

Sunday 8th January 2023



First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Here is my servant in whom my soul delights

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord will bless his people with peace

**Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles
10: 34-38**

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit

Gospel Acclamation:

**The heavens opened and the Father's
voice resounded: "This is my Son, the
Beloved, Listen to him."**

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-17

*As soon as Jesus was Baptised he saw the
Spirit of God coming down on him*

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ

Tel: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday - 10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Tuesday-Friday - 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Email Address:

agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.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

Deacons:

Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan

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

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 7th January - St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen & James Sexton, Nancy Rickland

Sunday 8th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass 9.30 am - Catherine Wood, Christina Browne

Mass 11.00 am - Kathryn Hughes, Pauline Simon

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.

Wednesday 11th January

Mass 7.30 pm - Joe Ward, Breastmates

Friday 13th January

Mass 12 noon - Tony McIver, CARJ (in Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room)

Saturday 14th January - Memorial of St Kentigern, Bishop

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Malcolm Farrell

Sunday 15th January - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Joan Peters, Terry Coogan

Mass 11.00 am - Steve Sheridan, James Taylor

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



First Communion 2022/2023

Parent Meeting	Tuesday 17 th January 2023 7 pm – 8 pm
Children's sessions	24 th OR 26 th January 2023
	21 st OR 23 rd February 2023
	21 st OR 23 rd March 2023
Rehearsals St. Joseph	Friday 12 th May 2023
Rehearsals St. Aidan	Thursday 11 th May 2023
Rehearsals St. Anne	Friday 19 th May 2023
Rehearsals Other Schools	Friday 12 th May 2023 (4pm – 5pm)
Reconciliation Service – All	Thursday 4 th May 2023 6:30 pm
First Communion St. Joseph's	13 th May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan's	13 th May 2023 10:00am
Other Schools	14 th May 2023 4 pm
First Communion St. Anne's	20 th May 2023 10am and 12:30 pm



You may have noticed that **the Golden Book** has now been placed near the St. Mary's Road entrance to the church. If you would like the name of your loved one written in this book, please add the their name and the month they died to the list that can be found at the back of the church, or you can call the parish office (0151 489 3085) and ask for their name to be added to the list.

Community Prayer Circle:

Tuesday 17th January 1-3pm A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community whilst sharing friendship and lunch. All welcome. Bring a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee served. For more information contact the parish office Tel: 0151 489 9388. Or call Von (07966 102 304) if you wish to join the **WHATSAPP** Prayer Group.

Music Group:

Next practice **Tuesday, 17th January 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Community Room. Music is good for the heart and the soul. A great opportunity to make new friends and serve the parish. All welcome.



You are my Beloved

At the beginning of his public ministry Jesus chooses to be baptised by John and it is significant that as he begins his mission he hears the words that every human being longs to hear and needs to hear: 'This is my beloved....' It is the experience of who we are in God that enables us to carry out our mission in life even in those times when it is difficult to experience love because of experiences of failure, humiliation, suffering and difficulties in relationships.

It is true that we not only are the Beloved, but also have to become the Beloved. It is true that we not only are children of God, but also have to become children of God. It is true that we not only are brothers and sisters, but also have to become brothers and sisters. If all that is true, how then can we get a grip on this process of becoming? If the spiritual life is not simply a way of being, but also a way of becoming, what then is the nature of this becoming?

Could it be that:

- * our growing awareness of being the beloved will gradually lead us to stop identifying ourselves with our jobs, our emotions, our life situations?
These are not who we really are.
- * finding people and places where we are reminded of our deepest identity will renew our experience of what is already within us?
- * celebrating our belovedness with gratitude and wonder for our many daily experiences of love, we will fully live even when life is full of hurt?

When we claim and constantly reclaim the truth of being the beloved, we soon discover within ourselves a deep desire to reveal to others that they are also beloved. Once we deeply trust that we ourselves are precious in God's eyes, we are able to recognise the preciousness of others. At the beginning of a new year, today's gospel tells us that being the beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence. Our main mission in life is to embrace our belovedness and to become who we are.

(Henri Nouwen: Life of the Beloved. Adapted)

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. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless advised.

Chris Booth, Ann Bradshaw, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Jackie Cureton, Susan Curran, Marie D'acy, Annette Devine, Pauline Ellison, Violet Fitzgerald, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Ben Lloyd, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Malcolm McMillen, Laura Maddock, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Betty O'Shaunessy, Claire Pendleton, Margaret Quixley, Hugh Reilly, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Billy Turner, Mike & Rose Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Agnes Gilbert, Rachel Saunders, Eric Mannion, Anthony Connor Souness

Anniversaries

Catherine Tinsley, Malcolm Farrell, Joan Boardman, May Ann Malone

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 8th January 2023

Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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. Thanks

BENEDICTION

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm. **Weekday Opening -The church is open daily from 10 am—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 WELCOME



Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023

Flying directly from Liverpool to Lourdes and staying at Hotel Astoria/ St Louis de France. To reserve your place please contact Parish Office on 0151 489 3085

Price includes: Return flights, transfers and 7 nights full board
The cost will be £825. There will be a non-refundable deposit of £300 to be paid by 21st February 2023 with the balance payable by 21st April 2023. Single room supplement will be £35 per night.

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your Confirmation or Holy Communion - Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan & St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

Please make yourself known to Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).
Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm**

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: 1st Sunday and 2nd Sunday at 1.30pm & 2.30pm (Fr. Anton)

4th Sunday at 1.30pm and 2.30 pm (Deacon)

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

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 will be 15th January 2023

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 St. Agnes and St. Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Hope to see you here!
Holly (she/her) Group Leader



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 11th January
1p.m. until 3 p.m. In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)



New Members will be made more than welcome

Thanks. Mary and Pat

WARM AND COSY CENTRE

Our Parish Centre (St Aidan parish club) will be open **every Monday between 1pm and 3.30pm** as a safe and warm place. Everyone is welcome

There will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, access to TV and WiFi and friendly company



Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon

St Agnes & St Aidan Church,
St Mary's Road/Huyton Hey Road
£5 per table

To book your space ring

0151 489 3085



Nugent Care

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of church after Mass or handed in to the office. They are also collecting **any type of currency (coins or notes) including old English and Euros.**

www.wearenugent.org



Weekday Opening Times

The Church is open (Mon - Fri 10am— 1 pm). There is always instrumental music playing.
(Please be aware that on occasion there will be members of the parish working in the church.)

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.