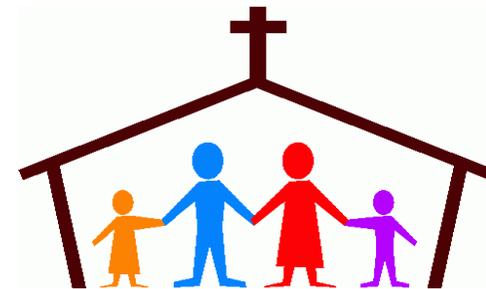


The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

Sunday 22nd March 2020



Fourth Sunday Of Lent
Year A

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.

Prayer Requests

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

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny,
Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond,
Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg,
Janet & Ray Cragg, Eileen Critchley, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis,
Nathan Davies, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge,
Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Margaret Flynn, Philip Gallagher, Collette Garlick,
Janine Garvey, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill,
Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman,
Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, Eileen Joyce, Kathleen Keenan,
Marie Keight, John Kennedy, Molly Kennedy, Kathy Latham, Kathleen Lawrence,
Margaret Leadbetter, Sr. Ann, Christine Lees, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Peter Lovelady,
Mary Lydiat, Mrs Lynch, Brenda McArdle, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick,
Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown,
Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughin, Alan McMahan, Kay McNeill,
Roisin & Padraig McRory, Pat Madden, Christine Malone, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin,
Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris,
Fr. Simon, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Terry Naylor,
Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Mary Organ, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton,
Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Bernard Riley,
Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Mary Waldron,
Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow,

There are a number of young adults in our parishes who are terminally ill at the moment. Please remember them and their families specially in your prayers.

Lately Deceased

Maureen Kysh, Anthony Doyle, Kerry Ruddock, Raymond Schofield

Anniversaries

Valerie Ford, Janine Whitehurst, Alfred Patrick Moore,

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 22nd March 2020

St Agnes - Jean

St Aidan - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan

Please ensure that details of your dedication are written on the front of the envelope and placed in the black post box in the Sacristy.

Please enter your Gift Aid Number if you have one. Thank you.

VIRTUAL MASS

This week, as we have always done we will 'meet' at our usual Mass time in our homes. We invite you to put this time aside: Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 9:30am or 11am and share in the following. It is our hope that this feeling of togetherness will come from knowing that others are meeting at the same time.

If it suits you and your family, play some quiet music.

Gather all those in your home, light a candle and start with the sign of the cross.

Read through the day's readings, (you can find the readings at usccb.org) and the weekly reflection in the newsletter. (Available online).

Give yourself a chance for quiet time and personal prayer.

Together, pray the Our Father and Pope Francis' prayer to Mary during the coronavirus:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of Your People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.
(Adapted from Vatican News.)

Close with the sign of the cross.

Parish Collections

15th March 2020

St. Agnes - £302.48
St Aidan - £188.36

St Agnes' team to count: Team 3

February Standing Orders

St Agnes - £963.00
St Aidan - £ 95.00

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Readings: Page 568

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want

Gospel Acc: I am the light of the world,
says the Lord; anyone who follows
me will have the light of life.

Gospel: John 9: 1-14

Preface: Pages 38-40

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

We wish to, inform you that the new offertory envelope boxes will not be distributed until the church re-opens

Thank you for you supporting our parishes in this way.



All Baptisms and Preparation meetings have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.



To all my parishioners

I never thought there would be a time when our coming together would have to be restricted to protect each other because of an epidemic. Coronavirus/COVID-19 is unsettling to us because it is so unpredictable, so pervasive, so close and so currently. As our planet grows smaller, events half a world away can rapidly find their way into our neighbourhoods and even our homes. We find ourselves both concerned about the responsibility for one another in ways that only a few weeks ago we would not have imagined. I have been thinking of you all whilst I was away. On my return I have been advise to self isolate for a period of 14 days in order to protect others. My thoughts and prayers are especially with those most vulnerable and those who really feel helpless.

Please do not hesitate to contact me/the office in whatever way possible if there is any way we can be of help. I am keeping you all closer to my heart and in my daily prayers. Let me repeat the words of Washington Archbishop Wilton Gregor.

"This disease will not get the best of us; rather, we implore our merciful God to use it to bring out the best in us."

With Love as always
Fr Anton

PLEASE SAY A SPECIAL PRAY THIS WEEK FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Week commencing 21/22 March 2020

Eddie Steven, Mary Moore, Douglas Lawton, Sheila Whitehead, Joan O'Keefe, Walter & Paula Callaghan, Martin & Sarah Coffey, Terry Naylor

Week commencing 28/29 March 2020

Lily Jones, Agnes Peters, Nancy Brickland & Thomas Tansey, Bernard & Sean Mudge, Jimmy & Ella Watts, Lesley Clarke

Arrangement will then be made for a Mass to be celebrate in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather together.

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.

INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOWING THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE OF ENGLAND AND WALES

The Catholic Bishops' of England and Wales have issued this decree: that all public acts of worship in all our churches will stop from midnight on Friday 20th March until further notice.

This means:

There will be **NO** Sunday or Weekday masses in any of our churches until further notice (the obligation to attend Mass is removed during this difficult time). During the coming week(s) Fr Anton will update you on some of the ways you may be able to listen to or watch Mass on your computer.

BAPTISMS— will be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can gather safely.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—Confession may be offered on request as long as hygiene and social distancing requirements are observed (e.g. a physical barrier between the penitent and the priest such as a grille and cloth). Arrangements for this will be advised to you in the next Newsletter.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—

These celebrations should be postponed until a time that allows for families and friends to gather safely within our churches.

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

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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

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

TUESDAY

Country Night –cancelled

WEDNESDAY

Bingo cancelled Quiz Night

THURSDAY

Bingo cancelled

SUNDAY

Cabaret Night—cancelled

Function rooms for hire Friday, Saturday
and noon Sunday. Provide your own catering
or ask for a quote. All enquiries contact:

Jacqui on: 0151 489 9024

Please note

There is no longer SKY in the club

PARISH CONTACTS

SISTERS:

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Sr. Mary Rose 0151 482 6895

Sr. Silvia 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara 0151 489 1302

Sr. Gabriel 0151 489 1302

Sr. Louise 0151 489 1302

Deacons:

Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan

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Pastoral Assistant:

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 0151 489 9024

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Walsingham

Unfortunately, the trip to Walsingham has now been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We will organise refunds in the next two weeks

ST AGNES MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes due to be opened this month will be cancelled until further notice.

How do we see?

To the fearful eye, all is threatening. When you look toward the world in a fearful way, all you see and concentrate on are things that can damage and threaten you. The fearful eye is always besieged by threat.

To the greedy eye, everything can be possessed. A greedy person can never enjoy what they have, because they are always haunted by that which they do not yet possess. Greed generates a driven and atrophied possessiveness. Greed can never engage presence. **Having** has become the sinister enemy of **being**.

To the judgmental eye, everything is closed in definitive frames. The judgmental eye sees things in terms of lines and squares. It is always excluding and separating, and therefore it never sees in a compassionate or celebratory way.

To the loving eye, everything is real. Kathleen Raine, a Scottish poet, says that unless you see a thing in the light of love, you do not see it at all. Love is the light in which we see light. Love is the light in which we see each thing in its true origin, nature, and destiny. If we could look at the world in a loving way, then the world would rise up before us full of invitation, possibility and depth. The loving eye can even coax pain, hurt, and violence toward transfiguration and renewal. Vision is central to your presence and creativity. To recognize *how* you see things can bring you self-knowledge and enable you to glimpse the wonderful treasures your life secretly holds. *(John O'Donohue : Anam Cara Adapted.)*

How do we see the reality of our living with the coronavirus in our midst?
Can we say with the blind man in today's gospel: "I was blind but now I see."

"As life seeks out its new normal, I pray that we are able to apply the lessons of this exceptionally barren Lenten journey to redefine "normal" so that it includes more gratitude, appreciation, service, mercy and joy. Returning to our ordinary patterns of life is something that we all hope will occur very soon. Let us bring the memories of these moments with us into the future so that we better value and cherish what may have become under-appreciated opportunities of experiencing God's presence in every aspect of our lives. This disease will not get the best of us; rather, we pray that we will use it to bring out the best *in* us."

(Archbishop Wilton Gregory. Washington. Adapted)

CONFIRMATION—The celebrations of Confirmation should be deferred until such time that the public health advice is that congregations can resume public worship .

MATRIMONY—If possible, the celebration of the sacrament of Matrimony should be deferred until such time that people can gather in numbers safely. However, if this is not possible and only in the most pressing of circumstances, then those present for the marriage should be restricted to the celebrant, bride and groom and immediate family, and if necessary, the legal Registrar.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK— No pastoral visits would be made to people who are self-isolating, until the isolation period ends. However, Fr Anton will offer phone support.

FUNERALS—The funeral service should take place at the graveside or at a Crematorium, subject to the conditions laid down by the cemetery or crematorium authorities. Arrangement will then be made for a Mass to be celebrate in memoriam when congregations are allowed to gather.

Whenever possible we will indicatie the time when our two churches will be open for people to visit the Blessed Sacrament (remember to keep a social distance from anyone in the church)

The website will be updated on a weekly basis. If you are aware of any parishioners who do not have access to the website and if you are touch with them please advise them of any updates.