

SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER 2020



**First Reading**

Isaiah 45:1,4-6

The Lord chooses Cyrus to subdue the nations for the sake of Israel.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 96:1,3-10

Sing praise to the Lord.

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul greets the Thessalonians, recalling the Gospel they received.

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

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Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

[www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



## STAY CONNECTED 0151 489 3085

As we approach winter and further restrictions on our contact with others, we want you to know we are here to chat. We are not trained professionals, but we are a friendly voice on the other end of the phone. If you would like someone to talk to, please call the office number: 0151 489 3085, leave a message and someone will call you at home for a chat. If you would like to volunteer to chat to someone, please let the office know.  
**Let's STAY CONNECTED!**

**Sunday 18th October 2020  
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year A**

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*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

## Prayer Requests



### ***For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers***

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny,  
Joanne Baduna, Batey family Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell,  
Sophie Bond, Paul Bullen, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael,  
Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg,  
John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Pauline Dermott, Annette Devine,  
Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans,  
Cath Fadden, Paula Fitzpatrick, Margaret Flynn, Collette Garlick, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham,  
Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Tom Jones, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill,  
Victoria Hill-Edmondson, Stephen Hinckley, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman,  
Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, John Jones, Kathleen Keenan, Marie Keight,  
Patrick Kelly, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence,  
Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady,  
Mary Lydiat, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Anthony Patrick McCarthy, Rita McCartney,  
Lawrence McClintock, Sr Maureen McCollum, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougale,  
Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown,  
Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahon, Kay McNeill,  
Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin,  
Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris,  
Fr. Simon, Norma Mudge, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor,  
Pam Nugent, Terry Naylor, Madeline O'Hare, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Paul, Jacqueline Patel,  
Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe,  
Josie Riley, Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Bob Singleton, Bel Smith, Steve Smith,  
James Soundie, Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Joe Townson, Breige Treanor,  
Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Jim Wilkes, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson,  
Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

### **Lately Deceased**

Joan Collins, Frederick Peter Leather, Francis Patricia Gillespie

### **Anniversaries**

Stephen Nelder, Peter George Kelly, John James Brannon,

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 18th October 2020**

**St Aidan** - People persecuted by their own government and forced to flee their country.

***Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass***

***Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.***

***Thank you for your support during this difficult time.***

## Mass Intentions

### **Saturday 17th October– Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr**

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — Mary's Meals, Those struggling with addiction & their families

### **Sunday 18th October —Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. Agnes** Mass 9.30 am — Oppressed minorities around the world (including Uyghur people, LGBT, Palestinians in Israel and people with disabilities)

**St. Agnes** Mass 11.00 am — Sissy McCourt, John Brannon

### **Monday 19th October**

### **Tuesday 20th October**

### **Wednesday 21st October—**

St Agnes Funeral Service — Frances Gillespie

**St Agnes** Mass 7.30 p.m — Those mentally & physically challenged, Global Warming

### **Thursday 22nd October—**

St Agnes Funeral Service - Joan Collins

### **Friday 23rd October — Changes to Masses**

**As of Sunday 25th October 2020, the 9:30 am Mass will return to St. Aidan's church. We will do this as long as it is feasibly safe to do so. In the event that numbers become too big, we will have to reconsider moving back to St. Agnes church. Because of cleaning regulations, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was the last Friday Mass for the foreseeable future. We hope you will understand the reasons for these changes.**

### **Saturday 24th October—**

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — We can make a difference (WCMAD), SHARE Knowsley

### **Sunday 25th October —Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**St. Aidan** Mass 9.30 am — Jan Derry, Eileen Joyce

**St. Agnes** Mass 11.00 am — Christopher Dunn, Mary's Meals

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*Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.*

## Parish Funding During the Coronavirus Lockdown

It is always difficult to approach financial matters, but as you know, the Coronavirus has had far reaching implications, one of which is the significant decrease in monetary contributions to the parish because of Lockdown. If you are not yet able to return to Mass and would still like to make a contribution, please consider the following:

We would like to invite those parishioners who normally give to the weekly collection at Sunday Mass, either in envelopes or cash, and feel able to continue to do so, to consider setting up a monthly standing order for an equivalent amount.

Please contact us by e-mail ([agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

Text giving is also available for each parish and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Please note all texts cost the amount you donate plus one standard rate message.

### **For St. Aidan**

Text [AIDAN](#) to 70085 to donate £2..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70450 to donate £3..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70460 to donate £5..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70470 to donate £10.

### **For St. Agnes**

Text [AGNES](#) to 70085 to donate £2..  
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Text [AGNES](#) to 70460 to donate £5..  
Text [AGNES](#) to 70470 to donate £10.

## **Parish Offertory Collection**

We are delighted to see many of you back at Mass. Thanks for your continuing support to the parish. Please note that we are still not permitted to pass on the offertory collection bags during Mass. As you may have noticed there are number of 'collections baskets' placed in the church and we would appreciate if you could place your offertory/donation in those baskets.

**A Big Thank** you to those who have opted to make your parish contribution via Standing Order Bank payments. If you wish to make your contribution via Bank Standing Order please contact the parish office on **0151 489 3085 for both Standing Order and Gift Aid Forms.**

Many Thanks for your ongoing support.  
Fr. Anton

## **MARY'S MEALS**

### **What is Mary's Meals ?**

Mary's Meals provides life-changing meals and school backpacks to some of the world's poorest children in the world.

This is a no-frills charity with a simple idea that works: by providing one good meal in a place of learning, children are drawn into the classroom where they can receive an education that could one day free them from poverty. Mary's Meals is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus, who brought up her own child in poverty. We consist of, respect and reach out to people of all faiths and of none. Mary's Meals' vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education. Around 64 million of the world's hungriest children do not attend school. In order to survive, they have to work or beg. Even if they do make it into the classroom, hunger affects their ability to learn. Mary's Meals works in 19 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and the Caribbean. Only £15.90 is all it costs to feed a child for a whole school year. Thank you for helping us to reach more children waiting for Mary's Meals.

Please write your cheques to ' Mary's meals'

We (Parishioners of Sts Agnes & Aidan) support Mary's meal school backpack project.

### **SCHOOL BACKPACKS**

Many children receiving Mary's Meals don't have basic learning tools such as pencils ,notepads etc. You can support them to get the most out of their lessons by donating a backpack full of the things they need. For many children, a Mary's Meals backpack will be the first gift they have ever received.

### **What to pack?**

backpack / school bag  
exercise book / notepad  
pencil case with: 4 pencils, 4 pens, ruler, crayons, pencil sharpener, eraser  
flip flops / sandals  
shorts and t-shirt (for a boy)  
dress or skirt and blouse (for a girl)  
Towel, bar of soap, toothpaste and toothbrush  
tennis ball  
dessert spoon



For more detail please visit the website

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



## IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

Would you like your child to be Baptised? Are they aged 8 or younger? Because of current restrictions, we have had to make several changes to our Baptism preparation programme.

- 1) Please call the parish office (**0151 489 3085**). They will ask for an email address and you will be sent a link to a preparation video. You will need to answer 4 questions and email your responses to the parish office:  
[agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)

Your child's opportunity to be Baptised is not determined by what you answer, but it is more an opportunity for you to reflect on what you are asking for.

- 2) In addition to this, you (parents or a parent and a Godparent or grandparent) will have to attend a very short meeting at St. Agnes church with Fr. Anton (& the parish Baptism preparation team).

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 21st October** after the 7:30pm Mass. If you would like to attend this, please contact the office by **Tuesday 20th October**, midday, so that you will have time to access the video before the meeting.

## Truth cannot always take sides

"Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" Today's gospel is an example of 'either/or' thinking; all or nothing thinking. When presented with two

alternatives, most people think that by choosing one we have the total truth. We call this dualistic thinking. The dualistic mind knows by comparison, opposition, and differentiation. We do need the dualistic mind to function in practical life, however, and to do our work whatever that may be. It's helpful and fully necessary as far as it goes, but it just doesn't go far enough. The dualistic mind cannot process things like infinity, mystery, God, grace, suffering, sexuality, death, or love; this is exactly why most people stumble over these very issues.

Jesus unmask the question for what it is: an effort to trip him up rather than an inquiry proceeding from a sincere desire to know the truth. The Pharisees are religious conservatives who abide by the law and do not believe in cooperating with the Romans. Nor do they pay taxes to the Roman government. The Herodians totally compromise themselves with the Roman oppressors and pay all the taxes they want.

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Jesus pleases and displeases both sides. He doesn't answer their question. We can't really be sure what he means. That leaves us in the middle, where we don't like to be. It's a place where we can't be absolutely certain that we're right, where the only righteousness is God; where we're never sure that we are good, because only God is good.

This is the rare space or place we call faith - where we have to live with a certain degree of darkness, anxiety and ambiguity. Many of us have not been taught how to live by faith. We've just been taught how to live with answers – so that we can prove that our group is right. When we grow in awareness that Christ lives in everyone and in all Creation, we come to realise that whatever choices we have to make, very few alternatives are mutually exclusive when we are listening and responding to Christ who is our Way, our Truth and our Life.  
( Adapted. Richard Rohr )

## Service of Remembrance



As we cannot gather together this year to remember our loved ones who have passed, we would like to offer an alternative to our usual Service of Remembrance.

Please send us your loved one or loved ones names via our Facebook post or by calling in to the office 0151 489 3085 by the 3rd November 2020. The names will be painted onto stones which we will place in the church on Tuesday the 10th November. For each name, we will light a candle in the church and have these lit for a short virtual prayer time on the evening of 10th November. We will confirm how you will be able to connect with this prayer time when we have finalised arrangements, but a reminder that the church itself will not be open for us to gather that evening.

If you would like to upload an image on our Facebook page post, please do so; if you are not on Facebook, but would like an image uploaded, please email Christine at:

**[christinewball@gmail.com](mailto:christinewball@gmail.com)**.

The named stones will remain in the church for the Sunday Masses and then placed in the Church gardens.