

**SUNDAY 21st February 2021**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**READING 1** Book of Genesis 9: 8-15  
God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Psalm 24: 4-9

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant

**READING II** First letter of St Peter 3:18-22  
That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God

**GOSPEL: Mark 1: 12-15**

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him

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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  
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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

## STAY CONNECTED 0151 489 3085

As we continue through 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 525 7260)**

**Sunday 21st February 2021**

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**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, Joan Arnold, Tricia Andrews, Carol Atkinson, Baby Grace, Baby Sonny, Joanne Baduna, Batey family, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Paul Bullen, Teresa Burke, Henry Carpenter, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Philip Dell, 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-Edmondson, 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, 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 McMahan, Doreen McNamara, 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, Gordon Park, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, 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 Wilde, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow, Bill York.

**Lately Deceased** James Facenfield, Edward O'Connor, Francis Smith, Linda Vaughan Robert Hailwood

**Anniversaries** John Arthur Moore, Robert Moore, Rose Mountain, Peggy Coyne, Dougie Maylor, Sheila Whitehead, Joan O'Keefe



**Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 21st February 2021**

**St Aidan** Parish Volunteers

**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.***

## **WCMAD - UPDATE FROM ROMANIA**

We would like to thank all the parishioners for their continued generosity towards our projects. The children who attend the Maria Stein Centre in Petrosani, Romania now have a karaoke machine which they will use for all their special events such as birthdays, Christmas, Easter as well as the weeks they have their summer camp. They are practising but still need a little more 'refinement'. The children really do appreciate the gift and send their grateful thanks.

From the WCMAD Team

## **MARY'S MEALS**

Mary's Meals has launched an emergency appeal for aid for Tigray in Ethiopia, where millions have been forced to flee their homes as a result of conflict there which has been ongoing since November. The UN has described it as a very severe situation with around 4.5 million people without food and basic supplies and many children separated from their families, living in refugee camps on the borders. Fortunately, Mary's Meals are already established in Ethiopia and were previously feeding 24,230 children in schools every day. This means that Mary's meals have an established and trusted partner agency in the area and are therefore able to get help to those who need it most. In other words, we are already giving aid and saving lives!

I wanted to ask whether it would be possible for you to make a short announcement which can be read out during notices at Mass if you would be so kind to do so please?

I also wondered whether a group in your parish would be interested to receive a Zoom talk about the situation in Ethiopia? We have an army of volunteers who are ready and waiting to give a presentation whether the group is large or small and they can take Place any time, daytime, evenings, or weekends. If the group isn't meeting at the moment or are unable to fit a talk in currently with things already planned, we do have a short video clip from our CEO, Magnus MacFarlane Barrow which I would be delighted to share with them to either show at one of their meetings or share with their members.

**Please do get in touch if you require any further information, now or in the months to come.**

Finally, I'd like to share the link with you for donations. If you can display this on websites, social media pages or newsletters that would be fantastic! This is the link: [https://giving.marysmeals.org/en\\_gb/donate-to-ethiopia](https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/donate-to-ethiopia).

Thank you so much for your support. I look forward to hearing from you in due course about whether you would like a copy of the information to read out at Mass.

With warmest regards  
**Anna Dunne, Supporter Engagement Officer, Liverpool**

## ***Be Open to Transformation***

'The last sentences of today's gospel are considered by many as the summary of Jesus' teaching. "The kingdom of God is *at hand*." i.e. *now*. We don't *die* into it; we *awaken* into it. The Kingdom of Heaven is really a metaphor for a state of consciousness. It is a whole new way of seeing, which happens when we 'repent' which means to change our mind or turn around. Whatever course we are on we may have to do a 180° turn. And this will entail spending time in the wilderness. "The spirit drove Jesus into the desert." We seldom freely choose our times of change, transformation or conversion. We are usually driven towards them. Circumstances change, fall apart and undo 'business as usual'. It's usually only then that we change. We don't change until we have to.' [1]

Today's gospel encourages us to allow that transformation within us. 'So many of our external securities are being dismantled as we go through the traumatic experiences of Covid. We all rely on the constancy of the structures of society so when the structures suddenly break open, we start to break open. That's what trauma is: we can tolerate anything as long as the centre holds, but it's very scary when the centre starts to go. Lent is a time to regroup ourselves, a time to deepen our awareness that our centre is God in whom we live, and move, and have our being, and in these moments of realisation we see that fear has no foundations.' [2]

All over the world images of the rainbow have reminded us that there is hope and light to follow these days of chaos. Today's first reading tells us that this good news is grounded in God's covenant of love with all people and all creation. 'This infinite love of God is our origin' [2] On Ash Wednesday we are reminded that "the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground" (Gen 2:7) This is not meant to be a 'doom and gloom' reminder, but a moment of awe and wonder, knowing what God can do with dust.

'So let us be marked not for sorrow. And let us be marked not for shame. Let us be marked not for false humility or for thinking we are less than we are, but for claiming what God can do within the dust, within the dirt, within the stuff of which the world is made.' [3]

"Be open to transformation and trust the good news."

*Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] James Finley [3] Jan Richardson: Blessing the Dust*

**Please note our churches are closed for weekend Masses until further notice.**  
**St. Agnes is opened only for funerals.**  
**Sunday Mass will be live streamed via YouTube at 11am**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fKif9Xut6EigtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fKif9Xut6EigtQ) .

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Sunday 21st February — First Sunday of Lent**

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

Mass 11.a.m – Mary Cullen, Anita Cooke, Eddie Steven,  
Deceased Members of the Tonks Family

### **Monday 22nd February** - Feast of The See of St Peter the Apostle

**St. Agnes Funeral Service 10.45 am - Doreen McKeown**

### **Wednesday 24th February**

Presbytery Mass 4.00 pm - Joyce Owens, Sheila Whitehead

### **Friday 26th February** -

**St Agnes Requiem 12.30 pm - Sheila Evans**

### **Sunday 29th February - Second Sunday of Lent**

Mass 11.00 am - Jennifer Hewitt, Margaret Scales



### 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](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.



### IMPORTANT HELPLINES

These times are very difficult. There is help available. This list is not extensive, but here are some numbers. Please don't struggle alone!



#### Domestic violence or abuse

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247**
- **The First Step: 0151 548 3333**
- **Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247** Free 24-hour national helpline run by Women's Aid and Refuge.
- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327** Confidential helpline for male victims of domestic abuse.  
**Samaritans: 116 123**  
Call us any time, day or night. Whatever you're going through, you can call from any phone, at any time for free or email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)
- **Shout:** offers assistance by text 24 hours a day. Text 85258 to speak to a trained volunteer.
- **Childline: 0800 1111** If you're aged under 19, you can contact Childline for advice and mental health support.
- **Drinkline: 0300 123 1110** is the national alcohol helpline, which can be contacted confidentially
- **Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040**
- **Mind, the mental health charity 0300 123 3393** Email: [info@mind.org.uk](mailto:info@mind.org.uk).

### 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

### 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](mailto: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 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 parish office.**