

Sunday 24th September 2023



First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 55: 6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is close to all who call him

**Second Reading: St Paul to the Philippians
1: 20-24.27**

Life to me is Christ

Gospel Acclamation:

**Blessings on the King who comes, in the
name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and
glory in the highest heavens!**

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why be envious because I am generous?

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:

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Deacon:

Mike Whelan

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St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

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Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A

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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 23rd September -

Mass 5.30 pm - Julie Erickson, Theresa Rossiter

Sunday 24th September - Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Our Lady of Walsingham

Mass 9.30 am - Stephen Colligan, Victims of Domestic Violence

Mass 11.00 am - Eric Morton, Volunteers & Helpers of the International Table

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 25th September

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Funeral Service 12noon - James Sheilds

Wednesday 27th September - Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

Mass 7.30 pm - James Lee, James McNally

Friday 29th September - Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

Mass 12 noon - Joan Owen

Saturday 30th September - Memorial of St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Jimmy & Ella Watts, Jan Joseph Collins

Sunday 1st October - Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Rosary Sunday

Mass 9.30 am - Ann Marie Windle (Crummy), Pringle Family

Mass 11.00 am - Gabriel Santer, Michael Bruder

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



The next CARJ meeting will be held on Sunday 8th October at 12.15 pm

We will be discussing the feedback from the International Table and how the CARJ group can help with World Mission Sunday. All Welcome it would be great to see some new faces.



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 5th 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**

The Infinite Generosity of Infinite Love

The core of today's Gospel parable is prefaced in God's word to Isaiah: "My thoughts are not your thoughts." [1] It's safe to say that the message in today's gospel reading would not be found in the Manifesto of any political party or the Mission Statement of any business enterprise. Nor would it be high on the list of our own tick list of 'Ways to live the Golden Rule'. 'Too often fairness rather than love, acceptance, mercy, forgiveness, or generosity is the measure by which we act and judge another person or life circumstances.' [2]

'In Jesus' time Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There were many commands which must be fulfilled, and people were divided into two classes, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations.' [1] 'God's ways are not our ways. His ways look beyond our productivity, our appearance, our dress, our race or ethnicity, our accomplishments, our failures.' [2]

'In today's parable we are invited to enter into a process where our perception of God is continually being transformed. Parables are similar to poetry. A good poem doesn't try to *define* an experience as much as it tries to *give* us the experience. A poem tries to awaken our own seeing, hearing and knowing; it doesn't give us the answer so much as offers us a process through which we can know for ourselves. To sit with this parable is to sit in the presence of generous Love. James Finley uses the image of a pebble falling down an underwater cliff. "There are little protrusions along this cliff and every so often, the stone lands on one and pauses in its descent. In the movements of the water, it rolls off and it continues on and on." This image of the stone constantly being dislodged by the movements of the water is an image of our inner journey in which our perception of God is constantly being dislodged until we experience the infinite generosity of Infinite Love.' [3]

Adapted: [1] Association of Catholic Priests [2] M. Marsh [3] Richard Rohr

Thank you for your help

Thanks to all those who provide transport to and from the church to some parishioners who are in need of this service. May I also say many thanks all the Eucharistic Ministers who regularly administer the Eucharist to the elderly, sick and housebound parishioners in their homes or in various residential units. Your generosity and kindness very much appreciated. May God bless you!

Fr. Anton

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, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret & John Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, 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

Anniversaries

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 24th September : Staff in our Primary Schools

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 5th October at 11am

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)

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 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**

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.



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 27th September

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

New Members will be made more than welcome

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th October	Carj Meeting 12.15 p.m.
22nd October	World Mission Sunday
24th November	Winter Night at St Aidan's Parish Club



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 26th 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 26th 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.