

Sunday 21st January 2024



First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10
The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

Responsorial Psalm:
Lord make me know your ways

Second Reading:
St Paul to the Corinthians 7: 29-31
The world as we know it is passing away

Gospel Acclamation:
**The kingdom of God is close at hand;
believe the Good News**

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20
Repent and believe in the Good News

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

SISTERS:
Helpers of the Holy Souls
Sr. Elizabeth 0151 480 7904
Sr. Mary Rose 07770 830 290

Daughters of St. Paul 0151 487 8550
St. Mary of Namur 0151 489 1302

Deacon:
Mike Whelan

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

Racial Justice Day
28th January
Becoming a
Welcoming Church
11th February



Sunday 21st January 2024
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B
Word of God Sunday

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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

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.

Saturday 20th January - St Fabrian, Pope, Martyr

Mass 5.30 pm - Cathy Tinsley, Lynn Ashton

Sunday 21st January - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Feast of St Agnes

Mass 9.30 am - John & Mary Coffey, Michael Davies

Mass 11.00 am - Kefe Akpogheneta, Steve Sheridan

Monday 22nd January

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 11.30am - Bernadette Robinson

Wednesday 24th January - Memorial of St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

Mass 7.30 pm - Sr Giovanna Sanson, Sr Clare Ukken

Thursday 25th January - Feast of the Conversion of St Paul

Funeral Service 12.45 pm - Lesley John Wilson

Friday 26th January - Memorial of Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - George Patrick Sothern, Terry King

Saturday 27th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Ruth Harrison, Andy Wilkinson

Sunday 28th January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Racial Justice Day

Mass 9.30 am - Bernadette Robinson, Alex Fletcher

Mass 11.00 am - Pat Coffey, Mary & Christopher Whitty & all the deceased family

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 28th Jan - Racial Justice Day (CARJ)
- 11th Feb - Becoming a Welcoming Church (CARJ)
- 1st May - Time to Remember Service
- 9th June - International Table (CARJ) @ St Agnes & St Aidan
- 14th July - BBQ and Fundraiser @ St Agnes & St Aidan
- 6th Sept - Main Fundraiser in St Aidan's Club
- 9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy
- 27th Oct - World Mission Sunday (CARJ)

Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see someone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Or it may be that you are unable to attend Church because you have been ill.

In either case please contact the office as soon as possible and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch, if they so wish.



St Agnes Little Church and Welcoming Group

We are looking for new volunteers to be part of our Children's Liturgy Team. This would only mean a commitment of 20 minutes every six weeks, which equates to about 8 times a year. We would really welcome your help.

The only criteria: DBS check for safeguarding as required by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Please ring the office for more information.

We are also looking for new members for our 'Welcoming' group to meet and greet people (and to hand over hymn books and Newsletters) as they come into the church. If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak to a member of the welcoming group today. Many Thanks.

Eucharistic Ministers

All the Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the housebound or nursing homes could you please inform the parish office the names of the persons/nursing homes you minister to. There needs to be a definitive list in the office of parishioners who are involved in this ministry.

Many thanks

GOLD BOOK

If you would like the name of your deceased loved ones written in **The Gold Book** please contact the parish office with their name and the month they died so that their names can be added.

(0151 489 3085)



Casting and Mending

'Simon and Andrew were casting a net into the sea - for they were fishermen. That was their livelihood. James and John were mending their nets – for they were also fishermen. That was their life. One day looked like another, as it does for us. Life is routine, often lived on autopilot. Nothing changes. We don't expect much to happen. We 'cast and mend our nets' to make a living, to hold our family together, to gain the things we want, to gain security and get to retirement, to make our way through another day of loneliness, sadness or illness.

Whatever the circumstances of our lives, they are the circumstances in which Jesus comes to us, the context in which we hear the call to new life and the place where we are changed, where the ordinary becomes the extraordinary. "Follow me" is Jesus' invitation to a new life. It is the call to change and grow. (The Greek word 'metanoia' means change your mind/heart, but it is often translated as meaning 'repent'.) This is an inner journey, a journey into the deepest part of our being. Jesus doesn't offer a map, an itinerary or a destination; only an invitation. It's not about planning and organising, making lists or packing supplies. If anything, this journey is about leaving things behind. More often than not our spiritual growth involves some kind of letting go. We never get anywhere new as long as we're unwilling to leave where we are. We accept Jesus' invitation to follow, not by packing up, but by letting go.' [1]

'The word *change* normally refers to new beginnings. Transformation invites and sometimes forces the soul to go to a new place because the old place is not working anymore.' [2] So what are the nets that entangle us? What are the little boats that contain our life? Who are the fathers from whom we seek identity, value, or approval? What do we need to let go of and leave behind so that we might follow Jesus? As for the disciples, the call of Jesus does not always require that we leave our jobs. It is a call to discover God's divinity within us, so that we may become aware that the Kingdom of God is 'at hand', is in this moment. [1]

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

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

Our hope is that this will bring more positive energy to our vibrant parish community.



Prayer Requests

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

Please let the office know if you wish to add a name to the list. All names from last year have been removed.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Jane Blakemore, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Despina, Barbara and Mike Holland, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Peter Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe



Lately Deceased

Leslie John Wilson, Marion Lowndes

Anniversaries

Kefe Akpogheneta, Steve Sheridan, Walter Kenneth Byrne, James Taylor, Leonard Campbell, Cheryl Elizabeth Gates

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 21st January Those mentally and physical challenged

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.

To be advised

Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will be
on Monday 5th February**

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.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please email or phone the office with your request.

Once ordered copies can be collected on Monday or Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN CHURCH

As a parish family we have invested a considerable amount of money on security to make it possible to keep the church open during the weekdays from 10am to 1pm (except on bank holidays) Please feel free to avail yourself of this opportunity to spend some valuable time in the presence of the blessed sacrament in private prayer or just to light a candle.



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 21st January**

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'

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

Any school forms for the children who attend church regularly (mass attendance) should not be filled in by the parents/guardians and should be handed over to the priest in person.

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

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

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

25th January 2024 Parents Meeting
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the church

30th Jan OR 1st Feb First Children's session
6pm -7pm in St. Aidan's Club

20th Feb OR 22nd Feb
Second Children's session
6pm -7pm in St. Aidan's Club

19th March OR 21st March
Third Children's session
6pm -7pm in church.

Reconciliation dates and rehearsals
dates to be confirmed.

11th May St. Aidan's First Communion
10 am

11th May St. Joseph's First Communion
12:30 pm

12th May All other schools
First Communion 1:30 pm

18th May St. Anne's First Communion
10 am & 12:30 pm

Music Group: Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 23rd January 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.

SOUP CLUB

SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church
82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ

Wednesday 20th March at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Spring Crafts

Wednesday 17th April at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Easter Quiz

Wednesday 15th May at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Bingo

**Sponsored by Livv Housing
and Caring Connections**



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 24th January

1pm until 3pm In the parish meeting
room

(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members always welcome

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon

