

Sunday 29th October 2023



First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

If you are harsh with the widow, the orphan, my anger will flare against you.

Responsorial Psalm:

I love you, Lord, my strength

Second Reading:

St Paul to Thessalonians 1: 5-10

You broke with idolatry and became servants of God: you are now waiting for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation:

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbours as yourself.

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ

Tel: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Email Address:

agnesaidan@rcaol.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

Deacon:

Mike Whelan

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

St. Joseph 0151 477 8990

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Parish Priest

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

(Resident in parish)

Fr. Richard Sloan 0151 449 0214

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Safeguarding Representatives

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PARISH CLUB

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Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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 28th October - Feast of Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles

Parish General meeting, at 4pm

Mass 5.30 pm - Maureen Funnell, Michael Foster

Sunday 29th October - Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Joan Peters, Alicia Bowden

Mass 11.00 am - Jean & Tommy McNally, Terry Coogan

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 30th October

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 1st November - Solemnity of All Saints

Mass 7.30 pm - Church cleaners, gardeners and volunteers

Friday 3rd November

Mass 12 noon - Sacristans and their families

Saturday 4th November - Memorial of St Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Veronica Gregory

Sunday 5th November - Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Philomena, John Joseph Mezieokoye

Mass 11.00 am - Karen Haynes, June Halewood

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



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.

WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Women in the Bible are often seen as marginal figures, their lives and interests flattened out by more dominant storylines of male characters

We invite you to come along to share their stories of faith in their ordinary lives over the course of six sessions. We will discover who they are and what their stories have to say to us in today's context.

Join us on **Thursday 2nd November 2023 7pm - 9pm** in Sr Elizabeth Kelly meeting room and fortnightly thereafter until 14th December 2023.

St Agnes Little Church and Welcoming Group

We are looking for new volunteers to be part of our Children's Liturgy Team. This would only mean a commitment of 20 minutes every six weeks, which equates to about 8 times a year. We would really welcome your help.

The only criteria: DBS check for safeguarding as required by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Please ring the office for more information.

We are also looking for new members for our 'Welcoming' group to meet and greet people (& to hand over hymn books and Newsletters) as they come into the church. If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak to a member of the welcoming group today.



Many Thanks .

Love

“A person is bored to death with a story they have heard repeated over and over but have never really listened to.” [1] Is this true of ourselves and our listening to the Gospel stories? ‘When we hear Jesus’ familiar teaching “Love your neighbour as yourself” we almost always hear that wrong i.e. we hear “Love your neighbour *as much* as yourself.” If we listen closely to Jesus however, there is no ‘as much as’ in his admonition. It is “Love your neighbour **as** yourself” or “Love your neighbour **as being** yourself - as a continuation of your very own being. It’s a complete seeing that your neighbour is you. There are not two individuals out there; there are simply two cells of the one great Life.’ [2]

‘It is the same Source and the same Love that allows each of us to love ourself, others, and God at the same time! If we don’t live from within our own centre of connection and communion with God, we’ll go spinning around in many directions. The true goal of all religion is to lead us back to the place where everything is one, to the experience of radical unity with all of humanity and all of creation, and hence to the experience of unity with God.

How we embark on our journey of loving others is rooted in our personal experience of who we are. Love is not something we decide to do now and then. Love is who we are. When we get the “who” right and realise that *who I am is love*, then we will do what we came to do: *Love God and love all that God has created*. We are created in the image of God and God is love. This is the basis for the corporal works of mercy, for social justice. We were created by a loving God to **be love** in the world.’ [3]

How can we possibly be bored if we truly listened to the words spoken in Scripture, if we truly listened to the Word? ‘Love is our origin, Love is our sustaining ground and love is our destiny. We may ask ourselves, “What will become of me if I surrender to this Love which permeates every moment of our lives?” What will become of us if we don’t?’ [4]

‘Where there is no love, put love, and you will draw love out.’ [5]

*Adapted: [1] G K Chesterton [2] Cynthia Bourgeault, [3] Richard Rohr
[4] James Finley [5] John of the Cross*

Thank you for your help

Thanks to all those who provide transport to and from the church to some parishioners who are in need of this service. May I also say many thanks all the Eucharistic Ministers who regularly administer the Eucharist to the elderly, sick and housebound parishioners in their homes or in various residential units. Your generosity and kindness very much appreciated. May God bless you!

Fr. Anton

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. Please also let us know if a name can be removed from the list.

Sue Adams, Nita Ambrose, Lynn Ashton, Ellie Beaton, Jane Blakemore, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Jackie Cureton, Susan Curran, Marie D’acy, Ted Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, Kerry Patricia Doherty, Pauline Ellison, John Evans, George Finnigan, Patricia Fisher, Violet Fitzgerald, Grace, Gary Halliday, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, John, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Geraldine McLure, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Susan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Margaret, Millie Martin, John Mitchell, Frank Molloy, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Susan O’Brien, Baby Olivia, Kerry Patricia, Claire Pendleton, Margaret & John Quixley, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Collette Stalford, Shirley Tasker, Tommy, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Vaclava Vilgosova, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe.

Lately Deceased

Christine Ramsey

Anniversaries

Bill Nolan, Ann Maureen Furnell, Sarah Maylor, Michael Coyne

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 29th October : We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)

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 held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.
on Thursday 9th November

Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will
be on Monday 6th November**

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.

1st Saturday at
12.00 noon & 1 pm (Fr Anton)
1st Sunday at
1.30 pm and 2.30 pm (Fr. Anton)
4th Sunday at
1.30 pm & 2.30 pm (Deacon)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th October 4pm Parish General Meeting

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



September 2024

Parish 10 day Pilgrimage to Monte Cassino, Assisi, San Giovanni (Padre Pio) and Rome - details to follow

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 November**

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 Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Hope to see you here!

Holly (she/her) Group Leader



COPY BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Copy certificates can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please email or phone the office with your request. Once ordered certificates can be collected from the office on **Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10am to 1pm**

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

KNOWSLEY YOUNG ADVENTURERS

To provide the young people in the community the chance to enjoy themselves with friends and develop important personal and independence skills by participating in team building and leadership challenges during adventurous activities that are given in an inclusive, safe and secure environment

We meet every Friday at:

St Agnes and St Aidan's Parish Church
82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton L36 5SQ



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 8th November

1pm until 3pm In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members will be made more than welcome

Prayer Requests

There are boxes for prayer requests at the statues on both sides of the church. These petitions will be prayed for by the community prayer circle at their monthly meeting.

Music Group: Tuesday 24th October at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. Music is good for the heart and the soul. A great opportunity to make new friends and serve the parish through ministry. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 24th October at 1-3pm. A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community. If you have a prayer intention, please complete a prayer slip (by St Martins or Our Lady statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.



'RACILA JUSTICE and the CATHOLIC CHURCH' by Fr. Bryan Massingale

The members of the parish CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) will be reading the following book:

RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

by Bryan N. Massingale beginning from Monday the 30th at 7 p.m.

This is a ZOOM Meeting ID and the details for you to log in are

776 7095 1278
Passcode: 2Um750

If you are not able to join via ZOOM please contact the parish office.