

**SUNDAY 2nd January 2022**



**First Reading:**  
Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2.8-12-16

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
The Word was made flesh, and lived among us

**Second Reading:**  
St Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6.15-18  
He determined that we should become his adopted sons through Jesus

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans: Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.

**Gospel: John 1:1-18**  
The Word was made flesh, he lived among us

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 2nd January 2022**  
**Second Sunday after Christmas**  
**Year C**

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 1st January - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass 5.30 p.m. - Vera Veacock, Fred Collins

### Sunday 2nd January - Second Sunday after Christmas

Mass 9.30 a.m. - Hannah Davies, Terry & Irene

Mass 11.00 a.m. - Jennifer Hewitt and Doreen Guyers, Michael Jobe

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

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR\\_fKf9Xut6EjqtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6YzfvR_fKf9Xut6EjqtQ) .

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

### Monday 3rd January

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

### Tuesday 4th January

**Funeral Service 1.45 pm - Ann Norah Edwards**

### Wednesday 5th January

Mass 7.30 pm - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan, Rosie Morley

### Thursday 6th January - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

**Requiem Mass 11.00 am—Francis Brannon**

Mass 7.30 pm - Cath Tinsley, Breastmates (Lyndale)

### Friday 7th January

**Requiem Mass 11.30 am - Eileen Ash**

### Saturday 8th January

Mass 5.30 p.m. - Kathleen & James Sexton, Susan Curran

### Sunday 9th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass 9.30 a.m. - James Griffiths, Terry Myles

Mass 11.00 a.m. - Parishioners of St Aidan, Living & deceased members of the Whitehead Family

**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**

CARJ is an independent charity established in London in 1984. It works to support people from diverse backgrounds including Black and minority ethnic young people through a School's project and Young People's Forum For World Citizenship.

CARJ works with Catholic Diocese and parishes to raise awareness, to promote discussion and action and to raise the CARJ profile in the Church and wider society. If you, your family and friends are interested in joining our parish CARJ group, please contact the parish office (0151-489 3085 / agnesaidan@rcaol.org.uk)

For more information please check this link [www.carj.org.uk](http://www.carj.org.uk)

Many Thanks.

Ann Malone  
Chair of CARJ Ss. Agnes and Aidan



*'Let us create a more just, more equal and a more cooperative society'*

## **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

## **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 and 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).*

## **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, 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 **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**

Eileen Ash, Ann Norah Edwards, Peter Henshaw, Francis Brannon

## **Anniversaries**

Angela Reid, Sheila Greenall, Terence Vincent Morgan, Philip Manley, Margaret Scales, Joseph Knight

## **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 2nd 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.**

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

## SHARE Knowsley

On behalf of SHARE Knowsley, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. At this time of year we are reminded that Jesus and his family were themselves refugees for a time. I only hope that they received the warm welcome that many of ours receive from our hardworking and dedicated volunteers. The volunteers are a fantastic team and it is an honour and privilege to work alongside them. We never forget that we are only able to do what we do because of your support.

We have been overwhelmed by people's generosity, especially for our recent Christmas Appeal. Over the past two weeks we have given out over 150 gifts and have some more to distribute. After our Christmas party I received this message: "Thank you very much for the beautiful party and your assistance during this extremely difficult time in our lives. It is greatly appreciated. Please thank everyone. It is great there are people that care so deeply for people in need, with such kindness."

It is lovely to know our work means so much and really makes it all so worthwhile.

Thank you again for all your support and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Margaret Roche

Dear Parishioners

*I would like to sincerely thank, all those who took part in and supported the smooth closure of St. Aidan's church, it was a poignant yet spiritual occasion, appreciated by all who attended. My thanks particularly to the volunteers, the stewards, cleaners, the gardeners and hospitality volunteers for their invaluable help. In addition I must thank the ever expanding team of people working towards the new community centre and church building, for all their time and commitment to this project. Finally to all our parishioners and friends who never fail in their support for Nugent Care, SHARE Knowsley, Mary's Meals and WCMAD (We Can Make A Difference – my grateful thanks for their generosity and dedication.*

*Wishing you and your families a very happy New Year!*

Fr. Anton



## 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)

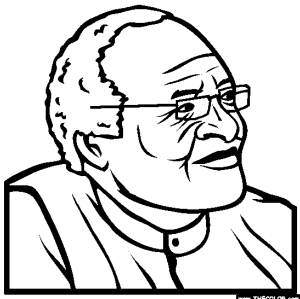
Unfortunately, due to present circumstances, our parishioners were unable to visit Romania this year. We are still in regular contact with 'Maria Stein' day centre for children who regularly update us on the activities the children are doing. They have struggled these past months but were still able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



**"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor"**

**Desmond Tutu**

### *In the beginning*

'NASA's James Webb Space Telescope was launched on Dec 25, 2021 at 7:20 a.m. EST. We are poised on the edge of a truly exciting time of discovery, of things we've never before seen or imagined. Administrator Bill Nelson says, "The promise of Webb is not what we know we will discover; it's what we don't yet understand or can't yet fathom about our universe. I can't wait to see what it uncovers!" Its mission is to seek the light from the first galaxies in the early universe, to explore every phase of cosmic history – from within our solar system to the most distant observable galaxies in the early universe, to everything in between. Webb will reveal new and unexpected discoveries and help humanity understand the origins of the universe and our place in it.' [1] We cannot fail to share in the excitement of all who have dedicated their time and talents to the Webb Space Telescope mission. We experience their sense of awe and wonder at what has already been revealed and what has yet to be revealed. Richard Rohr tells us that 'now that we are coming to understand the magnificent nature of the cosmos, we're finding that many mystics' spiritual intuitions are paralleled by scientific theories and explanations. All disciplines, arts, and sciences are just approaching truth from different perspectives.'

We can have our own awesome daily discoveries when we sit with the opening verses of today's gospel: ***In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.*** Each time we reflect on these words 'God will enlighten the eyes of our mind.' We will grow in awareness that 'the Incarnation enables us to burrow deep into the heart of planet Earth and find it shimmering with divinity.' [2] Yet whether we 'go forth to wonder at the height of mountains, the huge waves of the sea, the broad flow of the ocean or the course of the stars, let us not forget to wonder at ourselves' [3]

**'I wish I could show you the Astonishing Light of your own Being.'** [4]

[1] [webb.nasa.gov](http://webb.nasa.gov) [2] Cardinal Avery Dulles [3] St Augustine. Adapted [4] Hafiz

### **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



## 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**



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**

## BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM DROP- IN SESSIONS

1<sup>st</sup> 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**

## 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.

A note for your new diary 2022! We will gather together on **13th January at 7pm in St. Aidan's Club** to reflect together and to see what will emerge.



## **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/channelUC6YzfvR\\_fKIF9Xut6EjqtQ](https://www.youtube.com/channelUC6YzfvR_fKIF9Xut6EjqtQ)

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.**