Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - Education</u> <u>Day</u>

Mass 9.30 am - Molly Kennedy, Vincenzo Melis

#### 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.

Mass 11.00 am - Lynn Boardman, Patricia Smith

# Monday 11th September

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 13th September - Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Doctor

Requiem Mass 12.30 pm - Joan Owen

Mass 7.30 pm - Deacon Mike & Family, Joan Owen

### Friday 15th September - Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass 12 noon - Private Intention, Terminally ill parishioners & their families

# <u>Saturday 16th September - Memorial of Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian</u> <u>Bishop Martyrs</u>

Mass 5.30 pm - Sandra & Ray Nelson, Chris & Margaret Colligan

#### Sunday 17th September - Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Chris Pringle, Angela, Sam & Rachel Colligan

Mass 11.00 am - Billy May, Sheila McGratton

<u>Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm (or by appointment during</u> office hours)



#### **WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

(The parish project which supports and works with communities in Suriname and Romania)

We will be holding our first fundraiser since the pandemic on 15th September at 7.00 pm in St Aidan's Parish Club

The tickets are on sale after each mass but can also be purchased on the night at the door.

There will be a raffle and the tickets will be on sale after each mass and on the night. Some of the prizes are:

TAB 10 Lite - Internet Tablet



Range Voucher

Small Air Fryer

Halogen Oven

Bread Maker

Plus many other prizes.

On the night we will have a children's raffle with various prizes.

There will be a raffle, stand-up bingo, horse racing and a shared table and much more

Everyone is welcome so please come and enjoy a fun family evening

# 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

# **Binding and Unbinding**

'The whole of Matthew 18 is a discourse on mutual relations within the Christian community and especially what to do when divisions arise, as must inevitably happen. In today's passage we see a procedure for dealing with a community member who has done 'something wrong'. Presumably it is some form of behaviour which is harmful to the quality of the whole community's witnessing to the Gospel. There have been various interpretations of this passage and it is one of the gospel passages which has been related to those who have a say in decision-making.' [1]

But Jesus is not only addressing Peter or anyone in a position of authority. He is talking to all of us. What is it that we 'retain' in relation to what others have done to us, what we have done to others and what we have done to ourselves? When we allow ourselves to be bound by our negative memories, our hurts and our anger, we just keep repeating that past over and over again.' [2] Nelson Mandela described his awareness of this when he was released from prison where he spent 27 years. "As I walked out of the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Forgiveness is the only way to free ourselves from the entrapment of the past. Forgiveness unbinds, frees us and loosens us so that something new can happen.' [1] In the second reading, Paul tells us that "love is the answer to every one of the commandments." Although we may not at first realise it, Jesus is saying the same thing when he says to treat the wrongdoer 'like a pagan or tax collector.' How did Jesus treat pagans and tax collectors? ... 'He treated them with the dignity that was due to someone created in the image of God.' We can love the person without necessarily loving the actions of that person. When we speak and act with love, God will act through our words, our actions, our attitudes, our gestures or even by silence, a listening, accepting silence; [2] When we unbind others, we are also unbound.

Adapted: [1] Living space [2] Richard Rohr

# **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, Liam Delves, 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, 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, Eddie Ryan, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Shirley Tasker, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

#### **Lately Deceased**

Michael Lydon, Norah Dorman

#### **Anniversaries**

Gertrude Marie Riley, Elizabeth Jones, Josie Campbell, Mary Kennedy, Dorothy Quinn, Lisa Murphy

## Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 10th 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 refection.

#### 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 guiet prayer should you wish.

#### ALL ARE WELCOME

# **Monthly Craft Group**

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room. on 21st September at 11am



Baptism Preparation meeting: First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd October.

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



# 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

#### **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



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# 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

#### 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: Tuesday 12th September at 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. Music is good for the heart and the soul. A great opportunity to make new friends and serve the parish through ministry. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 12th September at 1-3pm. A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community. If you have a prayer intention, please complete a prayer slip (by St Martins or Our Lady statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.