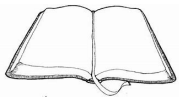


Sunday 23rd of August 2020



**First Reading**

Prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

**Responsorial Psalm**

Your, love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands

**Second Reading**

St Paul to the Romans 11: 33-36

**Gospel Acclamation**

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled

**Gospel Reading**

Matthew 16: 13-20

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[www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)  
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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



Sunday 23rd August 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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NEWSLETTER

## Prayer Requests



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

Amy Adair, Tricia Andrews, 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,  
Lila Czerwinska, Marie D'Arcy, Mary Davis, Nathan Davies, Annette Devine, Graham Dawson,  
Sarah Doherty, Eddie Doran, Maria Edge, Margaret Edmondson, Nancy Evans, Cath Fadden,  
Paula Fitzpatrick, Margaret Flynn, Collette Garlick, Janine Garvey, George Gibbons,  
Wyn Graham, Nick Gregory, Fr. Bernard Higham, Amanda Hill, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill,  
Victoria Hill-Edmondson, Ann Holden, Barbara & Mike Holman, Kathleen Hughes, Marie Hunter,  
Joe, Jimmy Jones, Eileen Joyce, 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, Sr Maureen McCollum, Bernard McCormick, Susan McDougalle,  
Maureen McGurk, Caelan McKeown, Patrick McKeown, Jennifer McKeown,  
Susan & Alan McKeown, Jennifer McLaughin, Alan McMahan, Kay McNeill,  
Roisin & Padraig McRory, Pat Madden, Marion, Colette Martin, Kayleigh Martin, Terry Martin,  
Jerome Mitchell, Laura Mitchell, Mave Mooney, Joan Moran, Steve Moore, Deacon Joe Morgan,  
Aidan Morris, Fr. Simon, Norma Mudge, John Mulcahey, Jane Murney, Margaret Murphy,  
Marie McFarlane, Hazel Naylor, Pam Nugent, Terry Naylor, Madeline O'Hare,  
Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Paul, Jacqueline Patel, Wendy Paveley, Clare Pendleton, Wyn Pickup,  
Maisie Pritchard, Alison Randles, Alan Ratcliffe, Josie Riley, Bernard Riley, Sandra Rowley,  
Rose Sankey, Philip Simmins, Bob Singleton, Bel Smith, Steve Smith, James Soundie,  
Maggie Steward, Edward Tarouilly, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh,  
Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow.

### Lately Deceased

John (Jake) Roberts, Eileen Stewart, Fred Pruden,

### Anniversaries

Daphne Flynn, Dawn Carey,

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 23rd August 2020**

**St Aidan** - 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 22nd August— Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — Daphne Flynn, Baby Jemima Keyser

### Sunday 23rd August—Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

**St. Agnes Mass** 9.30 am — The Brown Family, People of Belarus

**St. Agnes Mass** 11.00 am — Terry Naylor, Private Intention

### Monday 24th August—Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle

**Funeral Service** — John (Jake) Roberts (*St Agnes Church*)

### Tuesday 25th August

### Wednesday 26th August - Memorial of Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Mother of God

**St Agnes Mass** 7.30 p.m.— Vera Payne, Edward Jones

### Thursday 27th August—Memorial of St Monica

### Friday 28th August — Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

**St Aidan** 12 noon - Phil Gallagher, Paul Vaughan

**Funeral Service**—Eileen Stewart (St Agnes)

### Saturday 29th August— Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

**St. Agnes** 5.30pm — Tom Costello, Kathy Worrel

### Sunday 30th August—Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

**St. Agnes Mass** 9.30 am — In Thanks-giving for prayers answered, David Murphy

**St. Agnes Mass** 11.00 am — Steve Sheridan, Ste Rimmer

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*Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added  
to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.*

## 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.

## Another New and easy way of contributing to Sts. Aidan and Agnes

Text giving is now 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



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Many Thanks for your kind generosity!  
*Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*

## **Upon this rock I will build my church.”**

Throughout the gospels Jesus teaches his disciples through his choice of metaphors and similes which speak to them - and us - more powerfully than doctrines and legislations. Today's use of the image of the rock, reminds us of the expression 'He/she is as solid as a rock' which we use to describe someone's strength of character, with the implication being that that person will be immovable in his/her adherence to principles and beliefs.

Yet, let's reflect on the image of a rock, from the smallest pebble on the beach to the largest and most intricate of rock formations. Whatever its size, each rock has undergone many changes before it has become the rock we are holding or looking at. Elements such as pressure, physical and chemical changes, tectonic processes, temperature, weather conditions and water have shaped and transformed the rock before us. And they will continue to change if they remain open to the elements.

On the recent feast of St Peter and Paul we reflected on the same gospel story, and we saw that when Jesus said to Peter, "Upon this rock I will build my church," he was referring to Peter's faith and his understanding of the Christ Mystery.

Peter has a moment of awareness of who Jesus really is - the Christ, in whom all things have their being, the Centre from whom we live and it is on a life centred on this awareness that Jesus builds his church (i.e. ecclesia : assembly of people/ disciples)

"We all have some centre from which we live. People, things, and experiences tend to become our anchor point, the centre of our life. They give us our bearings and stability. They not only shape how we live but, more importantly, who we are becoming. Jesus is always inviting us to go deeper, to look within and discover who or what our life is centered on, and then to re-centre. The life of discipleship is one of continual re-centering. As the elements slowly form and shape rocks over time so does a lifetime of openness and surrender to all the circumstances of our lives gradually transform us into people who witness and testify to God's life, love, and presence in our lives and the world."

Michael Marsh

## IMPORTANT BAPTISM INFORMATION

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 very short meeting at St. Agnes church with Fr. Anton (& the parish Baptism preparation team).

The first of these meetings will be on **Wednesday 26th August 2020** after the 7:30pm Mass. If you would like to attend this, please contact the office by **Tuesday 25th August 2020**, midday, so that you will have time to access the video before the meeting.

Children may not attend this meeting and you will need to wear a face covering.

- 3) Once you have attended this meeting, you will need to phone the parish office to book a date for the baptism.

These meetings will now take place on an allocated Wednesday after the 7.30 pm Mass. We encourage you to come to Mass prior to the meeting.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, Celebration of the Baptism is limited to 30 person including: parents, siblings of the child, godparents and grandparents.

A. Fernandopulle

## Sr. Silvia

Silvia came to be with us for a nine month Sabbatical almost three years ago. She was asked to stay on here for a further two years as a member of our Huyton Community and I know how much you have taken her to your hearts and how happy she has been to be here among you.

However, she has been asked now to respond to a new call and Silvia has been discerning this with the Leadership Team of Central Europe, with the Leadership Team of G.B. and with the community here in Huyton.

There is a vision and desire to open a small Centre in Transylvania where young people who are searching for the direction in their lives could be helped to discern together, living in community for shorter or longer periods of time and with support from other adults. The hope is that Silvia will get this project underway.

With a view to this, Silvia has been asked to Co-Direct a similar project which is already underway in Germany, in Frankfurt for one year and then to use this experience for the project in Transylvania. She will be leaving at the beginning of September.

As you can imagine this was not an easy decision for Silvia.. She has been very happy here in Huyton ... we as a community have appreciated all that she has brought to us and to the wider community and it would have been great if she could have continued.

It is a sadness for her to leave. At the same time, I know she will remain in the hearts of us all and we will no doubt see her here from time to time and I know you will pray with this new venture for the Helpers in Transylvania.

Sr. MaryRose

### **A word from Silvia:**

I said 'yes' to this request because I felt this is resonating with my inner call to accompany people on their journey with God and in their search for what is life-giving for them. It was a hard decision for me, as I felt at home here, in "Anam Cara", in our community, in the Parish, among the Helper Companions, the Retreat Groups and the Volunteers at Share Knowsley. I am deeply grateful for everything we lived and shared together, for all the kindness, love, welcome and support I received during these almost 3 years. You, amazing people will always have a special place in my heart and I hope to stay in touch and to continue to build together on the bridge between our communities, our countries. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and may God bless you!

Sr. Silvia