

Sunday 19th March 2023



First Reading: Samuel 16:1.6-7,10-13

David is anointed king of Israel

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14

Rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! I am the light of the world, says the Lord: anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

He went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

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

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year A

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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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 March

Mass 5.30 pm - Brenda Slater, Sr Maria Irene Faraglia

Sunday 19th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Sheila Veronica Casey, Ben Lloyd

Mass 11.00 am - Maureen Hamilton, Betty Woodruff,

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 20th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 21st March

Requiem Mass 1.00pm Ellen Vitone

Wednesday 22nd March

Requiem Mass 12.30 pm Gerard (Ben) Lloyd

Stations of the Cross - 6.30 pm

Mass 7.30 pm - Jean Forster, Jean Jones

Friday 24th March

Mass 12 noon - Martin & Sarah Coffey, Eddie McLoughlin

Saturday 25th March - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Mass 5.30 pm - Robert & Kathleen Latham, Felix Doyle

Sunday 26th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Arthur Southern, Ellen Vitone

Mass 11.00 am - Special Intention, Jerry Neville

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 28th 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, 28th 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.

Sight-restoring Questions

'There are questions that seek to keep us in our place, and there are questions that help us find the place where we belong. Our Gospel invites us to hear both kinds of questions and to notice the vast difference between them. There is a sense of mounting tension in John's story, a steady escalation of frustration and fury on the part of the questioners each time the man responds. Their questions are not doorways into conversation: they are walls designed to reinforce the boundaries of what these people already know, and to keep their landscape of belief, experience, and knowledge safely contained. The newly-sighted man is telling them nothing they want to hear, nothing that fits into the beliefs and experiences that they carry. He possesses a remarkable sense of calm, answering in the only way he knows how: from his own experience. "One thing I do know," he says, "that though I was blind, now I see."

One of the best practices we can engage in is to ask questions of others and ourselves that expand our vision rather than confining it. Good questions carry something of a ritual within them, a sense of the sacramental: they help wash the metaphorical mud from our eyes. They help us see and love things as they are—and not just as we want them to be. They clarify our perception of what is present in our lives and of what is possible. John wants to make sure that we know that Siloam, the name of the pool in which the man washed his eyes, means **sent**. We are all being sent. Sometimes we are sent beyond the limits of our own vision. Whether or not we know where we are going, we are ever needful of learning how to see.

John closes this story with questions that are good eye-clearing questions. Jesus finds the seeing man and asks him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answers Jesus' question with another question: "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." His question leads not to a law, but to worship.' [1]

In our relationship with ourselves, with others, with creation what are the questions that help us see as God sees. 'Man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' (First reading. I Samuel 16:7) *Adapted: [1] Jan Richardson*

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 a space ring **0151 489 3085**

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.

Nita Ambrose, Ellie Beaton, 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, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Pat Mansfield, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Millie Martin, 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

Arthur Southern, Gerard Lloyd, William Kelly, Ellen Vitone, Kenneth Byrne, Brian Tyler, Anthony Cass

Anniversaries

Martin & Sarah Coffey, Jim Evans, Ann Marie Evans, Ellen Purcell, Sam Lampkin, Eddie McLoughlin, Leonard Campbell

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 19th 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. Please note: **As in previous years Easter and Christmas masses will be for all the parishioners and not for individual intentions.** Thank you.

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 20th April 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 is on Monday, 3rd April at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY 25th March at 4.30 pm.

We invite our parish community to come together to pray the Holy Rosary on the anniversary of Pope Francis' consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Please come and join us before the Saturday Vigil Mass as we pray with the whole world for a peaceful resolution to the wars in Ukraine and Russia through the divine intervention of our Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

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.wearenuigent.org

SHARe KNOWSLEY

We are a group of like minded people who want to do something to try and improve the lives of those who have left their homes and everything they know to escape the horrors of persecution, violence, war and oppression.

On a local level, we hope to create a support network for asylum seekers and refugees who may live near us, giving them the assistance they need to live with dignity, so that they can rebuild their lives. Offering friendship is at the heart of everything we do. We have established close links with the British Red Cross who have outreach workers that are often at the drop-in to give casework advice and support.

We also aim to provide support further afield by giving assistance where we can, be it in the form of financial contributions or donations of clothing and food.



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PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 22nd 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



SPECIAL APPEAL

MONTHLY STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS

We wish to thank you for your response to our appeal last weekend for offerings to the Church to be made by Monthly Standing Order payments.

An additional FIFTY parishioners opted to help us in this way which was a tremendous response to the appeal. Thank you so much.

As we all try to overcome the problem of the 'Cashless Society' we urge as many as possible to use the Standing Order option.

You can do so by simply signing the form which is available at the back of Church.

However parishioners who prefer to continue using Offertory Envelopes and **NOT** monthly Standing order payments may continue to do so. Their envelope boxes will be available in two weeks time.

Thank you for your help **Fr Anton**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16th April - Archdiocesan LGBTQ+ Mass at 2pm followed by refreshments

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

