

Sunday 7th May 2023



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6: 1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

Responsorial Psalm:

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you

Second Reading:

First letter of St Peter 2:4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood

Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'

Gospel: John 14: 1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

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Tel: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Email Address:

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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

St. Anne's 0151 477 8260

Parish Priest

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

(Resident in parish)

Fr. Richard Sloan 0151 449 0214

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th May 2023

**6th Sunday of Easter
Year A**

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
Reg. Charity No. 1199714

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th May - Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King

St Agnes 10.00am - First Holy Communion Mass - St Aidan's School

St Agnes 12.30 pm - First Holy Communion Mass - St Joseph's School

Mass 5.30 pm - Austin Riley, Clean Drinking Water (an estimated 785 million people around the world don't have access to basic drinking water)

Sunday 14th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.30 am - Stephanie Oliver, Breastmates (Lyndale)

Mass 11.00 am - Margaret Jones, Victims of Domestic Abuse

St Agnes 4.00pm - First Holy Communion Mass - All Other Schools

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 15th May

9.30 am - *Celebration of the Word and Communion*

Wednesday 17th May

7.30 pm - *Celebration of the Word and Communion*

Thursday 18th May - Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Mass 9.30 am - Church Cleaners and Volunteers

Funeral Service 12 noon - Michael McCloy

Friday 19th May

Requiem Mass 11.45 am - Veronica Mary Rodgers

Saturday 20th May

St Agnes 10.00 am - First Holy Communion Mass - St Anne's School

St Agnes 12.30 pm - First Holy Communion Mass - St Anne's School

Mass 5.30 pm - Frank Walsh, Religious Sisters of the Parish

Sunday 21st May - Seventh Sunday of Easter—World Communications Day

Mass 10.30 am - Helpers of the Holy Souls Anniversary Celebration
James Taylor

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



Dates for First Communion programme and celebrations

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)
First Communion St. Joseph	13 th May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan	13 th May 2023 10:00 am
Other Schools	14 th May 2023 4 pm
First Communion St. Anne	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 23rd May 1-3pm A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community All welcome. Bring a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee served. For more information contact the parish office Tel: 0151 489 3085.

Music Group:

Next practice **23rd May 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Community Room. All welcome.



Romania & Suriname Projects (WCMAD)



If you are a parishioner who is 16+ and has been regularly worshipping at St. Agnes & St. Aidan's parish for over four years, you may like to help on our projects in Romania or Suriname.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 16th May at 6.30pm in Sr Elizabeth Kelly meeting room. *Come and be part of the 'We Can Make A Difference Project (WCMAD)'.*

Love is Who We Are

'In today's gospel Jesus tells his apostles that he is leaving and yet coming. To us, leaving and coming sound like opposites and if we are not careful we will get stuck trying to reconcile or figure this out. It is not, however, something to figure out. It is rather a means to see and live in a different way. Leaving and coming. Absence and Presence. These must be held in tension, not as mutually exclusive. This paradox confronts us with the question of whether Jesus, for us, is a past memory or a present reality, a sentimental story that makes us feel good or a living experience that challenges, guides, and nurtures our lives.' [1]

In her song 'It's Always Love' Carrie Newcomer sings: *It takes some starts and stops to hold a paradox*. In our relationship with God that 'starting and stopping' involves a willingness to be open to a constant dislodging of our perceptions, especially our perception of love. It involves a growing awareness that 'our actions do not earn us God's love: they *reveal* our love for God, a love that originates in the eternal, unconditional loving presence of God within us.' [1] In our relationship with God that 'starting and stopping' involves being at the correct starting point. We are familiar with the story of the traveller who stopped to ask someone the directions to his destination. "If I were you, I wouldn't start from here," was the reply. Jesus' starting point was his awareness that 'I am in the Father and the Father is in me.' (John 14:11) The Spirit of Truth abiding in us will help us grow in awareness of our abiding in God who is Love.

'Love is who we are. When we get the 'who' right and *experience* the reality that we are created in the image of God who is love, then we will do what we are created to do: to Love God and love all that God has created.' [2] We will keep his commandments. "If you love me, you will (want to) keep my commandments."

On Thursday we will celebrate the feast of the Ascension when Jesus reassures us that he is with us always. 'Jesus' ascension is not about his absence but about his presence. It is not about a location but about a relationship.' [1] In Acts 1:9 we are told that the apostles saw a cloud receive him out of their sight. In the bible a cloud often depicts the abiding presence of God. 'We are always in the presence of God, what is absent is our awareness.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] R.Rohr

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.

Nita Ambrose, Ellie Beaton, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Jackie Cureton, Susan Curran, Marie D'acy, John Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, Kerry Patricia Doherty, Pauline Ellison, Violet Fitzgerald, Gary Halliday, Karen Haynes, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, Charles Jefferies, Craig Johnstone, Brian Keoghan, Marie McFarlane, Tony McIver, Alan McKeown, Susan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Millie Martin, John Mitchell, Frank Molloy, 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, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Amy Wilson, Brian Wilson, John Wilson.

Lately Deceased

Anthony Scales, Michael McCloy, Veronica Rodgers, Paul Murrell, Fr Augustine Fernando

Anniversaries

Eleanor Smith, Thomas Till

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 14th May: Staff in our Primary Schools

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 25th May 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)

Because of the Bank Holiday the next meeting is on Monday, 15th May at 7.30 p.m.

We would like to invite everyone to dedicate each Wednesday to pray for refugees and asylum seekers, especially those loved and cared for by the SHARE Knowsley team.

There are prayer cards and candles available at the back of church; please take one home and join together each Wednesday in prayer.



Lourdes Pilgrimage 21st July 2023



Could all parishioners travelling let the office have their passport details

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 21st May

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

Lourdes At Home

Venue: Irenaeus Centre

Time: 10am - 4pm

Date: Saturday 15th July 2023

Cost: £10 - suggested donation

THANK YOU

Standing Order Offering Appeal

Thanks to all those who have begun Standing Order offerings through their banks. We really appreciate your support for the up-keep of the parish.

I would like to encourage those who are yet to take their forms to their relevant banks to kindly do so as soon as possible

Fr Anton

NEW MEMBERS WANTED FOR LOCAL UKULELE GROUP

We do not teach but you can learn and improve with the group
If you are interested please call
Bryan 07725097814 or
Margaret 07919967848



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB



Next meeting on 24th May

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

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 21st May - 10.30 am mass celebrating 150th Anniversary of the 'Helpers of the Holy Souls' ministry in England
- 24th May - Time to Remember Service 7.30pm
- 9th July - Parish Barbecue
Following 10.30 am Mass
Feast of St Agnes & St Aidan
- 12th July **7.00 pm** Confirmation by Bishop Tom Naylor
- 15th July - Lourdes At Home
Irenaeus Centre
- 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