

Sunday 15th October 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet and will wipe away tears from every cheek

Responsorial Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

Gospel Acclamation:

The word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can to the wedding

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

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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

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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

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



Sunday 15th October 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

Year A

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.

NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th October - Our Lady on Saturday

Mass 5.30 pm - Kelly Dagnall, James Lee

Sunday 15th October - Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - James McNally, Edward Coffey

Mass 11.00 am - Josephine Bowen, Cissy McCourt

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 16th October

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 18th October - Feast of St Luke, Evangelist

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 20th October

10.30 am Funeral Service - Francis (Frank) Burns

Saturday 21st October

Mass 5.30 pm - Shirley Dykstra, John Brannon

Sunday 22nd October - Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

World Mission Sunday

Mass 9.30 am - Bordignon Sr Maria Flavia, Bill Nolan

Mass 11.00 am - Asylum Seekers & Refugees, We Can Make A Difference
(WCMAD)

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



Zoom Meeting on Monday 16th October at 7 p.m.

To discuss CARJ members role in helping with teas etc



on World Mission Sunday 22nd October.

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Women in the Bible are often seen as marginal figures, their lives and interests flattened out by more dominant storylines of male characters

We invite you to come along to share their stories of faith in their ordinary lives over the course of six sessions. We will discover who they are and what their stories have to say to us in today's context.

Join us on **Thursday 19th October 2023 7pm - 9pm** in Sr Elizabeth Kelly meeting room and fortnightly thereafter until 14th December 2023.

SHARE Knowsley

Do you have any unwanted large suitcases? The asylum seekers and refugees are looking for suitcases as they are not given much time to pack their belongings before they are moved on to their next destination

Thanking you in anticipation

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.

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**

God is our Clothing

'This parable of the King's Son's Wedding is so outrageous, so shocking, that it begs not to be taken literally.' [1] 'When we read today's gospel it's a great relief to remember that there are different kinds of truth in Scripture: scientific, geographic, historical, proverbial, moral, mathematical, human character and relationships, symbolic truth which is found in parables, myths and allegories, and spiritual truth - a record of the relationship between God and his people. Scripture is primarily spiritual truth.' [2]

'The spiritual truth in today's gospel is the revelation of God's abundant, generous love and our response to God's invitation to us to share in that largesse. Sometimes we just can't accept that God could be so generous. Do we want to be a part of the joyful wedding feast to which all are invited? The only people who don't get in on the party are those who don't want to come—so I guess we have to ask ourselves, "Do we want to come?" [3]

And what wedding garment do we need? 'From Genesis to Revelation, clothing takes on significance as a sign of God's providence. Time and again, God cares for His people by providing clothing for them. It is a tactile, tangible, textured sign of God's mercy, care and love. Simply being in relationship with God and doing what God would have us do is spoken of in the vocabulary of textiles. St Julian of Norwich writes, 'He is our clothing who wraps and enfolds us, embraces us, shelters us and surrounds us in His love.' [4] 'It is not that *if* I am worthy, *then* I will be loved by God; rather, it is that I must first come to experience God's love, and then I will - almost naturally - be worthy.' [3]

Hyperbole is often used in the Bible to emphasise a point and we see it used in the closing verses of the gospel to describe the pain the underdressed guest would have experienced as a result of choosing not to surrender to unconditional Love which re-clothes us, 'challenging our preconceived ideas and expectations so that we might see something new, hear something new, think something new, and, ultimately, become something new.' [1] If we believe in God's unconditional love, we will believe that this is not the final outcome for this guest, who is also us. We trust the truth that God loves us too much to let us simply stay just as we are, unchanged. The first reading reassures us that God will 'wipe away our tears' and will repeatedly offer opportunities for us to respond to his invitation to allow ourselves to be clothed in His love and to experience our chosenness.

[1] Michael Marsh [2] Kieran Sawyer [3] Richard Rohr [4] Jan Richardson

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, 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, Baby Olivia, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret & John Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Collette Stalford, Shirley Tasker, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe.

Lately Deceased

Sarah Munroe

Anniversaries

Terance Coogan, Alison O'Connell, Niki Davies

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 15th October : We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)

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 held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.
on Thursday 19th October

Baptism

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)

St Agnes & St Aidan Altar Servers

If any children/teenagers who are interested in becoming an altar server could you please attend a short meeting on Sunday 22nd October at 12.30pm.



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 15th October.

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



COPY BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Copy certificates can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please email or phone the office with your request. Once ordered certificates can be collected from the office on **Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10am to 1pm**

Eucharistic Ministers

All the Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the housebound or nursing homes could you please inform the parish office the names of the persons/nursing homes you minister to. There needs to be a definitive list in the office of parishioners who are involved in this ministry

Many thanks

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 25th October

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

New Members will be made more than welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th October 4pm Parish Council Meeting

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

September 2024 Parish Pilgrimage to Monte Cassino, Assisi, San Giovanni (Padre Pio) and Rome - details to follow

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



Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon

£5 per table

To book a space ring
0151 489 3085



Prayer Requests

There are boxes for prayer requests at the statues on both sides of the church. These petitions will be prayed for by the community prayer circle at their monthly meeting.

Music Group: Tuesday 24th October 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 24th October 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.