

SUNDAY
5th December 2021



First Reading: Prophet Baruch 5:1-9
God means to show your splendour to every nation.

Responsorial Psalm:
What marvels the lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1: 3-6.8-11
Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 5th December 2021
Second Sunday of Advent



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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 4th December

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Sime Family, Arthur McGrattan

Sunday 5th December—Second Sunday in Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - John Cliff, Kathleen Edgar

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Pamela Watson, Sarah Maylor

Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes Church at 11am

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ .

Please note live streamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend these Masses anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

Monday 6th December

St Agnes 9.30 am— Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 8th December

St Agnes Requiem Mass 11.30am—Liam David Caton

St Agnes 7.30 pm — James & Sarah Watts

Thursday 9th December

St Agnes Requiem Mass 10.30am - Mary Mulville

Friday 10th December

St Agnes Funeral Service 2.30pm—Sandra Nelson

Saturday 11th December

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Anne & Nick Redmond, Eddie McLoughlin

Sunday 12th December—Third Sunday in Advent

Joint Parish Mass will begin at St Aidan 10am followed by procession to St Agnes & St Aidan, Huyton Hey Road where the Mass will continue.

(Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan, Jerry Ford, Julie Morgan)

Confessions: Saturday at St Agnes 5pm - 5.20pm
(or by appointment in the presbytery during office hours)



Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am from St. Agnes Church.

You can find us on YouTube, the link is

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,
If later in the day suits you.

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Music Group

Our final meeting for this year will take place on **Tuesday, 7th December at 7.00 p.m.**

Why not come along and sing some Christmas Carols to get us in the festive spirit.

We will resume, with tambourines at the ready, on **Tuesday, 18th January 2022.**

We would love more singers to join us so please give it a thought !

Mission Boxes will be emptied this month.



BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM DROP- IN SESSIONS

1st Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm

Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St. Agnes Church

Entrance on St. Mary's Road via the Arched Gate, L36 5SR

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.

An opportunity for quiet prayer should you wish.

ALL WELCOME

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
St. Agnes' church 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.

St. Agnes' Baptisms: 1st Sunday
and 2nd Sunday at 1.30pm &
2.30pm (Fr. Anton)

4th Sunday at 1.30pm and
2.30 pm (Deacon)

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE



Donations of good quality clothes can be left
at the back of either church after Mass or
handed in to the office.

They are also collecting any type of currency
(coins or notes) including old English and
Euros. The money is then sorted, bagged
and sent to a coin exchange.

www.weareugent.org

St Aidan's Club is hiring Bar Staff
Ring 07932 404 521 if your interested



SHARe– Support & Help for Asylum seekers and Refugees.

Here at SHARe Knowsley we are hoping to spread some much needed Christmas cheer to refugees and asylum seekers living in Knowsley. We will have a party and would like to be able to give everyone a present. To do this we are asking for donations of:

- o Men and Ladies gift sets (toiletries).
- o Hats, gloves and scarves
- o Sketch pads, colouring items, colouring books

We do have a lot more men so if you are thinking of donating a gift set, please bear that in mind. Donations can be dropped off at the Old School House, St. John's Road, Huyton, L36 0XL

Alternatively, donations of money are always well received. Message if you would like to make a bank transfer.

We are always looking for more bikes. These make a huge difference to people's quality of life as they can get out and go places. Bus fares are so expensive and our clients have less than £40 per week to live on. If you have a bike in good working condition, please contact Sarah on 07565208046

(a message is better than a call as we can then call you back when we have time to arrange drop off / collection). Thank you so much for your support.

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.

Lana Achilles, Joan Arnold, Triona Bromwell, Gerry Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Barbara & Mike Holman, , Steve Hughes, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Peter Markey, Sue Thorpe, Richard Thornborough, Pamela Watson

Healing Prayer Circle

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our parish community. We offer a safe space to come together for a brew, chat and to pray.

A prayer intentions box is by the Sacred Heart statue. Please feel free to write your prayer intentions down and we will include them at the next meeting.

The last meeting of the year will take place on Monday, 13th December at 7pm in St Agnes Sacristy. We will meet again on 10th January 2022. In the meantime, please utilise the prayer request box. We will continue to pray for your intention over the festive season.

If you want any further information please feel free to call Von on: 07966 102 304

Lately Deceased

Liam Caton, Mary Mulville, Sandra Nelson, James Griffiths, John Scott

Anniversaries

Eddie McLoughlin, Maureen Renwick, Doris Moore, Derek Baker,

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 5th December 2021

St Aidan Parishioners of St Agnes & St. Aidan

St Agnes Those who struggle with addictions and their families



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.

TAKING THE CHURCH OF ST AIDAN OF LINDISFARNE OUT OF SACRED USE

When the Archbishop announced his decision to hold an archdiocesan Synod he set out the scale of the challenge saying, "We have to be open to change. The work of the Gospel is no less urgent, the call to make disciples has not changed, but we have to find new ways to do this in the light of our changed circumstances."

The Pastoral Plan that has emerged from the Synod, and that the archbishop is launching with a Pastoral Letter this weekend, spells it out plainly for us: "We cannot continue as we have been doing. The challenges that we face and the mission that Christ has given to his Church call for something new. This must be rooted in a profound gratitude for the past, in a care to be faithful custodians of what has been entrusted to us, but we must also be willing to heed the challenge to proclaim the Gospel in our age. This pastoral plan cannot be just a case of doing some things differently, of adding new types of activities or tinkering around the edges of our structures. Instead, we will need to leave behind a lot of things that are familiar. We need to learn the art of lamentation."

We now have a graced opportunity in our parish to truly lead the way into a new future as on 12th December we will be letting go of the church building of St Aidan's. This is no easy thing to do, and so we are called to lament, to feel our sorrow, not as a crushing wound but so that we may be open to what lies ahead. As one parish community we will move temporarily to the present church building of St Agnes, until that too we will be called to let go. From the rubble of two much loved church buildings a new parish church of "St Agnes & St Aidan" will arise as our spiritual home and powerhouse for us to better turn to Christ and the challenge of his mission to the world.



PARISH OF ST AGNES AND ST AIDAN

Today is a poignant day with a sense of loss and grief for the people of St. Aidan's. We come to honour what has been lived together as a community here in St. Aidan's and to gather for a specially arranged 'after Mass refreshments' to mark this ending and to entrust the way forward as a community into the hands of the God who calls us.

Next Sunday, 12th December at 10.a.m. we will continue this next step...taking time to gather in St. Aidan's Church from both St. Agnes and St. Aidan's community.

We will begin the opening of the Mass and listen together to the Advent readings and allow God to speak to our hearts. After we have received the Word of God, we will pray together the Liturgy of honouring and remembering each part of the Church. The baptismal font, the many symbols which have helped us to pray and to worship here in St. Aidan's Church. We will name the many gifts and talents that have been so generously shared to build this Parish community. Gifts and talents we will take with us.

After this prayer we will set out to walk or drive (as many in the Scriptures have done before us) together to St. Agnes Church (both the people of St. Aidan's and the people of St. Agnes). When we arrive there, we will celebrate the Eucharistic part of the Mass together and entrust all to God.