

Sunday 4th September 2022



First Reading: Book of Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can divine the will of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to Philemon 9-10. 12-17

Have him back, not as a slave any more, but as a dear brother

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

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Tel: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm

Friday 10.00am - 3.00pm

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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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Deacons:

Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan

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PARISH CLUB

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th September 2022

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
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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.

MASS INTENTION

Saturday 3rd September - Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

Mass 5.30pm – Stephen Sweeney, For those parenting children with special needs

Sunday 4th September - Feast of St Aidan

Mass 10.30am Les and Lil Westhead, Christine O'Keeffe
(followed by refreshments)



Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes & St Aidan Church at 11am
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ .

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

Monday 5th September

9.30 a.m. - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 7th September

Mass 7.30pm-Maureen & Anthony Jones, Joan Arnold

Thursday 8th September –Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Requiem Mass 11.45—Kenneth David Furlong**

Friday 9th September

Mass 12 noon— Breastmates (Lydiat), Private Intention

Saturday 10th September—Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow, Priest and Martyr

Mass 5.30pm - Patsy Smith (Hardacre), Church Gardeners

Sunday 11th September - Twenty Fourth Sunday

Mass 9.30am— Derek Griffiths, Asylum Seekers & Refugees

Mass 11.00am—Alicia Bowden, Christina Sullivan



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

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.

General Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the General Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 9th August 2022 are now available to read at the back of the church and in both porches. They are also available on the parish website.

This was a very well attended meeting and we would like to thank everyone for their continued support.

Community Prayer Circle:

Tuesday 13th 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

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

Music Group:

Next practice Tuesday, 13th 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.



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.

Finding the “Yes”

Whenever we set aside time to consciously choose to be in the presence of God who is always present to us, we are part of a great crowd of people 'longing for all that is best, deepest and most real in the human condition.' [1] 'Our prayer unfolds out of the knowledge that we belong to God.' [2] We have all had an 'awe' moment when we experience a 'heightened sense of presence and oneness with infinite love and we experience the very essence of who we are.' [3] It is during our time of prayer that we open ourselves to discovering how to grow in awareness of who we are in God.

Richard Rohr says that people often ask him how long they should pray to which he replies, "As long as it takes you to get to "Yes". If your heart and emotions are still saying "No!" to the moment right in front of you, don't leave your place of prayer until you find "Yes," until the flow begins to happen and the constriction begins to lose its hold on you. Then you're abiding in a place of abundance where you can let love flow—to you and through you—toward all the world around you." When we read today's gospel, like the people who followed Jesus, our response to Jesus' words is surely a resounding "No!" Jesus, who tells us to love our enemies, now tells us to 'hate' our nearest and dearest and even our own life! Let's take Richard Rohr's advice and look for the "Yes!"

'For Jesus, hating another is about reordering relationships. This is not about rejection but establishing new priorities.' [4] 'Yes, we find love in God's gifts of relationships, of possessions and of life itself. We are grateful for all of them but we do not become attached to them. They are but indications of an infinitely greater love that alone will satisfy us. Can we say "Yes" to surrendering to the transformative process of becoming one with this love? We are betwixt and between two worlds: the earthly plain of God's infinite love given in finite ways, and on the brink of a precipice of God's infinite love given in infinite ways.' [3]

Adapted :[1] Christopher Page [2] Thomas Merton [3] James Finley [4] Michael Marsh

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, Paul Butts, 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, Joe, Molly Kennedy, Brian Keogh, Kathleen Latham, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Malcolm McMillen, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Franky Morgan, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Alice O'Brien, Betty O'Shaunessy, Claire Pendleton, Hugh Reilly, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Bob Singleton, Richard Thornborough, Billy Turner, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson

Lately Deceased

Ann Lankertis, Margaret Brough, Kenneth David Furlough

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Smith

BENEDICTION

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

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 4th September 2022

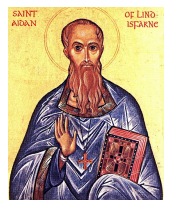
Those who struggle with addictions and their families



Dates for your Diary

FEAST OF ST AIDAN (31st August) will be celebrated on 4th September — Mass at 10.30am followed by refreshments.

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



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 18th September 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**

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.

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.** The money is then sorted, bagged and sent to a coin exchange.

www.wearenugent.org



SHARE KNOWSLEY

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

Why don't you join one of our parish focussed groups?

There are great benefits in joining one of our parish groups such as the welcoming group, prayer group, music group, gardeners, LGBT support group, pensioners club, organisers of parish tea club, overseas mission group-Romania & Suriname(WCMAD), CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice), ShareKnowsley etc. Small groups focused on community-building, friendships and spiritual development are of great benefit. I hope you will consider joining at least one of these groups.

PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Our last meeting took place on Wednesday in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room. 25 people attended. We had a good chat and people were able to introduce themselves to parishioners they had not met before.

Next Meeting is on **Wednesday 14th 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**



CAKES

If you enjoy baking you're more than welcome to contribute to the tea clubs after Sunday masses



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.)