

SUNDAY 6th December 2020

**First Reading**

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.



**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 85:9-14

The Lord's salvation is near.

**Second Reading**

2 Peter 3:8-14

Peter teaches that we must always be holy because the return of the Lord cannot be predicted.

**Gospel Reading**

Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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**For your information:**

Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

[www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## STAY CONNECTED 0151 489 3085

As we approach winter and further restrictions on our contact with others, we want you to know we are here to chat. We are not trained professionals, but we are a friendly voice on the other end of the phone. If you would like someone to talk to, please call the office number: 0151 489 3085, leave a message and someone will call you at home for a chat. If you would like to volunteer to chat to someone, please let the office know.

## Let's STAY CONNECTED!

(Every Thursday between 18.30 and 21.00 a listening volunteer, Von Corner, will be available to take your call so you can talk in confidence.  
Telephone Number 0151 489 2498)

**Sunday 6th December 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Year B**



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*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.*

NEWSLETTER

## Prayer Requests



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

Lana Achilles, Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, Joan Arnold, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny, Joanne Baduna, Batey family, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Paul Bullen, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael, Steve Chamberlain, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Pauline Dermott, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson, Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Cath Fadden, Paula Fitzpatrick, Margaret Flynn, Collette Garlick, Euan Gee, George Gibbons, Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Tom Jones, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Stephen Hinckley, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman, Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter, Joe, Jimmy Jones, John Jones, Kathleen Keenan, Marie Keight, Patrick Kelly, 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, Baby Anthony Patrick McCarthy, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughlin, Alan McMahan, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin, Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Aidan Morris, Norma Mudge, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy, Hazel Naylor, Pam Nugent, Terry Naylor, Madeline O'Hare, Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Catherine (Kit) Pheonix, Wyn Pickup, Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley, Rose Sankey, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie, Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Joe Townson, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Jim Wilkes, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

### Lately Deceased

Billy Eberall, Sharon Owens, Catherine Jordan, Sheila Hoare, Bernard Joseph Riley

### Anniversaries

Veronica Johnson, Leo Fagan, Daniel Byrne, Joan Smith

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 6th December 2020**

**St Aidan** Maureen & Frank Hamilton

**St Agnes-** 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 5th December— Memorial of St John Almond, Priest & Martyr**

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m.— Tricia Andrews, Jim Wilkes

### **Second Sunday in Advent**



### **Sunday 6th December — Second Sunday of Advent**

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m. — William & Catherine Burns, Frank & Terry Burns

St Agnes Mass 11 a.m. — Sr Maureen McCollum, Paul Kelly

### **Monday 7th December—Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor**

### **Tuesday 8th December—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

St Agnes Requiem Mass 10 a.m.— Thomas Campbell

### **Wednesday 9th December**

St Agnes Mass—7.30 p.m.—Joan Wafer, For The Sick.

### **Saturday 12th December—**

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m.— Bob Latham, Stewards & Volunteers St Agnes & St Aidan

### **Sunday 13th December — Third Sunday of Advent**

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m.— Mark and William Burns, Sheila Hoare

St Agnes Mass 11 a.m.— Vicky Arter, Norma Murphy.

### **LIVE STREAMING**

**Sunday Mass and other services will be live streamed in the near future.  
Further details to follow.**

## 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](mailto:agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk)) or phone (0151 489 3085) and we will provide you with the relevant account details.

Text giving is also 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.

### For St. Aidan

Text [AIDAN](#) to 70085 to donate £2..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70450 to donate £3.  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70460 to donate £5..  
Text [AIDAN](#) to 70470 to donate £10.

### For St. Agnes

Text [AGNES](#) to 70085 to donate £2  
Text [AGNES](#) to 70450 to donate £3  
Text [AGNES](#) to 70460 to donate £5  
Text [AGNES](#) to 70470 to donate £10

## Advent Wreaths

If your family has an advent wreath at home, we would really appreciate you getting them out early and sending us pictures of you or your family lighting each of the candles separately so that we can use them in Advent reflections.

i.e: a picture lighting the first candle, a picture lighting candle one and two... etc... So 4 pictures in total.

Please send your pictures to:

[agnesaidancommunity@gmail.com](mailto:agnesaidancommunity@gmail.com)

Many thanks



## *Preparations... paths...awareness*

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

‘Whenever eastern monarchs entered upon an expedition or took a journey, especially through desert and new territories, they would send messengers and pioneers before them to prepare all things for their coming, to open the passes, to level the ways, and to remove all impediments. The first century congregation or church was dry and in a desert, spiritually. It was John the Baptist’s task to prepare for the Messiah’s coming and to invite people to re-consider the paths they were following.’[1] He sowed the seeds of their growth in awareness by saying, “Among you stands one whom you do not know.” (John 1:26)

For John the Baptist, the most important **preparation** was repentance. ‘The word usually translated as “repent” is the Greek word *metanoia*; this might be best translated as “turn around your mind” or change. It is much more than just being sorry for the past. It involves a deep and radical change in one’s thinking and behaviour. But most of us won’t move toward any new way of thinking or actual change until we’re forced to, which usually means some form of suffering or some disturbance that upsets our habitual path. In the wilderness we face the truth of who we are and what our life is like.’ [2]

And our path? ‘Travel the most ancient way of all: the **path** that leads you to the centre of your life. This journey is not about miles. It is not about how far you can walk or how fast. It is about what you will do with this moment. The treasure in our map is buried not at journey’s end but at its beginning.’ [3]

‘The real spiritual path is wherever you are. God is everywhere. The spiritual journey is a growth in **awareness** that what you are seeking is where you are.’[4] It is a gradual growth in awareness that the One we seek has always been within us. We use the invocation ‘Come’ many times in our prayers throughout the year, especially in Advent. What would happen if instead, we were to pray, “Help us grow in awareness that we are always in You and You are always in us.” That’s a bit longer! This year we may have more time available to sit with this prayer and in doing so, perhaps we might experience *metanoia*, a true change of heart and mind.

***Traveller, the path is your tracks and nothing more. The path is made by walking.*** (Antonio Machado)

Adapted:

[1]ourancientpaths.org [2]Michael Marsh [3]Jan Richardson [4]Imre Vallyon

## Christmas Masses 2020

Subject to any further changes to Government regulations, we have been advised by the Diocese to put in place a ticket system for Masses over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. In the interest of fairness, we would like to put this to regular parishioners first and then will open up the booking system more widely. Each person attending, needs a ticket, this includes children and babies. **PLEASE ARRIVE AT LEAST 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE MASS BEGINS.**

**Mass times:** (see in brackets for the number of seats available as at 27th November)

### Christmas Eve

4pm St. Agnes (green ticket) (90 left)  
6pm St. Aidan (yellow ticket) (207 left)  
8pm St. Agnes (blue ticket) (105 left)

### Christmas Day

9:30am St. Aidan (lilac ticket) (80 left)  
11am St. Agnes (white ticket) (125 left)



Please call the office (0151 489 3085) during office hours, to reserve your tickets. These can then be collected from the office Mon- Thurs 9am - 12pm or Fri 9am - 3:30pm.

We are saddened to not be able to have our usual children's nativities and Christmas celebrations this year. Please keep a look out for the various virtual ways we will continue to meet over the Christmas season.

### Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see anyone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Sometimes it is due to the fact that a bus route has changed and it's time no longer ties in with the mass times or that they are shielding.

Please contact the office as soon as possible if you become aware of anyone who has not been seen for a while and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch with them if they so wish.

## MARY'S MEALS

So much can be asked of us at this time of year. It may be hard to always say yes. Mary said yes to being the Mother of Jesus and as a young, unmarried girl this must have been a terrifying moment for her. Yet her 'yes' brought Jesus into the world and changed lives forever. Throughout this year of many challenges, thanks to our generous supporters, Mary's Meals has continued to say yes to feeding desperately hungry children with a daily meal in a place of education. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide 43,000 hungry children in Bong County, Liberia, with a life-changing meal at school. From 2<sup>nd</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021, donations made to our Double The Love campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million.

Please consider setting a place at our [Big Family Christmas dinner table](#) or buying a Christmas gift card on our [website](#). More information on how to support us can be found at [www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove).



Thank you  
Jo Matthews, Paula Maw, Pat Murray

## CHRISTMAS APPEAL SHARe Knowsley

We are hoping to share some Christmas joy with our refugees so are appealing for the following items:

Men and Ladies gift sets.  
Hats, gloves and scarves  
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

Thank you so much for your support.

Margaret