

Sunday 19th February 2023



First Reading:

Book of Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 3: 16-23

*All are your servants, but you belong to Christ
and Christ belongs to God*

Gospel Acclamation:

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall
come to him**

Gospel: Matthew 5: 38-48

Love you enemies

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:

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PARISH CLUB

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SEVENTH 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 18th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Jerry Harris, Hugh Reilly

Sunday 19th February - Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Day of prayer for the Unemployed

Mass 9.30 am - Billy Greenway, Josie Ferguson

Mass 11.00 am - Rose Mountain, David Sheenan

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,

Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Mass 12.00 noon - Sr Tommasa Masella, Sr Maria Teresea Pati

Mass 7.30 pm - Alice O'Brien, Joe Ward



Friday 24th February

Mass 12 noon - Stacie Barton, Malcolm McMillan

Saturday 25th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Leo Pearson, Eric Cooper

Sunday 26th February - First Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Fr Peter Fox, Mrs Roberts

Mass 11.00 am - Mary Gibbs, Sr Nives Bormoline



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

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 28th February 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, 28th February 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.

"Therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Perfection is not so much about becoming something that we are not but about becoming who we really already are.' [1] The Greek word translated as "perfect" is teleios, which also means fullness, completeness, wholeness. "Be whole, just as the One from whom we've come and in whom we are is whole." This is our true self. We often think that this passage in scripture means that we need to perfect the ego-self, the false self, the "self" we think we are. We think we must make it, the ego-self, morally perfect, devoid of all imperfection, pure, absolutely virtuous, upright, etc. This is the cause of much shame and heartache in life.

Jesus meant for us to recognise within ourselves the wholeness that is ever-present in our essence.' [2] 'Becoming like the heavenly Father is not just one important aspect of Jesus' teaching, it is the very heart of his message.' [3]

'We can become fifty years old, we can become tired, we can become married, we can become lonely, we can become But our essential being is prior to all becoming and indeed remains present, albeit usually unnoticed, throughout all becoming.' [4] 'All we can do is nurture our True Self, find that which moves us to love and give ourselves to it in love.' [5] Note that Jesus uses the word 'therefore' after his teaching on how we should live. To be able to live in this way we must "therefore be perfect just as our heavenly Father is perfect." 'It is in our growing awareness of our Original Nature, that virtues which we have acquired, usually through deliberate cultivation, flow naturally as water from a spring. The qualities of loving-kindness, compassion, presence, centeredness, spaciousness, mercy, and confidence all radiate naturally forth from our transformed being.' [6]

We pray that we will not break the thread of that awareness.

There is a thread you follow. It goes among

things that change. But it doesn't change.

People wonder about what you are pursuing.

You have to explain about the thread.

But it is hard for others to see.

While you hold it you can't get lost.

Tragedies happen; people get hurt

or die; and you suffer and get old.

Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding.

You don't ever let go of the thread.

William Stafford

*Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Bryce Haymond [3] Henri Nouwen
[4] Rupert Spira*

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, Peter Markey, John Mitchell, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Betty O'Shaunessy, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Theresa Rossiter, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike & Rose Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Eric Cooper, Mary Bennett, Josie Ferguson, Mrs Roberts, Mary Gibbs, Leo Pearson, Felicia Roberts, Kathleen Latham, Michael McMillan, Archbishop Oswald Gomis,

Anniversaries

Mary Plumbley, Valery Gertrude Malone, Jude Rayen, Santhi Rayen

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 19th February 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



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 21st April 2023. Single room supplement will be £35 per night.

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 March

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 PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 22nd February
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



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



Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be on Thursday 9th March 11am—1pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly

VOLUNTEERING AT SHARE KNOWSLEY

We are always looking for volunteers at SHARE Knowsley and offer a range of volunteering opportunities from helping sort donations to becoming a befriender.

Following the appalling events last Friday night outside the hotel, it is more important now than ever before, to show the asylum seekers who find themselves in Knowsley, a friendly face and make them feel welcome.

We are especially looking for volunteers for our Kirkby and hotel drop-ins. If you interested in finding out more or want to apply, then please contact our office by sending an email to admin@shareknowsley.org.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



9th July - Parish Barbecue
Following 10.30 am Mass

21st July - Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes

27th August - International Table

15th September - WCMAD Fundraiser

22nd October - World Mission Sunday

25th November - Winter Night