SUNDAY 10th January 2021 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



READING 1

Isaiah 42: 1-4,6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace

READING II Acts 10:34-38

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ALLELUIA

Alleluia, Alleluia, the havens opened and the Father's voice resounded: This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.

Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mk 1:7-11

You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rests in you.

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'



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 10th January 2021

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year B



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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



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, 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, Brian Funnell, 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, Rita McCartney, Lawrence McClintock, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougalle, Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown, Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughin, Alan McMahon, Doreen McNamara, Kay McNeill, Roisin & Padraig 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, 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

Steve Chamberlain, Raymond Brewer, Thomas (Ken) Stevenson, William Edward Barry, Margaret Scales

Anniversaries

James Taylor

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 10th January 2021

St Aidan Refugees and Asylum Seekers

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.

Identity and Mission

The Baptism of Jesus is the third of three great manifestations or revelations of God-with-us which characterise the liturgical Christmas season: **the birth of Jesus**, made known to the shepherds, representing the poor and the marginalised; **the Epiphany**, which reveals that Jesus was born not only for his own people but for people of every country and every race everywhere; [1] and **the Baptism of Jesus** which is 'the great epiphany of the Trinity on the day when Jesus is brought into the limelight of history to begin his public ministry.' [2] 'Jesus' identity is being affirmed as he is being 'missioned' by his Father for the work he is just about to begin. The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and whose we are. "You are my Beloved". It is because Jesus knows **who** he is that he does as he does. Like Jesus, all that we undertake must flow from who we are - God's beloved. [3]

'It is the experience of who we are in God that enables us to carry out our mission in life even in those times when it is difficult to experience love because of experiences of failure, humiliation, suffering and difficulties in relationships. It is true that we not only are the Beloved, but also have to become the Beloved. If that is true, how then can we get a grip on this process of becoming? If the spiritual life is not simply a way of being, but also a way of becoming, what then is the nature of this becoming? Could it be that:

- our growing awareness of being the beloved will gradually lead us to stop identifying ourselves with our jobs, our emotions, our life situations? These are not who we really are.
- finding people and places where we are reminded of our deepest identity will renew our experience of what is already within us?
- celebrating our belovedness with gratitude and wonder for our many daily experiences of love, we will fully live even when life is full of hurt?

When we claim and constantly reclaim the truth of being the beloved, we soon discover within ourselves a deep desire to reveal to others that they are also beloved. At the beginning of a new year, today's gospel tells us that being the beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence. Our main mission in life is to embrace our belovedness and to become who we are. [4]

[1] Living space [2] Pope Saint John Paul II [3] Vatican news [4] Henri Nouwen

IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION PLEASE NOTE AT PRESENT ALL BAPTISM'S HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD

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 the parish Baptism preparation team.

We will advise, when we are able to hold the next Baptism Preparation Meeting. In the meantime, if you would like to put your name on the list for this please contact the office.

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your Confirmation or Holy Communion -

Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan or 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 will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter



Mass Intentions

Saturday 9th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m. — Maisie Dee, Mary Wright

Sunday 10th January—Feast Of The Baptism of the Lord

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m.— Raymond Hallet, Ann Redmond St Agnes Mass 11 a.m.— Ron Murphy, Peter Cave,

Monday 11th January

St Agnes Requiem Mass 10 a.m. Edith Rose Monaghan

Wednesday 13th January

St Agnes Mass—7.30 p.m. – Raymond Brewer, Private Intention

Thursday 14th January- Memorial of St Kentigern, Bishop

Friday 15th January

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1.00 p.m. Thomas Kenneth Stevenson

Saturday 16th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 p.m. — Tony Crowney, Catherine Phoenix

Sunday 17th January—2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Aidan Mass 9.30 a.m.— Maureen Hamilton, Staff In Our Primary Schools St Agnes Mass 11 a.m.— Steve Sheridan, Kefe Akpogheneta, James Taylor

LIVE STREAMING

Sunday 11am Mass will be live streamed and will be available via you tube:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR fFKiF9Xut6EjqtQ.



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.



Nugent Care

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.



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.

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 monitory 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 <u>monthly standing order</u> 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.

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	For St. Agnes
Text AIDAN to 70085 to donate £2	Text AGNES to 70085 to donate £2
Text AIDAN to 70450 to donate £3.	Text AGNES to 70450 to donate £3
Text AIDAN to 70460 to donate £5	Text AGNES to 70460 to donate £5
Text AIDAN to 70470 to donate £10.	Text AGNES to 70470 to donate £10

CAR BOOT SALE

The car boot sale has been suspended until next year but due to the generosity of parishioners and friends we would request that no further donations are brought along. We have so much stock and have run out of storage space. As and when we make some space we will let you know.

Many thanks for your on-going support and generosity towards 'We Can Make A Difference' (Parish overseas mission in Suriname & Romania)