

SUNDAY 16th January 2022



First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 62:1-5
The bridegroom rejoices in his bride

Responsorial Psalm:
Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

Second Reading: Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:4-11
One and the same Spirit, who distributes gifts to different people just as he chooses

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Your words are spirit, Lord and they are life: you have the message of eternal life

Gospel: John 2: 1-12

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Sunday 16th January 2022

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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.

NEWSLETTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 15th January

Mass 5.30 p.m. - Bert Lea, Vera Veacock

Sunday 16th January - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 a.m. - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan, Rosie Morley

Mass 11.00 a.m. - Steve Sheridan, Veronica McLindon

Mass Live Streamed on YouTube from St. Agnes & St Aidan 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 17th January—Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot

9.30 a.m. - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 19th January

Mass 7.30 p.m.— Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 21st January - Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Mass 12 noon - Fr Boniface, Fr Gerry

Saturday 22nd January

Mass 5.30 p.m. - James Griffiths, Terry Myles

Sunday 23rd January - Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 a.m. - James & Sarah Watts, James Taylor

Mass 11.00 a.m. - Kefe Akpogheneta, Pat Holleran

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction 4 p.m.

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



St Agnes and St Aidan Little Church and Welcoming group

We are looking for new volunteers to be part of our Children's Liturgy Team. This would only mean a commitment of 20 minutes every six weeks, which equates to about 8 times a year. We would really welcome your help.

The only criteria: DBS check for safeguarding as required by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Please ring the office for more information.

We are also looking for new members for our 'Welcoming' group to meet and greet people (& to hand over hymn books and Newsletters) as they come into the church. If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak to a member of the welcoming group today.

Many Thanks .

CARJ

CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

THE FACTS!

86% of refugees are hosted in developing countries

73% of refugees live in countries neighbouring their own

Turkey, Columbia and Pakistan are the 3 countries that host the most refugees

According to the EU reception of Asylum Seekers the UK came 17th in relation to intake per head of population in 2020.

The UK's share of new asylum applications in 2020 equated to about **7% of the total applications** across the EU.

The UK's population is made up of **LESS than 1% of** asylum seekers and refugees.

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Catholic Association for Racial Justice

Men's Rites of Passage

A 5-day life-changing program for men devised by Richard Rohr OFM which has been undertaken by over 5000 men across the world.

This is not about religion, but about spirituality. About age-old traditions that guide men into manhood. About coming to trust that there is something much greater at work in your life than you could ever imagine. Taking you sometimes OUT of your comfort zones, but more deeply back into your own life. You may find yourself mentally, intellectually, emotionally or spiritually challenged. This is part of the experience for some men: it may feel risky or uncomfortable; you may not always feel in control. Throughout the 5 days you will be held by an experienced team of male elders who have all previously undertaken the Rites themselves. As the Elders take you through the process of the Rites you will experience drumming, ritual, fire, silence, small groups, wilderness, solo-time, teaching . . . and more.

The Men's Rites of Passage are suitable for men of all colour, age, sexuality, ethnicity and faith tradition (or no faith); men with more severe physical disabilities are asked to provide more details of their restrictions during the application process and we will provide further advice.

The Men's Rites in 2022 will be held on 20-24th July in Perth, Scotland

<http://www.malejourney.org.uk/rites>
or speak to Fr. Richard Sloane or Fr. Anton

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 it's time and no longer ties in with the mass times. 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.



Car Parking

Please pay attention to parking on the streets during Mass.
Often cars are parked which makes it impossible for wheelchair users and prams to pass safely on the pavement.

Residents also need to access their driveways with ease.

Thank you for your consideration



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, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Susan Curran, Gary Halliday, Joanne Harvey, Karen Haynes, Barbara & Mike Holman, Steve Hughes, Joe, Brian Keoghan, Kathleen Latham, Peter Markey, Rosie Morley, 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. Our next meeting is on **24th 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

BENEDICTION

Benediction will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month

Lately Deceased

Clare Taylor, Mary Malone, Susan Ruddock

Anniversaries

Brenda Evelyn Abrams, Margaret Lankertis, Steve Sheridan, Kefe Akpogheneta

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 16th January 2022

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.



PARISHES OF ST AGNES & ST AIDAN LGBT+ SOCIAL GROUP

Meetings will be held on 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m.
The next meeting will be 16th January 2022

Please also follow the Instagram and Facebook page for the Group, or drop me a message for more information. Please follow us on Instagram:

St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBT And Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>

Facebook: 'Parishes of St. Agnes and St. Aidan's LGBT+ Social Group'



I hope to see you there!
Holly (she/her)
Group Leader

MARY'S MEALS

Every year we collect school backpacks for the Mary's Meal's Project. Items can be donated over the summer holidays at church. This will be the eighth year our parish will be participating and so far we have sent over 1,000 completed backpacks abroad (Malawi). Good quality second-hand items are ideal and many schools see this as a great recycling opportunity, while new items can be found in most supermarket value ranges. Complete backpacks and individual items are gratefully received! You also have the opportunity to feed a child for an entire school year by donation just £15.90.



If you would like to have more information about the Backpack Project please check the parish website or google <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk>

NB: Thanks to the Staff and Students of St. Aidan Primary school for the School Backpacks received this week.

Thanks in advance for your support

Music Group

We will resume, with tambourines at the ready on **Tuesday, 18th January 2022 at 7 pm.**

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

SHARe KNOWSLEY

We are a group of like minded people who want to do something to try and improve the lives of those who have left their homes and everything they know to escape the horrors of persecution, violence, war and oppression.

On a local level, we hope to create a support network for asylum seekers and refugees who may live near us, giving them the assistance they need to live with dignity, so that they can rebuild their lives. Offering friendship is at the heart of everything we do. We have established close links with the British Red Cross who have outreach workers that are often at the drop-in to give casework advice and support.

We also aim to provide support further afield by giving assistance where we can, be it in the form of financial contributions or donations of clothing and food.

Our Drop ins are open again!!

Prescot – Every Monday 10.30 – 12.30 at Prescot Methodist Church L34 5QN
Kirkby – Every Tuesday 11:00 – 1:00pm at Kirkby Christian Fellowship L33 0YL

What's going on...

Our community of St. Agnes and St. Aidan is bursting with talent and activity. The restrictions of COVID over the last 2 years have maybe made us forget some of the amazing things that have happened and continue to happen in our community... here's a little reminder:

Pilgrimages to: Medjagorie, The Holy Land, Lourdes, Walsingham...

Community socials: The Winter Nights, Parish BBQs, Fish and Chip Suppers...

Fundraising events: The fashion show, The ceilidh, Nights at St. Aidan's Club...

Groups: Gardeners, The Choir: A Glimmer of Hope, Monthly Car Boot, Advent and Lenten Retreats - in person and now via WhatsApp, Music Group, Prayer Group, CARJ, LGBTQ+...

Charity and Mission work: WCMAD - We Can Make a Difference: working in Romania and Suriname, Mary's Meals, Nugent Care, SHARe Knowsley - Support and Help for Asylum Seekers and Refugees...

Ministries: Sacristans, Altar servers, Sacramental Preparation, Building and Maintenance, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Piety Stall, Welcomers, Hospitality, Flowers, Little Church, Stewards...

This is not an exhaustive list and there is so much that goes on behind the scenes that we are not aware of... We are grateful for it all...

We Can Make a Difference (WCMAD) Suriname & Romania)

On behalf of the parish family as we come to the end of this year, we are grateful to all those who have supported us (WCMAD– We can make a Difference project) in many different ways and continue to support our parish missions in Suriname and Romania.

As you are aware, we continue to financially support Fr Toon's work in the Amazon rainforest (Suriname) especially in training the lay leaders in the 32 church communities. They are grateful to all the work our parishioners have done during their visits to Suriname in building and renovating their church/community centres and helping with the sanitary facilities. Our contributions have made a huge difference in spreading the good news mainly among the Maroon (formerly known as "bush" negroes) and Arawak (native Indians) people. Please continue to remember Fr Toon in your prayers.

Romania (Petrosani)

Unfortunately, due to present circumstances, our parishioners were unable to visit Romania this year. We are still in regular contact with 'Maria Stein' day centre for children who regularly update us on the activities the children are doing. They have struggled these past months but were still able to have some contact with the children.

Romania & Suriname Projects

If you are a parishioner who is 16+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help with our projects in Romania or Suriname. There is a group that will begin meeting every first Thursday of the month commencing 3rd February 2022
at 7.00pm at the Presbytery 92 Adswood Road.



First Communions 2022

If your child is currently in Year 4 and you would like them to celebrate their First Communion, our applications for 2022 are now available (back of church or via school). Please complete a form and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. **The deadline for applications this year is the 1 March 2022.**

We plan to work with the schools again this year to support the preparation programme and will let you know how that will work in the coming weeks. Please get in touch if your child does not attend one of the three link schools. Please keep a look out in the Newsletter, website, and our Facebook page for up-to-date messages. The dates for First Communions have yet to be arranged. These will be published as soon as possible.

The Miracle Begins when the Wine Runs Out

'The literal interpretation of Scripture is the least helpful. The symbolic level is the level filled with meaning that changes our lives. We don't know if the events in today's Gospel really happened in this way, but there are a lot of give-aways that there is a deeper message here. One of these is the focus on the six stone jars that were used for purification rites. Much of the history of religion is about ceremonial washing where the emphasis is on purification because we are not perfect enough. The jars in today's Gospel are empty. Jesus filled the jars to the brim with wine. This is not just a miracle story. It is a transformational story about what Jesus is bringing about in the history of religion. We thought that religion was about a list of requirements which we have to fulfil so that God will love us. As in so many Scripture passages, matrimonial imagery is used in today's Gospel to tell us that what God wants with humanity is a love affair, a marriage. We find it difficult to accept that God would want such an intimate relationship with us, so we keep going back to the six empty jars of purifying water, to fulfilling the law. But laws don't teach us how to love. In today's Gospel, Jesus changes the focus of religion from a religion of legalism to a religion of love, filled to the brim with joy and celebration. [1]

Today's Gospel could also be symbolic of those times when our lives seem empty and dry, when we 'have no wine.' 'Each one of us could tell a story about the day the wine gave out: stories of failure, self-doubt, regrets or disappointments; stories of loss – of a loved one or of a familiar way of life. We become increasingly aware that we cannot replenish the wine of our life from our own resources. Regardless of how it feels or what we think about it, the day the wine runs out is the beginning of a miracle. That day confronts us with a truth as old as creation itself: we are the recipients and not the creators of our life. We were never intended nor expected to live by the sufficiency of our own resources.' [2]

When we freely surrender to God's loving, sustaining presence in our lives, our hearts are filled to the brim with 'a peace that passes all understanding' (Phil 4:7), a peace that enables us to rejoice once more in God's outpouring of so many gifts; a peace that reassures us that 'there is no such thing, either in the world or in the heart as a vacuum. And whatever space is really left by apparent emptiness, there is God.' [3]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Michael Marsh [3] Karl Rahner

St. Aidan Parish Club

For all functions/ bookings please contact
Jackie Murray – Club Manager on 07932 404 521



We would like to encourage everyone to continue supporting the club and thank Jackie and Adam for all their hard work during these difficult times.

Fr. Anton

Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month 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.

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

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.

www.wearenuigent.org



Developing the vision for the St Agnes and St Aidan new church

A new church and community centre for the 21st Century

There has been a church on the site of St Agnes for 150 years but the current church building is in need of urgent repair and is not meeting our needs or those of the people of this area for the 21st century.

It is not possible or feasible to redevelop or refurbish the current St Agnes and St. Aidan church buildings and with the permission and encouragement of Archbishop Malcolm McMahon we now have the opportunity to plan a new church and community centre for the Parish of St Agnes and St Aidan that will respond to both the needs of our Parish and be of service to the wider community.

Building from our present and looking to the future, we want to continue our community with our liturgical and pastoral care with the added dimension of creating a new Church building which will provide a community centre at the heart of Huyton.

And now! We have a chance to dream...together as a Parish and listen to the wider community, we are asking you to contribute your ideas...to have your say and tell us what you would like to see in the church and community centre and the issues we need to focus on.

CHANGE OF DATE :-

The planned Congregation Consultation meeting for the new Church and Community Centre, scheduled to take place on 13th January 2022, will now **NOT** take place, due to the current rise in COVID cases. Instead the Congregation Consultation will take place at the 3 masses over the weekend of the **15th and 16th January 2022**, enabling us to reflect and make a contribution to the vision for the future.



Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass will be live streamed every Sunday at 11am

You can find us on YouTube, the link is

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fKfIF9Xut6EjqtQ

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

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

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM DROP- IN SESSIONS

1st Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm

Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St. Agnes & St. Aidan 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