

**Sunday 29th September 2024**



**First Reading: Book of Numbers 11: 25-29**

*Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**

**Second Reading: St James 5:1-6**

*Your wealth is all rotting*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Speak Lord, your servant is listening, you have the words of everlasting life**

**Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43.45.47-48**

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

**The Order of Mass is printed on page 4 of the Hymn Book**

### OFFICE/CHURCH

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#### Office Hours:

**Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm**

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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

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#### **Parish Priest**

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

Important meeting on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 regarding Family of Parishes and future proposals. Details on Page 7 of the newsletter

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 29th September 2024**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

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.*

### 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.

### **Saturday 28th September - St Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, St Wenceslaus Martyrs**

Mass 5.30 pm - Maria Robinson, Michael Bruder

### **Sunday 29th September - Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Mass 9.30 am - Agnes Mather, Jimmy and Ella Watts

Mass 11.00 am - Bill York, Vincenzo Melis

### **Monday 30th September - Memorial of St Jerome, Priest & Doctor**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### **Wednesday 2nd October (NO MASS)**

*There will be no Mass tonight due to the meeting for the Family of Parishes which is open to all parishioners. Details are on page 7 of the newsletter*

### **Friday 4th October - Memorial of St Francis of Assisi**

Mass 12 noon - Sr Lucia Bavaresco, Sr Lucis Chionna

### **Saturday 5th October - St Faustina Kowalska, Virgin**

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, James Gregory

### **Sunday 6th October - Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time - Rosary Sunday**

Mass 9.30 am - Lenny Scott, Sacristans & their families

Mass 11.00 am - John Hughes, Gabriel Santer

**Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm (or by appointment)**

Please be considerate when parking as residents also need to access their driveways with ease. Thank you



## Family of Parishes Update

The representatives from the 6 parishes, working as part of the Exploring the Future Group (EFG), met for a full day's meeting on Saturday 22nd June 2024. This meeting was to look closely at the analysed data: collected from all the questionnaires (completed in April) and meetings (held in May).

Looking at the feedback of how parishioners see our current reality, the EFG worked together to develop a number of proposals that could be presented to all parishioners as possible futures. These proposals are printed below.

As with the questions completed earlier this year, we ask you to spend time with them, pray about them and come to a meeting on **Wednesday 2nd October 2024** in the L14 Community Centre, The Gate Building, Princess Drive, Liverpool, Merseyside, L14 9NQ, from 7pm – 9pm, to further discuss your thoughts and ideas around these proposals:

- 1 Invest in people - employ a worker - youth/ outreach, lay training...
- 2 Hub and satellites - one central hub and other locations with mix of church/ presbytery/ social/(whole) community activity (beyond Catholic population)/centralised admin - including possible multi-purpose space.
- 3 All current parish church buildings consolidated to create one central church campus - multi-purpose - church, social, community
- 4 Focus on activity/ies to bring parishes together:
  - a central BIG event at a neutral venue ...
  - journey through parishes for different Masses/ Services...

The feedback you give will be essential in helping the Exploring the Future Group (which is composed of clergy and people from all the parishes) to discern what direction to propose for our Family of Parishes.

Thanks to the help of the Diocese technical support, we are in the process of setting up a website which will be possible to accessed via the following link: [huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk](http://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk) when it is up and running.

Here you will be able see all the information gathered from the questionnaires and feedback from the meetings that were held in May.

Hard copies of this data will be available in the back of each of the six churches in the Huyton Family of Parishes.

We will also update the website with the feedback from the 2/10/24 once it is available to be shared.

As always, we ask for your continued prayers as we journey through this process together.

### ***Discovering the Image in the Stone***

Using the image of a block of stone, we are invited to consider how we see each person we meet. Our response may be: "He does not speak, think look or act like the members of my group. That is not the way we do things. We can't allow that. She does not have the authority to speak and act that way. She will get in the way of our agenda." We exclude others, creating a stumbling block which prevents them, and us, from becoming who we truly are. 'Stumbling blocks are the patterns of life we have created for ourselves or to which we have been subjected by others but which we perpetuate. They are the habits of seeing, thinking, and acting that blind us to who we, our neighbours and God really are. They distort reality so that we cannot respond appropriately.' [1]

We may choose to respond in a different way to each person we meet. Our response is a reflection of how we see ourselves. Again, using the image of the stone, we can find inspiration in Michelangelo's words: "Every block of stone has a statue inside it, and it is the task of the sculptor to discover it." Michelangelo believed the sculptor was a tool of God, not creating but simply revealing the powerful figures already contained in the marble. There is a story of a young boy who would daily visit a sculptor's workshop and silently watch the sculptor chisel away at a block of marble. One day the boy arrived at the shop to find that the sculptor had finished his work. The block of marble had been transformed into a magnificent lion, poised and powerful and larger than life. For a long time the boy stood in amazement, just looking at the lion. Finally, he turned to the sculptor, his face full of wonder, and asked: "How did you know there was a lion inside that marble?" "The lion in my heart recognised the lion in the marble." [2]

It may take many years of chiselling for us to experience God's hidden Life within us but when we do, we will then find Him within everyone we meet and we will respect how God works through everyone. We will recognise and support the working of the Spirit in each other, knowing that wherever there is love there is God.

*"The sculpture is already complete within the marble block, before I start my work. It is already there, I just have to chisel away the superfluous material."*

Adapted: [1] M. Marsh [2] from Henri Nouwen: Clowning in Rome [3] Michelangelo

### **Car Boot Sale**

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.  
**Next Car boot sale on 26th October.**



### **Prayer Requests**

***Your charitable prayers are asked for those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers.***

Please let the office know if you wish to add a name to the list.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, George Boland, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, John Ging, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Betty Savage, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Tony Wernham, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

### **Lately Deceased**

Elizabeth (Betty) Mullin. Gill Bray

### **Anniversaries**

Joseph Fortune, Francis Burns, Margaret Moore, Paul Kane, Bill York, Anna-Rosa Cavero

### **Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 29th September - Sacristans & 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## Baptism

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

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 ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday 12 noon and 1.00 pm  
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm  
4th Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

### 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.**

### PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

**Next meeting on 9th October which will be combined with the Luncheon Club**  
12.30 pm until 2.30 pm in the parish meeting room  
(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)  
New Members always welcome.

### **Craft Club**

The next craft meeting will on Thursday 17th October 2024  
11 am — 1 pm

## 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 20th October**

**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'



We will be having a meeting at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday 29th September. The aim of the meeting is to update on latest developments. CARJ members and interested parishioners are more than welcome. If your not sure what CARJ is all about please come along and join us.

Thanks Ann Malone

### **Tuesday, 1st October**

#### **Community Prayer Circle at 1-3pm.**

A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community.

**Music Group: at 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. previous experience not necessary.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**29th September 12.30 CARJ update Meeting**

**2nd October - Family Of Parishes Meeting**

**20th Oct - World Mission Sunday (CARJ)**



### **Irenaeus Warm Coat Appeal.**

At the Irenaeus Centre, **32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD**, we are appealing for donations of any warm coats from now until Christmas. These will enable us to help those people in need.

Thank you so much.

### **Becoming a Catholic**

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic - 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 and complete the RCIA programme will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

### **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE CHANGE IN MASS**

**TIME** With effect from **Sunday 27th October 2024** we will be changing the time of our Sunday Mass to 10.30 a.m.

**There will be one Sunday Mass only during the Winter Months.** Saturday Mass at 5.30 p.m. will remain the same.

## LUNCHEON CLUB

**SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church**  
**82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30 pm**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30 pm**

**Wednesday 11th December at 12.30 pm**

**Sponsored by Livv Housing and Caring Connections**



### **We Can Make a Difference**



For all who are involved in the WCMAD Project, there will be a meeting at 1.00 pm on Sunday 13th October to discuss the future plans for our work in Suriname

