

**Sunday 8th October 2023**



**First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 5: 1-7**

*The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

**Second Reading:**

**St Paul to the Philippians 4: 6-9**

*The God of peace will be with you*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.**

**Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43**

*He will lease the vineyard to other tenants*

**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**

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0151 489 3085

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



**Sunday 8th October 2023**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

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***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 October - Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

Mass 5.30 pm - James Gregory, Patsy Smith

### **Sunday 8th October - Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time** **Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependants - starts Prisons Week**

Mass 9.30 am - Brian Tyrer, Carj (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

Mass 11.00 am - Michael Lydon, Christina Wilson

#### **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 9th October**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### **Wednesday 11th October**

**Funeral Service Springwood Crematorium 12.00 pm - Joseph Fortune**

Mass 7.30 pm - Gerry Ball, David Collins

### **Friday 13th October**

**Funeral Service Greenacres 9.30am - Cheryl Brodie**

Mass 12 noon - For the Catholic Church (Global Gathering in Rome - Synod)

### **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

**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 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**

### ***What is Our Cornerstone?***

'In relation to architecture, a cornerstone is traditionally the first stone laid for a structure, with all other stones laid in reference to this stone. *A cornerstone marks the geographical location by orienting a building in a specific direction.* Some cornerstones include [time capsules](#) from, or engravings commemorating the time a particular building was built.' [1]

Today's gospel asks us to look at the cornerstone which determines the direction of our lives. 'This gospel is an allegory about negative energy, the spirit of rejection. The tenants are antagonistic and oppositional about everything. They beat or stoned or killed everyone. Oppositional energy just knows what it is against. It is sort of a sad substitute for vision, yet negative people feed on it. It knows what it is *against* but it doesn't know what it is *for*, what it is in love with. What we reject and hate says much more about ourselves than about the people we hate or reject. If we want to know what or who our real God is we need to look at what we reject: if we reject poor people, our god is riches, money and success; if we reject foreigners, it is because we have made a god of our own country; if we reject anybody different from us then we have idolised ourselves, we've made a god of ourselves. What we fear or reject tells us what we really worship.' [2]

Not included in today's Gospel, but only two verses later are the words, "When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, *they knew* he was talking about them." This parable is set in the final days of Jesus' ministry in Jerusalem where we saw the tragic consequences of negative energy. The parable became reality when Jesus, the son of God, was crucified.

'When fear and rejection is our starting point, we are subconsciously creating a foundation stone which consists of our own self-centred priorities. However, when love becomes the cornerstone which determines the direction of our lives, we will see what we need to renounce.' [2] In the second reading St Paul gives us an alternative to the spirit of rejection. "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things and the God of peace will be with you." These 'things' – and many others - are already placed in the timeless capsule of our Christ-centred cornerstone.

*Adapted: [1] Wikipedia [2] Richard Rohr*

### **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**

Cheryl Brodie, Francis Burns

### **Anniversaries**

Tommy McNally

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 8th 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 )

## 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. Gathering at St Bede's Widnes on 8th October Mass at 2 p.m. All Welcome**

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!



## 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 11th 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

**8th October Carj Meeting 12.15 pm**

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 10th 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 10th 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.