

Sunday 12th March 2023



First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

Give us water to drink

Responsorial Psalm:

O that today you would listen to his voice:
'Harden not your hearts'

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2.5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ you are the Word of God! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. Glory to you, O Christ you are the Word of God!

Gospel: John 4:5-42
A Spring of water welling up to eternal life

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

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)
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Pastoral Assistant:

Christine Ball - christinewball@gmail.com

Safeguarding Representatives

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 11th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Margaret McCoy

Sunday 12th March - Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Margaret Bowden, Sr Bianca Rosa Magliano

Mass 11.00 am - Jude & Santhi Rayen, Archbishop Oswald Gomis

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 13th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 14th March

11.30 am **Grave Side Service** (Ford Cemetery) - William Kelly



Wednesday 15th March

Funeral Service 1.00pm - Walter Kenneth Byrne

Stations of the Cross - 6.30 pm

Mass 7.30 pm - Pat Coffey, Felicia Roberts

Friday 17th March- St Patrick, Bishop Patron of Ireland

Mass 12 noon - Kathleen Latham, Rose Mountain

Saturday 18th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Brenda Slater, Sr Maria Irene Faraglia

Sunday 19th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Sheila Veronica Casey, Ben Lloyd

Mass 11.00 am - Maureen Hamilton, Betty Woodruff,



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

First Communion 2022/2023

Children's sessions	
St. Joseph's/St. Aidan's/Other Schools – Thursday (unless arranged otherwise)	21 st OR 23 rd March 2023 6pm – 7 pm St. Agnes & St. Aidan Church
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



If you would like the name of your loved one written in **The Gold Book**, situated near the St. Mary's Rd. entrance, 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 14th March 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, 14th March 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.

She Left her Jar Behind

'We all go down to some well. We could each name the wells from which we drink: the well of perfectionism; the well of power and control; the well of hiding and isolation. Too many will drink from the wells of addiction. Many will draw from the well of busyness and denial. Day after day, month after month, year after year we go to the same well hoping our thirst will be quenched. We leave as thirsty as when we arrived only to return the next day. For too long we have drunk from the well that can never satisfy.' [1]

'The work of mature religion is to lead us beyond what we think we *want* to what we really *need*. The woman in today's gospel has come to the well because she wants water. Jesus tries to lead her, step by step, beyond what she thinks she wants and to help her see that water is just the symbol of what she really needs.' [2] 'Her thirst will never be quenched by the external wells of life. Nor will ours. Jesus told her "Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again - but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside, welling up to eternal life." This is the well from which new life and new possibilities spring forth. It is the well that frees us from the patterns and habits that keep us living as thirsty people. This living water is Jesus' own life. It became in the Samaritan woman "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." She discovered within herself the interior well and left her water jar behind. She had now become the well in which Christ's life flows.' [1]

She left her jar behind, that water-bearing vessel on which she depended for her very life. She abandoned it at the well. *She* had become the vessel. Filled with the living water that she found in the midst of her repetitive daily task, the woman goes to spill forth what she has found. The Samaritan woman allowed God to use her despite her background, gender, ethnicity, what people thought of her and how people looked at her. She became a vessel of living, liberating, life-giving water. [3] The 'fountain within us bubbling up unto eternal life', is the awareness that from the very beginning we are God's beloved. If we only knew what God has already given us. [2]

[1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr [3] Jan Richardson

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, John Davies, Annette Devine, Kerry Patricia Doherty, Pauline Ellison, Violet Fitzgerald, Jean Foster, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Millie Martin, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Sheila Veronica Casey, Walter (Kenny) Byrne, Gerard Lloyd

Anniversaries

Ellen Purcell, Anne Rowley

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 12th March 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. 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 on Thursday 20th April 11am—1pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

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)

MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. Thank you for your generosity



Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023

The balance is payable by
21st April 2023.
Cheques to be made payable to
St Agnes Parish

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 19th March

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



Archdiocesan next LGBTQ+ Catholics, families and friends gathering 16th April 2023 at St Agnes & St Aidan's Church, 82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ Mass will begin at 2 pm and will be followed by a social gathering. All are very welcome

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please note that we will be making a Special Appeal this weekend for as many parishioners as possible to start making their offerings to the Church using Standing Order Payments from their bank.

Our reasons for making this request will be explained more fully.

Parishioners who already use Offertory Envelopes can continue to do so with the new Envelope boxes being available shortly. You may, however, transfer to the Standing Order Scheme if you wish. More details will follow next week. **Thank you!** Fr. Anton

SHARe KNOWSLEY

We are a group of like minded people who want to do something to try and improve the lives of those who have left their homes and everything they know to escape the horrors of persecution, violence, war and oppression.

On a local level, we hope to create a support network for asylum seekers and refugees who may live near us, giving them the assistance they need to live with dignity, so that they can rebuild their lives. Offering friendship is at the heart of everything we do. We have established close links with the British Red Cross who have outreach workers that are often at the drop-in to give casework advice and support.

We also aim to provide support further afield by giving assistance where we can, be it in the form of financial contributions or donations of clothing and food.



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 22nd March

1pm until 3 pm In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members will be made more than welcome

Thanks. Sharon, Mary and Pat



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

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**

DATES FOR YOUR

DIARY



16th April - Archdiocesan LGBTQ+ Mass at 2pm followed by refreshments

9th July - Parish Barbecue
Following 10.30 am Mass
Feast of St Agnes & St Aidan

21st July - Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

27th August - International Table
Following 10.30 am Mass

15th September - WCMAD Fundraiser

22nd October - World Mission Sunday

24th November - Winter Night