

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER 2020



**First Reading**

Isaiah 5:1-7

The Lord compares the house of Israel to a vineyard.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 80:9,12-16,19-20

The Lord protects his vineyard, the house of Israel.

**Second Reading**

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul encourages the Philippians to stay faithful to the teaching they received from him.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus tells the parable about the wicked ten-

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Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

**www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk**

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



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th October 2020

27th Sunday in 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.*

## Prayer Requests



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

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, 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, 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, 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, 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, Anthony Patrick McCarthy, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock,  
Sr Maureen McCollum, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougale, Maureen McGurk,  
Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown,  
Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Pat Madden,  
Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave  
Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Deacon Joe Morgan, Aidan Morris, Fr. Simon, Norma Mudge,  
John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Marie McFarlane, Hazel Naylor, Pam Nugent,  
Terry Naylor, Madeline O'Hare, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley,  
Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley,  
Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Bob Singleton, 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**

Anthony Jeffers, Lucia Maria Parry, Joan Sutton

### **Anniversaries**

Kenneth Pollock,

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 4th October 2020**

**St Aidan** - 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.***

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday 3rd October—**

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — Fr Dave Melly, Private Intention

### **Sunday 4th October —Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. Agnes** Mass 9.30 am — Tom Costello, Phil Gallagher

**St. Agnes** Mass 11.00 am — Joan Woods, Jack Cross

### **Monday 5th October**

### **Tuesday 6th October**

**St Agnes Funeral Service**—Anthony Jeffers

### **Wednesday 7th October—Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

**St Agnes** Mass 7.30 p.m— Staff In Our Primary Schools, SHARE Knowsley.

### **Thursday 8th October**

**St Agnes Funeral Service**—Lucia Maria Parry

**St Agnes Funeral Service**—Joan Sutton

### **Friday 9th October—**

**St Aidan** 12 noon - Tony McNamara, Holy Souls

### **Saturday 10th October**

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — Rev Austin Dobson, All those facing further restrictions in an effort to contain the spread of Covid-19

### **Sunday 11th October —Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. Agnes** Mass 9.30 am — Margaret, Mary Aloysius & Mary Benedict Rimmer

**St. Agnes** Mass 11.00 am — Gerry Ball, Edward Coffey.

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*Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.*

## 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](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

## Another new and easy way of contributing to Sts. Aidan and Agnes

Text giving is now 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.

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Many Thanks for your kind generosity!  
*Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*

## **MARY'S MEALS**

It is that time of year again when we will start collecting for Mary's Meal's. This will be the ninth year our parish has supported the school backpack project with over 1,000 bags collected

Backpacks can be brought to any of the Masses. **A copy of the list of items requested is shown below and also available in the church porch.**

**Please only donate the items requested on the list, as any other items may be removed at the sorting centre to avoid difficulties at customs and also when the bags are distributed in the villages.**



<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

## **Justice & Peace Commission**

**Prepare the Future: Taking the Common Good Seriously.** You are invited to join Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD who will be giving a talk on Zoom on Saturday 10 October, 2020 at 10:00am – 12 noon including small group discussions to identify local actions. Registration to receive the link is on the Liverpool J&P website [jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://jp.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk)

## **Parish Offertory Collection**

We are delighted to see many of you back at Mass. Thanks for your continuing support to the parish. Please note that we are still not permitted to pass on the offertory collection bags during Mass. As you may have noticed there are number of 'collections baskets' placed in the church and we would appreciate if you could place your offertory/donation in those baskets. **A Big Thank you** to those who have opted to make your parish contribution via Standing Order Bank payments. If you wish to make your contribution via Bank Standing Order please contact the parish office on **0151 489 3085 for both Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms.**

Many Thanks for your ongoing support.

## 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.

- 1) 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:  
[agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)

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.

- 2) 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 Fr. Anton (& the parish Baptism preparation team).

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st October** after the 7:30pm Mass. If you would like to attend this, please contact the office by **Tuesday 20th October**, midday, so that you will have time to access the video before the meeting.

Children may not attend this meeting and you will need to wear a face covering.

- 3) Once you have attended this meeting, you will need to phone the parish office to book a date for the baptism.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, Baptism groups are limited to 30 person including: parents, siblings of the child, godparents and grandparents.

These meetings will now take place on an allocated Wednesday after the 7:30pm Mass. We encourage you to come to Mass prior to the meeting.

A. Fernandopulle

## What is our Cornerstone?

In relation to architecture, a cornerstone is traditionally the first stone laid for a structure, with all other stones laid in reference to this stone. A cornerstone marks the geographical location by orienting a building in a specific direction. Some cornerstones include time capsules from, or engravings commemorating, the time a particular building was built.

Today's gospel asks us to look at the cornerstone which determines the direction of our lives. "This gospel is an allegory about negative energy, the spirit of rejection. The tenants are antagonistic and oppositional about everything. They beat or stoned or killed everyone.

Oppositional energy just knows what it is against. It is sort of a sad substitute for vision, yet negative people feed on it. It knows what it is against but it doesn't know what it is for, what it is in love with. What we reject and hate says much more about ourselves than about the people we hate or reject. If we want to know what or who our real God is we need to look at what we reject: if we reject poor people, our god is riches, money and success; if we reject foreigners, it is because we have made a god of our own country; if we reject anybody different from us then we have idolised ourselves, we've made a god of ourselves. What we fear or reject tells us what we really worship." (Richard Rohr)

What are we for? Are we in love with anything or are we just against 'bad people'? When fear and rejection is our starting point, we are subconsciously creating a foundation stone which consists of our own self-centred priorities. However, when love becomes the cornerstone which determines the direction of our lives, we will see what we need to renounce and yet "we won't need to renounce it we will just need to understand its true value and it will just drop from our hands." (Anthony De Mello). In the second reading St Paul gives us an alternative to the spirit of rejection. "Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things and the God of peace will be with you." These 'things' – and many others - are already placed in the timeless capsule of our Christ-centred cornerstone.