

Sunday 16th April 2023



First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2: 42-47
The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common

Responsorial Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good for his love has no end

Second Reading: from the first letter of St Paul 1: 3-9

In his great mercy he has given us new birth as his sons by raising Jesus from the dead

Gospel Acclamation:

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Gospel: John 20: 19-31
Eight days later, Jesus came

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

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:

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Safeguarding Representatives

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 16th April 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter
Year A

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 15th April

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Daphne Flynn

Sunday 16th April - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass 9.30 am - Tony & Barbara Moran, Anne & Michael Ward

Mass 11.00 am - Ann Shields, Bella Kearns

**Mass 2.00 pm - LGBTQ+ Catholics, families and friends
(organised by the Archdiocese of Liverpool)**

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 17th April

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 12pm - Jean Foster

Tuesday 18th April

Funeral Service 12.15 pm - Kevin Geraghty

Wednesday 19th April

Funeral Service 10.45 - Esther Cooper

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 21st April

12 noon - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Saturday 22nd April

Mass 5.30 pm - Betty Woodruff (O'Shaunessy), Kathleen Latham

Sunday 23rd April

Mass 9.30 am - Tony & Barbara Moran, Anne & Michael Ward

Mass 11.00 am - Florence Russell, Joan Jones

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)
Reconciliation Service – All schools	Thursday 4 th May 2023 6:30 pm
First Communion St. Joseph	13 th May 2023 12:30 pm
First Communion St. Aidan	13 th May 2023 10:00
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 11th April 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, 11th April 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.

Easter Message 2023 from the Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP Archbishop of Liverpool

As the evenings become brighter and there is sunshine in early morning, I notice life in my garden here at Archbishop's House. The various birds and animals that make their homes in the trees and in the flowerbeds seem to be more alive. My garden took on a greater significance for me during the pandemic. It was a place I could walk and sit down in the fresh air.

The annual feast of Easter reminds us so much of those things of the garden where the Lord was buried. It seemed that the darkness of Good Friday would eclipse all in its shade as Jesus was placed in the tomb, which was sealed, such darkness is felt in Ukraine and in other parts of the world where there is war, violence, and suffering. The quietness of that feast of Passover which is described as 'when the King sleeps' reminds us of the silence of helplessness and death present in all our lives.

But the garden also reminds of us the new and abundant life that bursts forth on Easter Day, the life which cannot be put back in the tomb.

The life of Jesus, poured into each of us in our baptism is a reason for hope this Easter Day. As we continue to see so much uncertainty in the political sphere, both local and global, we are called to return to the source, to the risen Jesus, who reminds us that there will be suffering, but ultimately glory; the glory of the life of God given to each of us in His son, Jesus Christ.

The glory given to us is the culmination of a journey – a journey of hope. The disciples hoped for the Messiah and found him in Jesus, yet their journey wasn't an easy one. They experienced that darkness of Good Friday and felt lost as their hope turned to despair, as their lives were turned upside down. Yet, three days later on Easter morning their lives were completely transformed as the tomb was empty and the risen Lord was truly with them again.

It is hope which is part of the journey of so many - refugees and asylum seekers longing for peace, safety and a better life – may we welcome them with the peace of the risen Christ. May we bring light to the darkness of the people of Ukraine and join with them in their hope for peace and may our own journey lead us to give hope to the lonely, those who mourn, those in poverty and the oppressed.

May we welcome the light of the Risen Christ into the darkness of our lives so that we can see what hope his call holds for us and on this great feast of Easter let us remember that Jesus has won the victory and extends life to all.

May the Risen Lord touch our hearts and lives with His hope, peace, and life this Easter Day.

**Most Reverend Malcolm McMahon OP
Archbishop of Liverpool**

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, 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, 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

Esther Cooper, John Fadden

Anniversaries

Ann Evans, Eileen Hanratty, Patricia Cotsopoulos, Mary McLoughlin,

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 16th April 2023: Terminally ill Parishioners and their families

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)

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



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

Lourdes At Home

Venue: Irenaeus Centre

Time: 10am - 4pm

Date: Saturday 15th July 2023

Cost: £10 - suggested donation

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 26th 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. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community. Those interested need to notify the parish office not later than the 1st of October

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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
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

