

Sunday 25th August 2024



First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church

Gospel Acclamation:

**Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life.**

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

**The Order of Mass is printed on page 4 of
the Hymn Book**

OFFICE/CHURCH

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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
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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Year B**

*Fr. Anton and the Parishioners have been
conducting the summer camp in Romania and
returned on Friday, 23rd August. Everyone is
welcome to attend the WCMAD Meeting on
Sunday 25th August at 1 p.m.*



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***Taking to heart the last words of the Lord Jesus, we will go into the world and proclaim
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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 24th August - Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Mass 5.30 pm - Peter Markey, Daphne Flynn

Sunday 25th August - Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Margaret Burns, Sr. Imelda Tos Chi

Mass 11.00 am - Jimmy Sime, Kathleen Keenan

WCMAD MEETING—Re ; Parish overseas projects (Romania & Suriname) on

Sunday 25th August at 1 p.m.—all are welcome.

Wednesday 28th August—Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop & Doctor

Requiem Mass 10 am Thomas Jockins

Mass 7.30 pm - Sr Elizabeth Euphraise, Sr Anna Vignuolo

Friday 30th August—Memorial of St Edmund Arrowsmith, Priest, Martyr

Mass 12 noon— Sr Consolata Manding,

Saturday 31st August—St Aidan Bishop & Saints of Lindisfarne

Mass 5.30 pm - Terry Feary, Sr Maria Teresa Rosalbg

Sunday 1st September -Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Sr Aparerida Maria, Tom Sheehy

Mass 11.00 am - Steve Sheridan, John Quirk

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

Please be considerate when parking as residents
also need to access their driveways with ease. Thank you



Summer Camp in Romania

Romania & Suriname Projects - We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)

Mary, Ronnie, Honor, Veronica Kelly and Fr. Anton returned on Friday from Petrosani, Romania. They spent two weeks at the summer camp for the children who attend the Maria Stein Children's Centre. This is a centre for disadvantaged children to make school attendance a regularity. They also worked, for the first time, at the Heart of Jesus orphanage as they were invited to spend time with the children.

They have been having lots of fun with crafts, games and trips out in the local area. They are very grateful for your prayers and continued support. Please take a look on Facebook for some of the pictures from their time with the children.

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.



PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE CHANGE IN MASS TIME

With effect from **Sunday 27th October 2024** we will be changing the time of our Sunday Mass to 10.30 a.m.



There will be one Sunday Mass only during the Winter Months.

Saturday Mass at 5.30 p.m. will remain the same.

Church security is everybody's responsibility

May I ask all those who go for walks in the area to spend a few minutes checking around the church grounds and report any vandalism or anti-social behaviour. We need to be alert to any people loitering around the property.

We appreciate everyone looking out for our church property.

Many Thanks, Fr. Anton

Freedom of Choice

'The Old and New Testament readings this week speak about our gift of freedom of choice. "Choose this day whom you will serve," Joshua tells the Israelites. "Do you also want to go away?" Jesus asks his disciples as people take offence at his teachings and abandon him. What's at stake in these decisions is not the identity or eternal security of the choosers. The Israelites are already chosen and beloved of God. They have a long history with Yahweh — a history of deliverance from slavery, manna in the desert and steady direction in the wilderness. The people who abandon Jesus are not starry-eyed newbies. John's Gospel makes it clear that they are already Christ's followers. He has fed them, taught them, healed them and loved them. What's at stake in both stories is whether or not God's already-beloved-and-rescued children will choose - hourly, daily, moment by moment - to live fully into who they already are. That is our choice.

It's worth noting that neither Joshua nor Jesus take pains to make choosing God easy. According to Jesus, choosing God means "eating" his very essence. It means living as Jesus lived: turning the other cheek, loving our enemies, walking the extra mile. It's amazing that Jesus had any followers left. "Do you also want to go away?" There's something so vulnerable and poignant in the question. I imagine Jesus asks it sadly, but with his characteristic compassion and understanding. He knows full well what he's asking of his followers, and he wants them to know that his love is a freeing love. They're free to walk away. I'm comforted by the fact that even bold, brash Peter doesn't shout a Spirit-filled "No!" to Jesus question. He doesn't say "yes" or "no." He just responds with a question of his own. Not an enthusiastic, flattering question: a searching one. "Lord, what are the alternatives? Your teachings are hard, but they have life in them. You are Life itself. To whom else would we go?" [1]

Believing in Jesus and his teaching requires letting go of what we think we know of God. Israel's expectations of the Messiah blocked the way for some to see God offering a whole new way of relating to us. Never before had Israel heard of a God who becomes incarnate and dwells among the people.' [2]

Peter's reply reveals his uncertainty about what is happening within him. He is like the fledgling in Anthony de Mello's story: "I have nothing to hold onto," the bird said when it began to fly. Like Peter, we may acknowledge that Jesus has the words of eternal life, and, like Peter, we won't fully understand what that means because 'we can never grasp a mystery; we can only allow ourselves to be grasped by it. That kind of surrender is needed if we are ever to experience the spirit who gives life.' [3]

Adapted: [1]Debie Thomas [2] ssvp.on.ca/spirituality [3] Richard Rohr

Prayer for Peace

In light of the current climate, here and in many parts of the world, we continue to pray for peace. May we live the Prayer of St. Francis and endeavour to sow love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy in the paths of hatred, darkness and despair.

Prayer Requests

Your charitable prayers are asked 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.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, George Boland, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Despina, John Ging, Claire Hindley, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael and Lawrence McClintock, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Betty Savage, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Tony Wernham, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Lately Deceased

Michael O'Brien, Jaqueline Bannister

Anniversaries

Joan Owen, Bernard McCormick

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 25th August - Church cleaners & Volunteers

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

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd September

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 ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday 12 noon and 1.00 pm
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm
4th Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

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.**

PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 28th August
1pm until 3pm in the parish meeting room
(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)
New Members always welcome



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 15th September

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'

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

Music Group: Music group are now on their summer break. Practice will recommence on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm**

Community Prayer Circle We would like to thank you all for trusting us with your heartfelt prayer intentions over the past year. We will recommence face to face meets on Tuesday 3rd September with lunch at 1pm followed by praying for the needs of our parish community. All prayer requests deposited in the prayer boxes will continue to be collected each week and prayed over during summer break.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd Sept - Prayer & Music Group restarts
- 6th Sept - Main WCMAD- Fundraiser in St Aidan's Parish Club
- 9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy
- 27th Oct - World Mission Sunday (CARJ)



LUNCHEON CLUB

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

Wednesday 25th September at 12.30 pm

Wednesday 16th October at 12.30 pm

Wednesday 20th November at 12.30 pm

Wednesday 11th December at 12.30 pm

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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.



Parish WhatsApp Group

It's 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 07779 328 414.

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.

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon

