

Sunday 29th January 2023



First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 1:26-31

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning

Gospel Acclamation:

Blessed are you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

How happy are the poor in spirit

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)

Fr. Richard Sloan 0151 449 0214

Pastoral Assistant:

Christine Ball - christinewball@gmail.com

Safeguarding Representatives

Cath Golding 07759 296 233

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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 28th January -Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Thomas Tansey, John Gregory

Sunday 29th January - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Desmond & Michael Head, Marty Owens

Mass 11.00 am - John & Mary Coffey, James & Sarah Watts

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 30th January

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 1st February

Mass 7.30 pm - Srs. Antonietta Vivian, Maria Lucia, Maria Piera

Thursday 2nd February (Feast of the presentation of the Lord)

Funeral Service 9.30am @ St. Helen's crematorium - Philip Joseph Keating

Friday 3rd February

Mass 12 noon— Mary Whitty, Rose Salmon

Saturday 4th February

Mass 5.30 pm -Bernie Fisher, Pat Coffey

Sunday 5th February—Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Mary Sheenan, Robert Hailwood

Mass 11.00 am - Kearns Family, Thomas Wilson

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

FR. DAVE MELLY'S FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Reception of the body and **Vigil Mass** at Our Lady's Church, Portico, at 7.00pm on Sunday 19th February. **Requiem Mass** will take place at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 11.00am on Monday 20th February.

Please pray for his family, friends and parishioners .



First Communion 2022/2023

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| Children's sessions | 21 st OR 23 rd February 2023 6pm – 7 pm St. Aidan's Club L36 7XR |
| St. Anne's – Tuesdays | 21 st OR 23 rd March 2023 6pm – 7 pm St. Agnes & St. Aidan Church |
| St. Joseph's/St. Aidan's/Other Schools – Thursday (unless arranged otherwise) | |
| 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 31st January 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, 31st January 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.

Longing

When we reflect on the Beatitudes we are struck by the leitmotif or the recurring theme of longing, 'a yearning for a fulfilment that somehow lies beyond us. It flows from our deeply rooted human incompleteness. We all long for something more – for others as well as ourselves.' [1] Our effort to live the Beatitudes is our attempt 'to make sense of that intense and disturbing imperative for a completeness that always eludes us.' [2] Jesus sees our sincere attempts and says to us, "Blessed are you."

Archbishop Em Elias Chacour writes: '*Blessed* is the translation of the word *makarioi*, used in the Greek New Testament. However, when I look further back to Jesus' Aramaic, I find that the original word was *ashray* which means to set yourself on the right way for the right goal.' 'Jesus is not talking about doing virtuous deeds so we'll be rewarded later. He is talking about making transformational choices so that we will experience eternal life now. As we enter the path of transformation, the most valuable thing we have working in our favour is our yearning. When we yearn, we come into sympathetic vibration with a deeper heart-knowing. The heart is an organ of alignment; it connects us. Yearning is the vibration of that connectedness.' [3]

Blessed are the pure in heart: they shall see God. 'Jesus ties together heart and sight. When the heart is right, Jesus says, seeing will be right. The heart in the ancient sacred traditions has a very specific and perhaps surprising meaning. It is not the seat of our personal emotions but it is an organ for the perception of divine purpose and beauty. It is our antenna, so to speak, given to us to orient us toward the divine radiance and to synchronise our being with its more subtle movements. The heart is not for personal expression but for divine perception.' [3] When the distorted instrument of the mind is made clear, we see the divine spark at the centre of our very being; and we see simultaneously that spark in the heart of every other human being, one and the same in all.' [4] We live the Beatitudes in response to our growing awareness of who we are in God.

Adapted : [1] Robert Maloney [2] Daniel O' Leary [3] Cynthia Bourgeault [4] Eknath Easwaran

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, Annette Devine, Pauline Ellison, Violet Fitzgerald, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Ben Lloyd, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Malcolm McMillen, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Betty O'Shaunessy, Claire Pendleton, Margaret Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Billy Turner, Mike & Rose Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Hugh Reilly, Phillip Joseph Keating,

Anniversaries

Patsy Smith, Mary Sheehan, Robert Hailwood, Mary Whitty, Pat Coffley, Marcelline Ineson-McClymont, Marie McGurk, Eileen Catherine Bates, Alice Lillian Thompson, Evelyn Cheryl McEvitt, Joanne Schumacher, Sheila Evans,

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 29th January 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 10 am—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



Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023

Flying directly from Liverpool to Lourdes and staying at Hotel Astoria/ St Louis de France. To reserve your place please contact Parish Office on 0151 489 3085

Price includes: Return flights, transfers and 7 nights full board
The cost will be £825. There will be a non-refundable deposit of £300 to be paid by 21st February 2023 with the balance payable by

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 & 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.

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 February

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 will be 19th February 2023

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



PARISH GENERAL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 5th February at 12.30pm. The meeting will be to organise dates and events for the coming year. Please try your best to be there.

PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 8th February

1p.m. until 3 p.m. In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members will be made more than welcome

Thanks. *Mary and Pat*

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



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



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



Monthly Craft Group

We are thinking of starting a monthly craft group. This could be to bring your own crafting project to work on with others or to participate in a craft set up by the group. We will have an initial meeting on Thursday 9th February 11am—1pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

Thank you from Seel Street Sisters

A big thank you from the Missionaries of Charity/ Mother Theresa Sisters, to everyone who donated hats, scarves and gloves etc to help the homeless. Your generosity, as always, was very much appreciated.

Mary and Pat

