

SUNDAY 7th March 2021
Third Sunday of Lent

READING 1 Book of Exodus 20: 1-17
The Law was given through Moses

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 18: 8-11

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life

READING II Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 22-25

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die

GOSPEL: John 2: 13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to
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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

STAY CONNECTED 0151 489 3085

As we continue through further restrictions on our contact with others, we want you to know we are here to chat. We are not trained professionals, but we are a friendly voice on the other end of the phone. If you would like someone to talk to, please call the office number: 0151 489 3085, leave a message and someone will call you at home for a chat. If you would like to volunteer to chat to someone, please let the office know.

Let's STAY CONNECTED!

(Every Thursday between 18.30 and 21.00 a listening volunteer, Von Corner (qualified mental health nurse) will be available to take your call so you can talk in confidence.

(Telephone Number 0151 525 7260)

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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

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Lana Achilles, Amy Adair, Joan Arnold, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny, Joanne Baduna, Batey family, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Paul Bullen, Teresa Burke, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Philip Dell, Pauline Dermott, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Cath Fadden, Paula Fitzpatrick, Margaret Flynn, Brian Funnell, Collette Garlick, Euan Gee, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Tom Jones, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmondson, Stephen Hinckley, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman, Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, John Jones, Kathleen Keenan, Marie Keight, Patrick Kelly, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence, Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahan, Doreen McNamara, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris, Norma Mudge, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Pam Nugent, Terry Naylor, Madeline O'Hare, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Gordon Park, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Joe Townson, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Jim Wilkes, Fr Nicholas Wilde, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

Lately Deceased

John Cooper, Eileen Burgess, Sr Elizabeth Brady, Gordon Park

Anniversaries

Joan Bonney, Veronica McCowan, Anthony Doyle,



Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 7th March 2021

St Aidan Parish Volunteers, People of Myanmar/Burma

St Agnes People persecuted by their own government and forced to flee their country

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List. Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Temple: a Consecrated Space

Today's first and third readings speak about rules, sacred buildings and rituals which 'are meant to bring us into the awareness of the divine presence in us and in all of those around us.' [1] 'The gospel isn't about what is **present** in the temple but is about Jesus' deep concern with what is **missing**.' [2] 'The gospel tells us what the temple had become: totally aligned with the king, the collecting of taxes and monies and the selling of forgiveness. Jesus takes a revolutionary approach to religion: from an emphasis on **sacrifice** by which we **earn** God's love, to **trust** through which we **know** God's love. And that trust happens in the human heart. Jesus is redefining 'the temple'. He speaks of the temple of his body. The temple is transferred from any kind of physical building to the human person. Years later, Jesus' words will echo in Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth. "Do you not know," the apostle will ask them—and us—"that **you** are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" [3]

'The temple was the centre of Jewish life. It is what structured their community. It gave identity and meaning. We all have temples: things that we think give structure and order to our lives, provide security and stability. At least we think they do, until they fall.' [2] We will only find new strength in our growing awareness of our divine identity, in our growing awareness that God is within us, that we are temples of God.

In a building that is not a building but the dusty halls of my spirit, in a heart that is not just a heart but an intended-to-be-holy temple, there are sheep and there are cattle that are not sheep and cattle but the worries and concerns and the sorrows of life, and there are dulled coins and doves that are not coins and doves but the tarnished hopes and dreams of an aging mind and they clutter and crowd the courtyard, cloud the air with their smells and voices, their noises of stress and hunger overpowering the words of prayer. Lord, come into the spaces of this yearning-to-be-holy temple, cleanse this heart of distractions, help me clear the clutter, the noises. Make it more of a place of listening, open to the mystery of your presence. [4]

Adapted: [1] Brian McLaren [2] Michael Marsh [3] Richard Rohr [4] Andrew King

THE NATIONAL NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

The National Novena to St Joseph will take place from 10-18 March at St Joseph's Church in Maidenhead. In this year dedicated to St Joseph, the Mill Hill Missionaries are preparing for the Feast of St Joseph, their patron, with a special Novena of Masses and prayers to ask for God's blessing on their Society's missionary outreach, and for the intentions of all those who support their work.

If you would like to join in from home, follow on Zoom and YouTube via stjosephsparish.co.uk, and the Mill Hill website: www.millhillmissionaries.com/novena, where you will also find the Novena.

IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

Would you like your child to be Baptised? Are they aged 8 or younger?
If you have already attended a Baptism preparation class/meeting please contact the parish office between 10am- 12noon Monday to Friday on 0151 489 3085.

We will contact all those who are booked to attend a Baptism preparation class/meeting (after Easter) after 8th April

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

From 12th April:

Baptisms: Single household baptisms can take place with proxy Godparents.
1st Communions: If you have small individual family communions at a weekend Mass time.

From 17th May

Baptisms: These can proceed with up to 30 people present in Church.
Weddings: These can proceed with up to 30 people present.
1st Communions: If you have individual family communions at a weekend Mass time.

No earlier than 21st June:

Funerals: All limits removed. Weddings: All limits removed Baptisms: All limits removed.

International Women's Day — Monday 8th March

Monday marks International Women's Day, when countries all over the world celebrate the achievements of women and rally together for gender equality. First celebrated in 1911, International Women's Day is an opportunity to celebrate women who've made history and continue to champion change and encourage future generations. Each year organisers choose a new theme as a banner under which they can unify the direction of everyone's efforts, and help raise awareness.

International Women's Day (IWD) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

Please note our churches are closed for weekend Masses until further notice.

St. Agnes is opened only for funerals.

Sunday Mass will be live streamed via YouTube at 11am

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fKfIF9Xut6EjqtQ.

Mass Intentions

Sunday 7th March - Third Sunday of Lent

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

Mass 11.00 am - Jimmy Quirk, Robert Hailwood

Monday 8th March

Funeral Service - Ann Teresa Bamford (St Helens Crematorium)

International Women's Day

Wednesday 10th March

Presbytery Mass 4.00 pm - Philip Boardman, Special Intention

Saturday 13 March

St Agnes Mass 5.30p pm - Maureen Funnell, Joseph Patrick Knight

Sunday 14th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Doreen McKeown, Linda Vaughan

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Terry Kennedy, Bernard Riley



Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am from St. Agnes Church.

You can find us on YouTube, the link is

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ

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



IMPORTANT HELPLINES

These times are very difficult. There is help available. This list is not extensive, but here are some numbers. Please don't struggle alone!



Domestic violence or abuse

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247**
- **The First Step: 0151 548 3333**
- **Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247** Free 24-hour national helpline run by Women's Aid and Refuge.
- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327** Confidential helpline for male victims of domestic abuse.
Samaritans: 116 123
Call us any time, day or night. Whatever you're going through, you can call from any phone, at any time for free or email: jo@samaritans.org
- **Shout:** offers assistance by text 24 hours a day. Text 85258 to speak to a trained volunteer.
- **Childline: 0800 1111** If you're aged under 19, you can contact Childline for advice and mental health support.
- **Drinkline: 0300 123 1110** is the national alcohol helpline, which can be contacted confidentially
- **Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040**
- **Mind, the mental health charity 0300 123 3393** Email: info@mind.org.uk.

Cautious Re-opening of Churches for Public Worship

We will once again reopen our churches for public Masses from **Saturday the 13th March**. **Please note** this is not a return to business as usual. Each church will have a limited number of people who can be in the building.

- Those who are able are encouraged to gather on a weekday rather than a Saturday evening or Sunday, to release the pressure on weekend Masses.
- Social distancing guidelines are still in force.
- Volunteer stewards will be on hand to direct people to benches and to encourage worshippers to maintain reasonable social distancing. Hand sanitising on arriving will continue.
- Votive candles may be lit (but only from a lit candle.)
- Lingering clusters of conversation in the porch or outside the church are to be avoided.
- **FACEMASKS:**
People coming to Church will have to wear a facemask, which they will be permitted to lower to receive Holy Communion.

We look forward to welcoming you once again!

Parish Funding During the Coronavirus Lockdown

It is always difficult to approach financial matters, but as you know, the Coronavirus has had far reaching implications, one of which is the significant decrease in monetary contributions to the parish because of Lockdown. If you are not yet able to return to Mass and would still like to make a contribution, please consider the following: We would like to invite those parishioners who normally give to the weekly collection at Sunday Mass, either in envelopes or cash, and feel able to continue to do so, to consider setting up a monthly standing order for an equivalent amount. Please contact us by e-mail (agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

Text giving is also available for each parish and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Please note all texts cost the amount you donate plus one standard rate message.

For St. Aidan

Text [AIDAN](#) to 70085 to donate £2..
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70450 to donate £3..
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70460 to donate £5..
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70470 to donate £10.

For St. Agnes

Text [AGNES](#) to 70085 to donate £2..
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Text [AGNES](#) to 70460 to donate £5..
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