

Sunday 29th December 2023

Feast of the Holy Family



First Reading:

Book of Ecclesiasticus 1: 2-6, 12-14

He who fears the Lord respects his parents

Responsorial Psalm

**O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!**

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Colossians 3: 12-21

Family life in the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

**May the peace of Christ reign in your
hearts; let the message of Christ find a
home with you**

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

The child grew, filled with wisdom

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

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Sr. Mary Rose 07770 830 290

Daughters of St. Paul 0151 487 8550

St. Mary of Namur 0151 489 1302

Deacon:

Mike Whelan

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St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

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Parish Priest

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

(Resident in parish)

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Christine Ball - christineball@gmail.com

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NEWSLETTER



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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.***

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 30th December - 6th day within the Octave of the Nativity

Mass 5.30 pm - Terminally ill parishioners & their families

Sunday 31st December - Feast of the Holy Family

Mass 9.30 am - Parishioners and their families

Mass 11.00 am - Asylum seekers and refugees

Monday 1st January - Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mass 12 pm - Mary Murray, Nancy Brickland

Wednesday 3rd January - The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Requiem Mass 12 pm - Michael Davies

Mass 7.30 pm - Gary McMurrie, Holy Father Pope Francis

Friday 5th January

Requiem Mass 1.30 pm - Maurice O'Gorman

Saturday 6th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen and James Sexton, Andrew Fisher

Sunday 7th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 9.30 am - Margaret Markey, Angela Parry

Mass 11.00 am - Joseph Fortune, Maurice O'Gorman

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm

(or by appointment during office hours)



CARJ (CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE)

CARJ is an independent charity, established in 1984 in London. Here in our parish, we have an active CARJ group, and we would like you to consider joining us in our effort to promote racial justice in the church and the wider society.

Here is some of the work CARJ is involved in the UK?



CARJ works to support people from diverse backgrounds

- Empowerment of black and minority & to give them an effective voice in the Church and in the wider society. We support people from diverse backgrounds in the struggle for a more just and cohesive society.

Awareness raising and education for racial justice

- To campaign for awareness raising and education for racial justice to be an integral part of training in Seminaries, Colleges, Schools, Parishes, and Catholic organisations.

Promotion of spiritual growth and development

- To facilitate the integration of the spiritual, liturgical and theological with the moral and political struggle for justice and cohesion.
- To develop ecumenical links and links with other faith communities.

Advocacy

- To respond to requests for advice and support from those who are victims of prejudice, discrimination, and injustice.

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

GOLD BOOK

If you would like the name of your deceased loved ones written in **The Gold Book** please contact the parish office with their name and the month they died so that their names can be added.

(0151 489 3085)



WCMAD (SURINAME AND ROMANIA)

On behalf of the parish family as we come to the end of this year, we are grateful to all those who have supported us in many different ways and continue to support our parish missions in Suriname and Romania. As you are aware, we continue to financially support Fr Toon's work in the Amazon rainforest (Suriname) especially in training the lay leaders in his 32 church communities. They are grateful to all the work our parishioners have done during their visits in building and renovating their churches/community centres and helping with the sanitary facilities in Apoera and Washabo villages in the rain forest. Our contributions have made a huge difference in spreading the good news mainly among the Maroon (formerly known as "bush" negroes) and Arawak (native Indians) people. Please continue to remember Fr Toon and his lay leaders (catechists) in your prayers.

Romania (Petrosani)

We are grateful to all the parishioners who returned from a successful mission (summer camp) Petrosani, Romania in August 2023. Their work was greatly appreciated by the members (employees) of Caritas, who were very impressed with the commitment and generosity of our parishioners. We are looking forward to yet another mission to Petrosani in 2024. Thanks to all those who have helped us through out 2023. We will remember you and your families at Mass here in our parish.

Maria Stein and the whole Caritas Team in Petrosani, Romania wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2024

Parish Whatsapp Group

Its wonderful to see so many parishioners connecting via the parish Whatsapp group. All those who worship here and their families are invited to be part of this link.

If you are interested please contact Brian Roberts on 07779328414. This is a great tool to keep everyone informed of important events/services Our hope is that this will bring more positive energy to our vibrant parish community.



Prayer Requests

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

All names will be removed from the list in January. Please let us know if you wish the name to remain on the list.

Sue Adams, Nita Ambrose, Lynn Ashton, Ellie Beaton, Jane Blakemore, Mary Braben, Triona Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Celia Cunningham, Jackie Cureton, Susan Curran, Marie D'acy, Ted Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, John Evans, George Finnigan, Patricia Fisher, Violet Fitzgerald, Gary Halliday, Victoria Hill, Barbara & Mike Holman, Jeanette Howard, Steve Hughes, John, Craig Johnstone, Peggy Kane, Brian Keoghan, Geraldine McLure, Marie McFarlane, Tony Mclver, Alan McKeown, Susan McKeown, Thomas Mansfield, Peter Markey, Margaret, Millie Martin, Tim Merritt, John Mitchell, Frank Molloy, Rosie Morley, Jane Murney, Catherine Merrutia, Susan O'Brien, Kerry Patricia, Chrissie Pearson, Claire Pendleton, Margaret & John Quixley, Sr Bernadette Robinson, Maureen Robinson, Baby Rory, Marie Salkeld, Betty Savage, Joan Smith, 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

Bernadette Robinson, Michael Davies, Maurice O'Gorman, James Riley

Anniversaries

Cath Tinsley, Nance Brickle, Betty Mooney, Malcolm Farrell

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 24th December Those mentally and physical challenged

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

Our Parish supports Nugent care.

Nugent care is a registered charity, well known for the work they do caring for, educating, and protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults through their schools, care homes, and community and social work services. As well as this, they provide general housing advice and support to people who are homeless, vulnerable to homelessness, or vulnerable. Many people will not realise the full extent of what Nugent Care do, as their work is extensive in meeting the many needs of people in Liverpool.

For many years we have been collecting second hand clothing and donating them to the Nugent Care charity shop on Allerton Road in Liverpool. These donations have raised and continue to raise a significant amount of finance for the Nugent Care charity which in turn makes a huge difference in the lives of many people. As we continue to support this charity here at home in Liverpool, we would like to encourage you to be part of this project by bringing your second hand clothes to the church during the office hours or whenever you come to worship.

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 (and 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.

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

Please make yourself known to Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

SHARE KNOWSLEY

On behalf of SHARE Knowsley I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all your support and generosity throughout 2023.

At a time, when there seems to be so much sadness, conflict, persecution and hatred in the world, I am so honoured to see the goodness that shines out in our world, through our dedicated staff and volunteers, the kindness of people like yourselves, and the tenacity and love from our refugee friends as they try to rebuild their lives.

As we prepare to welcome the Christ-child, let us never forget that when we welcome the stranger, it is as if, we welcome Jesus himself.

Wishing you all a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas.

Margaret Roche (Manager)

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

Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see someone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Or it may be that you are unable to attend Church because you have been ill.

In either case please contact the office as soon as possible and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch, if you so wish



PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We are currently selling raffle tickets and the draw will take place on **Sunday 7th January**
Some of the prizes are:

Air Fryer
Slow Cooker
£30 voucher—all stores
2 x £20 voucher—all stores
£20 voucher — dining out
And more.....



Music Group: Tuesday 9th January at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 9th January 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.

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.
TO BE ADVISED

Baptism


Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 8th January (as first Monday is New Years Day)

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.

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please email or phone the office with your request. Once ordered copies can be collected on Monday or Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN CHURCH

As a parish family we have invested a considerable amount of money on security to make it possible to keep the church open during the weekdays from 10am to 1pm (except on bank holidays) Please feel free to avail yourself of this opportunity to spend some valuable time in the presence of the blessed sacrament in private prayer or just to light a candle. 

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 January

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'

10 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY 9-18th September 2024

FULLY BOOKED

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

Any school forms for the children who attend church regularly (mass attendance) should not be filled in by the parents/guardians and should be handed over to the priest in person



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 10th January

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

New Members will be made more than



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Standing Order Mandate

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St Agnes, Huyton 062

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Address

99-101 Lord Street
LIVERPOOL
L2 6PG

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Dear sisters, brothers and children,

The Joy and wonder of Christmas are tangible in our Parish community and we give thanks for the many blessings we have been given now and throughout the year. However, once again, we are celebrating the birth of Jesus when the world is yearning for peace. This Christmas, we cannot forget the suffering of so many people all over the world, some running away from violence and hardships, others escaping the effects of global warming persecution and war. When we listen to the stories of these people, we realise that they are not responsible for what is happening in their motherlands. In this festive season we cannot forget all those people who are grieving the loss of their loved ones. There is no doubt that this is going to be a very tough Christmas for many people, not just in Gaza or Israel, but also in many parts of Africa and Asia, where war, violence and poverty, are rife and the effects of global warming on the environment hit hardest.

Here at home, Christmas is the time I try to meet up with as many people as possible as they join in our celebrations. It is always a delight to reconnect and remind ourselves we are part of the family of St. Agnes and St. Aidan. I especially look forward to seeing and greeting some of the people who have not been able to be part of our worshipping community for various reasons. Some no longer live in the area and are visiting family or friends. Some have not been able to connect with the community regularly due to various commitments. Whatever the reason, we are glad that you feel welcome and it's a pleasure to have you as part of our parish family even for a short time.

These celebrations are also an opportunity for me to say thank you to our 80+ Parish volunteers, without whose help and loyal assistance, my own ministry would be so much more difficult.

The parish of St Agnes and St Aidan is a vibrant and welcoming community, and long may it continue to be so. Whether you are a long-standing member of the Parish or relatively new, or if you simply consider this to be your parish and enjoy worshipping here or attending various occasions such as baptisms, weddings or funerals or various parish activities like the parish BBQ or the international table, I would urge you to consider how you might like to support this parish in the years to come

Please ask yourself the following questions: how can I be part of this community even though I may not be able to attend on a regular basis? How can I help support the parish going forward, for the benefit of future generations, children and grandchildren, so that the oldest Catholic worshipping community in Huyton will remain here in the future. Perhaps like many have done already, you might consider setting up a standing order with your bank to help with the ever-increasing costs of keeping the church viable? It doesn't matter how much you can contribute, every little helps. In the newsletter today you will be provided with all the information needed: so please consider this and pass on the information to your family and friends. We all need to ensure that St Agnes & St Aidan's will continue to serve the needs of the people of this community long term but we can only do this with your generous help.

Let us continue to pray for suffering humanity, and for world peace and also pray for the needs of our parish, that it may survive long into the future. Thank you once again for worshipping with us in this festive season; it is a wonderful reminder that we are a big family of God.

Together with the members of the parish team and the members of the parish council I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and peace and good health in 2024.

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

*Peace
Love
Joy*