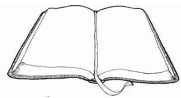


Sunday 13th September 2020



First Reading

Sirach 27:30—28:9

Those who seek God's mercy must be merciful toward others.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 103:1-4,9-12

A song of praise to God who is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

We belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us.

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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

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Sunday 13th September 2020

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prayer Requests



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

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Lately Deceased

Anniversaries

Margaret Moore, Paul Kane, Vicky Taylor, Dolly Kelly, Josie Campbell,

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 13th September 2020

St Aidan - People persecuted by their own government and forced to flee their country.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass

Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 12th September –

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Vicky Taylor, Winnie Mansfield

Sunday 13th September —Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am — Margaret & Alf Hopkins

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am — Elizabeth & Andrew Rogan

Monday 14th September– Feast of the Exhalation of the Holy Cross

Tuesday 15th September–Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday 16th September—Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian Bishop Martyrs

St Agnes Mass 7.30 p.m.— Tom Costello, Eileen Smith

Thursday 17th September—

Friday 18th September —

St Aidan 12 noon - Fr. Bernard Higham, Dolly Kelly

Saturday 19th September –

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Lily McNeill, John Rogan

Sunday 20th September —Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am — Mary Hercules, Phil Gallagher.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am — Rev. Peter Holmer, Margaret Bradigan & Mary Worsley.

Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.

Parish Funding During the Coronavirus Lockdown

It is always difficult to approach financial matters, but as you know, the Coronavirus has had far reaching implications, one of which is the significant decrease in monetary contributions to the parish because of Lockdown. If you are not yet able to return to Mass and would still like to make a contribution, please consider the following:

We would like to invite those parishioners who normally give to the weekly collection at Sunday Mass, either in envelopes or cash, and feel able to continue to do so, to consider setting up a monthly standing order for an equivalent amount.

Please contact us by e-mail (agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

Another new and easy way of contributing to Sts. Aidan and Agnes

Text giving is now available for each parish and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Please note all texts cost the amount you donate plus one standard rate message

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Many Thanks for your kind generosity!
Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

70×7 = Infinity

In Scripture, numbers usually point beyond a numerical value to a symbolic significance. The number seven is one of the most significant in the Bible. Scholars say it denotes completeness or wholeness and $70 \times 7 = \text{Infinity}$. In today's gospel reading Jesus is telling us that forgiveness is not a quantifiable event. It is a quality; a way of being, a way of living, a way of loving, a way of relating, a way of thinking and seeing. It is nothing less than the way of Christ. If we are to follow Christ then it must become our way as well. It is infinite compassion. There are no limits to his forgiveness.

C.S. Lewis writes, "Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until there is something to forgive". When we look at our lives we will find broken promises, hurt feelings, betrayals, harsh words, physical and emotional wounds. Beneath the pain, the wounds, the losses, and the memories lies the question of forgiveness. Forgiveness does not originate in us. It begins with God. We do not choose to forgive. We only choose to share the forgiveness we have already received. The merciless servant was tortured when he refused to forgive his fellow servant. An unforgiving spirit creates its own suffering. It builds up walls of bitterness and resentment and there is no escape until we come to forgive.

Jack Kornfield reminds us that "if your compassion does not include yourself, it is incomplete." Forgiving others begins by "having compassion for all those unwanted parts of ourselves." (Pema Chodron) Forgiveness also extends to reality itself: to forgive it for being so broken, a mixture of good and bad. We can only surrender to the mystery of that paradox by trustfully allowing God to lovingly hold together the opposites within us, within our neighbour and even our enemy, and within reality itself.

After being imprisoned in South Africa for 27 years for his protest of apartheid, Nelson Mandela said "As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison." Forgiveness creates space for new life.

(Adapted from various sources inc Michael Marsh, Richard Rohr)



MARY'S MEALS

It is that time of year again when we will start collecting for Mary's Meal's. This will be the ninth year our parish has supported the school backpack project.

Backpacks can be brought to any of the Masses this month. **A copy of the list of items requested is available in the church porch.**

Please only donate the items requested on the list, as any other items may be removed at the sorting centre to avoid difficulties at customs and also when the bags are distributed in the villages.

IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

Would you like your child to be Baptised? Are they aged 8 or younger?

Because of current restrictions, we have had to make several changes to our Baptism preparation programme.

- 1) Please call the parish office (**0151 489 3085**). They will ask for an email address and you will be sent a link to a preparation video. You will need to answer 4 questions and email your responses to the parish office:
agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

Your child's opportunity to be Baptised is not determined by what you answer, but it is more an opportunity for you to reflect on what you are asking for.

- 2) In addition to this, you (parents or a parent and a Godparent or grandparent) will have to attend a very short meeting at St. Agnes church with Fr. Anton (& the parish Baptism preparation team).

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 23rd September** after the 7:30pm Mass. If you would like to attend this, please contact the office by **Tuesday 22nd September**, midday, so that you will have time to access the video before the meeting.

Children may not attend this meeting and you will need to wear a face covering.

- 3) Once you have attended this meeting, you will need to phone the parish office to book a date for the baptism.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, Baptism groups are limited to 30 person including: parents, siblings of the child, godparents and grandparents.

These meetings will now take place on an allocated Wednesday after the 7:30pm Mass. We encourage you to come to Mass prior to the meeting.

A. Fernandopulle

Parish Offertory Collection

We are delighted to see many of you back at Mass. Thanks for your continuing support to the parish. Please note that we are still not permitted to pass on the offertory collection bags during Mass. As you may have noticed there are number of 'collections baskets' placed in the church and we would appreciate if you could place your offertory/donation in those baskets. A **Big Thank** you to those who have opted to make your parish contribution via Standing Order Bank payments. If you wish to make your contribution via Bank Standing Order please contact the parish office on **0151 489 3085**

Many Thanks for your ongoing support.
Fr. Anton

Fourth Dimension Charity Shop

Do you have a couple of hours free during the week? If so, the Fourth Dimension Shop in the village is in need of new volunteers to sustain the present staff levels and would love to hear from you. The shop is an ecumenical charity founded to raise money through the sale of goods and refreshments to assist in developing countries and to meet the needs of our own area.

If you are interested in helping please contact:
The Fourth Dimension Shop in Huyton Village
Tel: 0151 480 5257

ST AIDANS CLUB NEW OPENING TIMES

SATURDAY 2—7 p.m.
SUNDAY 7—12 p.m.

