

Sunday 25th September 2022



First Reading: Prophet Amos 6:1.4-7

Those who sprawl and those who bawl will be exiled

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul, give praise to the Lord,

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

Do all that you have been told until the Appearing of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ

Tel: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm

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

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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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Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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 24th September

Mass 5.30 pm - Those struggling with addiction and their families, Parishioners

Sunday 25th September - Twenty Sixth Sunday

Mass 9.30 am - Sr Brenda Schofield, Global Warming

Mass 11.00 am - Siobhan, Norman & Joan Arnold, Janine Whitehurst
Violeta Obligacion, Michael Bruder

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction



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

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fKIF9Xut6EjqtQ .

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

Monday 26th September

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Funeral Service 1.30pm—Gertrude Marie Riley

Wednesday 28th September

Requiem Mass 12.30—Elizabeth Jones

Mass 7.30pm - Gardeners of St Agnes & St Aidan, Pensioners Club

Friday 30th September – Memorial of St Jerome, Priest & Doctor

Requiem Mass 10.00am—Molly Kennedy

Saturday 1st October— Memorial of St Teresa of the Child Jesus

Mass 5.30 pm - Clean drinking water (an estimated 785 million people around the world do not have access to basic drinking water), Parishioners

Sunday 2nd October— Twenty Seventh Sunday

Mass 9.30 am - Jimmy & Ella Watts, Josephine Collins

Mass 11.00 am - Christine Sullivan, Edward & Marjory Ball

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm

(or by appointment in the presbytery during office hours)



First Communion 2022/2023

Application forms are now available for the First Communion programme for children currently in Year 4. They have been distributed via schools and are available at the back of the church if you attend another school. Please return these to the parish office (82 Huyton Hey Road) by Monday 7 November 2022.

More information will be available in the coming weeks. Please keep an eye out on the website, newsletter and Facebook pages.

St Agnes and St Aidan Mission Boxes

Will be emptied this month Thank you for your continued generosity



Rota WhatsApp Group

At the General Meeting some people expressed an interest in the Rota's being available via WhatsApp. If you would like to receive the Rotas this way, please send Christine Ball an email: christineball@gmail.com with your name and number.

This will be an Admin Only group so that the Rotas are always easily accessible.

Rotas continue to be available in the porches, at in paper form at the back of church to take home.

Community Prayer Circle:

Tuesday 27th September 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 Tron (079661023040) if you wish to join the **WHATSAPP** Prayer Group.

Retreat day at the Cenacle 22nd October 10 - 4pm



Music Group:

Next practice **Tuesday, 27th September 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.

Gates and Chasms

'The Bible is a record of people's experience of God's self-revelation, written by people trying to listen to God. We know that humans always see "through a glass darkly and all knowledge is imperfect" (1 Cor 13:12). Prayer and patience surrounding such human words will keep us humble and searching for the true Living Word, the person of Jesus. When history finally gets to the Risen Jesus, there is nothing to be afraid of in God. Jesus' very breath is identified with forgiveness and the divine *Shalom* (John 20:20-23). If the Risen Jesus is the full and trustworthy unveiling of the nature of God, then we live in a safe and love-filled universe. It is not that God has changed, or that the Hebrew God is a different God than the God of Jesus; it is that humanity is growing up as we move through the text and we deepen our experience. Just as the Bible takes us through many stages of consciousness and history, it takes us individually through a long journey of moving beyond our need to be dualistic, judgmental, fearful, blaming and egocentric, and to see as Jesus sees.

More than telling us exactly *what to see* in the Scriptures, Jesus taught us *how to see*, what to emphasise and also what could be de-emphasised or ignored. Beyond fundamentalism or literalism, Jesus practised a form that the Jewish people called *midrash*, consistently using questions to keep spiritual meanings open, often reflecting on a text; or he would reply to people's questions with more questions. It is a real shame that we did not imitate Jesus in this approach. It could have saved us from so many centuries of righteousness and religious violence. Rather than seeking always certain and unchanging answers, the Jewish practice of *midrash* allows many possibilities, many levels of faith-filled meaning that is relevant and applicable to you, the reader, and puts you in the subject's shoes to build empathy, understanding, and relationship. It lets the passage first challenge *you* before it challenges anyone else. To use the text in a spiritual way—as Jesus did—is to allow it to convert you, to change you, to grow you up as you ask: What does this ask of me? How might this apply to my life, to my family, to my church, to my neighbourhood, to my country?' [1]

'At some point in our lives we have probably all been both the rich man and Lazarus. Today's gospel is asking us to acknowledge and deal with the gates and chasms that separate us from each other. The gate that becomes a chasm always exists *within* us before it exists *between* us. It is a condition of the human heart. Today we are being invited to examine our hearts to find the gates that separate us from ourselves, our neighbours, our enemies, those we love, and ultimately God: gates of fear, anger, greed, pride, prejudice, loneliness, sorrow, addiction, busyness, indifference, apathy, hurt, resentment, envy. Gates destroy relationships. But every time we see and treat one another as created in the image and likeness of God, gates are opened and chasms are filled. Christ's love, mercy, grace and presence make it possible for us to open our gates and ensure they do not become chasms. He is the image of our opened gates and our filled chasms, the image of who we most truly are and who we are to become.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Michael Marsh

STAFF WANTED ST AIDAN PARISH CLUB

Bar staff, cleaning staff and glass collector urgently needed.
Ring: 07932 404 521 for more details



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, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Terry Coogan, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Susan Curran, 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, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Malcolm McMillen, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Alice O'Brien, Betty O'Shaunessy, Claire Pendleton, Hugh Reilly, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Bob Singleton, Richard Thornborough, Billy Turner, Mike & Rose Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Gertrude Marie Riley, Elizabeth Jones, Molly Kennedy, Josephine Collins

Anniversaries

Margaret Moore, Paul Kane, Francis Patrick Tiernan, John Quinn,

BENEDICTION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month at 4pm.

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 25th September 2022

Those who struggle with addictions and their families

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.



Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses



Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am

You can find us on YouTube, the link is
https://www.youtube.com/ChannelUC6YzfVR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,
If later in the day suits you.

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

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 16th October 2022

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



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.

An opportunity for quiet prayer should you wish. **ALL WELCOME**

CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

As part of our **CARJ** initiative we have taken inspiration from the letter of Pope Francis —**Fratelli Tutti** —

Brothers & Sisters all.

We share the dream for a single global family. Our Parish Community is a welcoming place for everyone near and far.

Where do you come from? Put your mark on the MAP at the back of the church and share your birthplace with us.

Join us at our next meeting, Tuesday, 11th October at 7 p.m.



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next Meeting is on **Wednesday 28th September 1pm to 3pm**. All are welcome for a cuppa and a chat. We are also hoping to organise trips out, raffles, etc. If you are interested please write your name on the list at the back of the church, call the parish office or just come along.

Thanks.

Mary McCloy & Pat Murray



Parish Whatsapp Group



It's 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.

Dates for your Diary

25th November — Winter Night in St Aidan's Parish Club



Weekday Opening Times

Now that we have moved the parish office from Adswold Road to Huyton Hey Road, it means we are able to open the church during office hours (Mon - Fri 10 am - 1 pm). We would like to invite you to pop in during the week, light a candle, say a prayer or just take the opportunity to sit quietly. There is always instrumental music playing. (Please be aware that on occasion there will be members of the parish working in the church.)

CHESS CLUB

If you are interested in joining the Parish Chess Club please contact Max

07878922057



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When your life is in danger and you have to flee for safety.....

When you leave everything behind and have to make a treacherous journey.....

When you finally arrive in the UK with only the clothes you are wearing, it's freezing cold, you are not allowed to work and you are not given any money at all, life can seem pretty grim and you can feel like the universe has forgotten you.

CAN YOU HELP! A donation of £15 would purchase a pair of trainers or a warm fleece or a pair of jeans. £10 would purchase a pack of underwear. £5 would pay for a pack of socks.

Please help by making a donation into one of the refugee boxes in the church porch. We are also accepting nearly new young men's small or medium clothing which can be dropped off in the Lady chapel in the church

Thank you for all your support.

Margaret Roach

Chair of Share Knowsley