

**Sunday 26th March 2023**



**First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14**

*I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption**

**Second Reading:**

**St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11**

*The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believe in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel: John 11: 1-45**

*I am the resurrection and the life*

**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.org.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

*Honor Ambrose* 0151 480 5608

**PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



**Sunday 26th March 2023**

**FIFTH 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 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 — **CAFOD APPEAL**

#### **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 27th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Tuesday 28th March

**Requiem Mass 1.00pm Arthur Southern**

### Wednesday 29th March

**Funeral Service 10.45 a.m. Derek Joseph Coop**

**7.30 pm - Reconciliation Service**

### Friday 31st March

Mass 12 noon - Eric Morton, Betty O'Shaunessy

### Saturday 1st April

Mass 5.30 pm - Sherlyn Redmond, Veronica Gregory

### Sunday 2nd April—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mass 9.30 am - Jimmy & Ella Watts, Susan Ottey

Mass 11.00 am - Sarah & Martin Coffey, Mary Sherwood

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



## **Dates for First Communion Programme and celebrations**

Rehearsals St. Joseph	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Rehearsals St. Aidan	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Rehearsals St. Anne	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2023
Rehearsals Other Schools	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (4pm – 5pm)
Reconciliation Service – All schools	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 6:30 pm
First Communion St. Joseph	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan	13 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 10:00
Other Schools	14 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 4 pm
First Communion St. Anne	20 <sup>th</sup> 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.

## Unbinding

'In his Spiritual Exercises St Ignatius Loyola suggests that when reading a particular Gospel passage we should put ourselves in the place of each character in turn and use our imagination to see how we would feel in those circumstances. While attempting to put ourselves imaginatively in Lazarus' place we might become aware of how tomb-like our present way of life is, and we might rekindle a longing for freedom which has perhaps been buried for years.' [1]

'We each garb ourselves in routines and practices that carry us through our relationships, our work, our hungers, our lives. Those routines and practices influence how we receive and respond to God's call. We may be swathed in layers of habits that may have once fitted us, habits we may once have found beautiful, habits we may yet be attached to long past their usefulness but which now insulate and shroud us from the presence of God.

Jesus enacts Lazarus' raising in the context of a community. Jesus calls Lazarus forth, but he calls upon those around Lazarus—sisters, kinfolk, neighbours—to unbind him and let him go. The season of Lent beckons us to examine our most entrenched habits as individuals and communities: to sort through them and to recognise that Christ has power over them. This season reminds us that the miraculous and the mundane are intimately intertwined. We are called to wrestle with the very details that shape our lives together so that new life may emerge. In our daily living, what patterns are life-giving and help us notice the presence of God? Which habits keep us bound? What helps us hear the voice of Christ who stands at the threshold between death and life? What will help us choose to come forth, and to help someone else do the same? Are there people who can help with our unbinding? Are there people we can help with their unbinding?' [2]

'Unbinding and letting go of the past is not a rejection but an offering. We do not reject the past, throw it away, or deny its value and importance to us. Instead, we free it to be made new, to be given new life.' [3]

*Adapted: [1] Association of Catholic priests [2] Jan Richardson  
[3] Michael Marsh*

## 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, Susan 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

Derek Joseph Coop, Arthur Southern, Brian Tyrer, Kevin Gerrity

### Anniversaries

Jimmy & Ella Watts, Alfred Patrick (Alf) Moore, William John Brew, Mary Fleetwood, Michael Lyons

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 26th 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.**

**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 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 16th April**

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](http://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.



## PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

### Next meeting on 12th April

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**



## 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 or St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

### Parish Contacts:

**Parish Office:** 0151 489 3085

**Email:** [agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

24th May - 7.30 pm - Time to Remember Service

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 at St Aidan's Parish Club

22nd October - World Mission Sunday

24th November - Winter Night at St Aidan's Parish Club