

Sunday 5th March 2023



First Reading: Genesis 12: 1-4

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people

Responsorial Psalm:

**Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place
our trust in you**

Second Reading:

St Paul to Timothy 1:8-10

God calls and enlightens us

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the
bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This
is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Glory
and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun.

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
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 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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PARISH CLUB

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SECOND 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 4th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Sr Costanza Justo, Sr Maria Agnes Yoko

Sunday 5th March - Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Hugh Reilly, Malcolm McMillan

Mass 11.00 am - Bernard Wheaton, Margaret Bowden

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 6th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 8th March - International Women's Day

Requiem Mass 12 noon - Felicia Roberts

6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Mass 7.30 pm - Ann Faran, Felicia Roberts

Thursday 9th March

Funeral Service 12.15 - Elizabeth (Betty) Woodruff

Friday 10th March

Requiem Mass 12 noon - Kathleen Latham

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

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.

Thin Places, Veils and Transfiguration

'We use the word 'immaterial' when describing something that to us is unimportant, irrelevant or insignificant. But 'immaterial' also means spiritual rather than physical. We often limit our world and our experience to the five senses and we treat the spiritual as immaterial, as unreal.' [1] P.A.

We tend to live with a veil that separates the external world of tangible, measurable, rational information from that other world, the inner world of mystery, transformation, and encounter. There are moments, however, when we stand in what the Celtic tradition calls a *thin place* where the veil is parted between this world and the other world, between heaven and earth, between the divine and the human, between matter and spirit, between the eternal and the temporal. Thin places invite us to enter the tremendous mystery of God's presence and love. We all have our personal experiences of thin places: watching a sunrise or sunset; gazing at a starlit sky; marvelling at the wonders of creation; being with a loved one in whose presence we know ourselves to be unconditionally loved. Thin places transform our lives and continue to sustain us. The veil parts and we know ourselves to be different. We and our whole world now stand in a different light. That is what happened to Peter, James, and John. Jesus led them to a thin place, a place where human ears would hear God's voice, human eyes would see divine light, and human life would be enveloped in the cloud of God's presence.

Peter, James, and John came face to face with the really Real. It was not simply an outer experience of the senses. It was rather an experience of inner transformation, one that left them silent. Instead of *talking about* what they saw and heard, they would *become* that which they encountered. We do not often talk about our experiences of thin places. Instead, like the three apostles, we keep silent, telling no one of our encounter. It is not because those encounters are not real. It is, rather, because they are too real, too real for words. Words could never describe the experience and would only diminish the mystery and greatness of that encounter. We are now different and can never go back to the way it was before.' [2] 'That moment of transfiguration now resides eternally within us, helping us to see and hear the sacred both in our mountaintop and our valley experiences. Can we hold the mountain and the valley as *one* — denying neither, and embracing both?' [3]

Adapted: [1] Pietro Archiati [2] Michael Marsh [3] Debbie Thomas

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, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Ben Lloyd, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, 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

Betty Stone, William Kelly, Gerard (Ben) Lloyd, Joe Corrigan

Anniversaries

Margaret Bowden, Kay Cameron-Till, Mary Swift, Catherine Gill

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 5th 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 9th March 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)

The next meeting will take place on Monday 6th March

MISSION BOXES

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

SPECIAL APPEAL

Please note that we will be making a Special Appeal next 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 next weekend. 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.

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

Help SHARE Knowsley sow seeds of Love

"Whenever I go outside, I hold my head down like a dog that no one should say anything."

The people we support are feeling the weight of hatred from some in the local community, who are judging them purely on the fact that they are not from the UK and are then subjecting them to racist abuse and assault.

Some locals are presenting the argument that they are just 'protecting their children', because they have judged all asylum seekers as being bad. Some base their judgements on seeing them acting 'shifty' or 'dodgy' when out and about. If asylum seekers are looking 'shifty' or 'dodgy' it is because they are looking over their shoulders, fearing that they will be the next to be abused or assaulted.

"They insult us, throw iron money at us and their saliva. Some hit us, It is not safe for us to go outside." "I wish these people knew my pain. Life has no value for me now. It is better for a person to die once than to be humiliated every day."

Nobody should be made to feel like this! Asylum seekers have already suffered much trauma and deserve to be treated as a fellow human being, with understanding and compassion.

We know that this is not how the majority of our local community think, so we are asking you to join us in sending cards of support and love.

Cards can be sent: c/o SHARE KNOWSLEY, The Old School House, St John's Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 0UX

PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 8th 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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th April- LGBTQ+ Mass at 2pm

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