SUNDAY 3rd January 2021 Second Sunday after the Nativity

READING I Eccl 24:1-4, 8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **R**. The Word was made flesh and lived among us.

READING II Eph 1:3-6. 15-18

ALLELUIA

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans: Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world **ALLELUIA**

GOSPEL

Jn 1:1–18 The Word was made- flesh, he lived among us

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

STAY CONNECTED 0151 489 3085

As we approach winter and 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, will be available to take your call so you can talk in confidence. **Telephone Number 0151 489 2498)**

Sunday 3rd January 2021

2nd Sunday after Christmas

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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.



In the Beginning

Prayer Requests



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

Lana Achilles, Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Joan Arnold, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny, Joanne Baduna, Batey family, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Paul Bullen, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael, Steve Chamberlain, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Pauline Dermott, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Cath Fadden, Paula Fitzpatrick, Margaret Flynn, Collette Garlick, Euan Gee, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Tom Jones, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, 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, Mary Lydiat, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughin, Alan McMahon, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Padraig 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, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Catherine (Kit) Pheonix, 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 Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

Lately Deceased

Tommy Lackey, Edith Monahan

Anniversaries

Jack Cardwell, Patricia Scott, Peter Stoneley,

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 3rd December 2021

St Aidan Refugees and Asylum Seekers

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. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* 'John is not talking about Jesus; he's talking about Christ. Christ is not Jesus' last name. Early Eastern Fathers mystically saw that *Jesus is the union of human and divine in space and time; Christ is the eternal union of matter and Spirit from the beginning of time.* They believed in something much bigger than the historical incarnation that we call Jesus. Jesus is the visible map. The entire sweep of the meaning of the Anointed One, the Christ, includes us and includes all of creation since the beginning of time. It's a Christ-soaked universe.' (*R.Rohr*)

"All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being." We are nothing, absolutely nothing outside and other than God who is the reality of our lives. This is true of the universe and all of Creation. We are empowered to be awakened to the divinity of ourselves, others and all things and being awakened to it, we are empowered to assent to it. Our deepest identity was never born. The me that was never born will never die. In my human nature, in time, I am being unexplainably sustained by this birth-less, death-less Love that's giving itself to me as my life.' (James Finley)

"All that came to be had life in him and that Life was the Light of humanity." "Remember, light is not so much what you directly see as that by which you see everything else. Christ's light enables us to see as God sees. Our selective seeing has resulted in us losing sight of a forgotten treasure of the Christian tradition which I call the Universal Christ. This forgotten reality can change everything we see, hope for and believe.' (Richard Rohr)

"This Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was <u>coming</u> into the world."

Scientists have discovered that what looks like darkness to the human eye is actually filled with tiny particles called 'neutrinos', slivers of light that pass through the entire universe. There is no such thing as total darkness. The Christ mystery is an ongoing process throughout time, as constant as the light that fills the universe.' [R.Rohr] Christ is present in our own personal darkness, and 'on the other side of that darkness life begins again. Another life. A new life. Life does go on. Differently, but on. Having survived the darkness, we rise to new light, calm and clear and confident that what will be, will be enough for us. (Joan Chittister)

IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

Would you like your child to be Baptised? Are they aged 8 or younger?

Because of current restrictions, we have had to make several changes to our Baptism preparation programme.

 Please call the parish office (0151 489 3085). They will ask for an email address and you will be sent a link to a preparation video. You will need to answer 4 questions and email your responses to the parish office: <u>agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk</u>

Your child's opportunity to be Baptised is not determined by what you answer, but it is more an opportunity for you to reflect on what you are asking for.

 In addition to this, you (parents or a parent and a Godparent or grandparent) will have to attend a very short meeting at St. Agnes church with the parish Baptism preparation team.

The next meeting will be on **MONDAY 4th January at 7.30 p,m.** If you would like to attend this, please contact the office as soon as possible so that you will have time to access the video before the meeting.

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your Confirmation or Holy Communion -Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan or St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.



Please make yourself known to Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter). Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter



Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday</u> 2nd January — SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m. — Pat McCoy, Staff In Our Primary Schools

Sunday 3rd January—2nd Sunday after Christmas

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m.— Marie Gordon, SHARE Knowsley. St Agnes Mass 11 a.m.— Michael & Desmond Head, Ann Caldwell.

Monday 4th January

Tuesday 6th January

Wednesday 6th January—The Ephiphany of the Lord St. Agnes 1p.m– Requiem– Anne Redmond

St Agnes Mass—7.30 p.m. – Mary Murray, John Murray & Anthony Murray

Thursday 7th January

<u>Friday 8th January</u> St.Agnes 11.a.m– Requiem– Catherine Phoenix

St Aidan Mass—12 noon—Guy Gaunt, Maureen Hamilton

Saturday 9th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m. — Maisie Dee, Mary Wright

Sunday 10th January—Feast Of The Baptism of the Lord

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m.— Raymond Hallet, Ann Redmond St Agnes Mass 11 a.m.—Ron Murphy, Peter Cave



LIVE STREAMING Sunday 11am Mass will be live streamed and will be available via you tube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ_





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 <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ</u>

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



Nugent Care

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of either 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.



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 and it's time no longer ties in with the mass times or that they are shielding.

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.

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 monitory 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 <u>monthly standing order</u> for an equivalent amount.

Please contact us by e-mail (<u>agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk</u>) 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 Text AGNES to 70450 to donate £3 Text AGNES to 70460 to donate £5 Text AGNES to 70470 to donate £10

CAR BOOT SALE

The car boot sale has been suspended until next year but due to the generosity of parishioners and friends we would request that no further donations are brought along. We have so much stock and have run out of storage space. As and when we make some space we will let you know.

Many thanks for your on-going support and generosity towards 'We Can Make A Difference' (Parish overseas mission in Suriname & Romania)

