

Sunday 2nd of August 2020



First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3
The Lord will renew his covenant with the descendents of David.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9,15-18
The Lord provides for his people.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35,37-39
Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21
Jesus feeds the crowd with five loaves and two fish.

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 2nd August 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.



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, Nick Berentzen, Elsie Blundell, Philip Bromwell, Triona Bromwell, Sophie Bond, Aaron Carmichael, Margaret Chandler, Rita Connelly, Thomas Clegg, Nicholas Cragg, Janet & Ray Cragg, John Cunningham, 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-Edmundson, 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 & Pdraig 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, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow.

Lately Deceased Barry Watson, Michael Bruder, Phil Gallagher, Hilda Keogh

Anniversaries Nicola Riley,

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 2nd August 2020

St Aidan - Courage to denounce racism

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.



Come Dine with us at the Parish Club

It was good to see some of you, this time without a mask, in the Parish Club last Sunday evening. Those of us who were there agreed to put forward the following proposal:

We would like to meet in the parish club with our own tea (your own Friday evening meal..even fish and chips) to enjoy the evening, but still following the social distance guidelines. Please be assured that the tables are well distanced to keep us all safe and we need to respect the appropriate social distancing requirements. This is NOT a 'shared table' and there must be NO sharing of meals except with those in your own social bubble. Kindly do not bring any drinks as the club bar will be open for you to purchase drinks. Let us try to support our club and encourage people to use it as in the past.

Due to restrictions in numbers if you wish to join us its important that you register to secure a place before Wednesday the 5th of August as we can reserve only a limited amount of tables. You can call or email the parish office or leave a message on the Parish Zoom Whatsapp group.

Looking forward to seeing you on **Friday the 7th August at 7pm** at our Parish Club.



The Sacrament of Baptism

We are aware that there are many people anxious to find out about Baptisms. There is so much to consider, given the strict guidelines that we are having to adhere to at the moment. If you have already attended a Baptism meeting and have not yet been contacted by someone in the office, please contact us on 0151 489 3085.

If you have not yet attended a Baptism meeting, and would like to put your child's name down for Baptism, please call the office on the above number from the beginning of next week (w/c 27/07/2020), when we will have more information for 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) 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



For St. Aidan

Text **AIDAN** to 70085 to donate £2..
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Many Thanks for your kind generosity!
Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st August– Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Agnes 5.30pm — David & Brian Fisher, Peter & Nellie Lynch

Sunday 2nd August—Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am — Parishioners, Private intention.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am — Austin Riley, Protection of the Indigenous people around the world.

Monday 3rd August

Tuesday 4th August— St John Vianney Memorial

Wednesday 5th August— Dedication of St Mary Major

St Agnes Mass 7.30 p.m.— Ste Rimmer , Parishioners

Thursday 6th August— Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Funeral Service- Michael Bruder (St. Aidan's Church)

Friday 7th August —

St Aidan 12 noon - Nic Nicalau, Private intention

7PM Come Dine with us at St. Aidan Parish Club.



Saturday 8th August - St Dominic, Priest Memorial

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Paul Patrick, Patricia Morrissey

Sunday 9th August – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am - Mrs Kenny, Private intention

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Barry Watson, All those who have to leave their home country because of persecution

We already have a number of Mass intentions for Masses that were already scheduled, but if you would like a Mass said, please will you contact the

Spiritual Resources

There are a number of links to live Mass streams, prayer suggestions and messages from Archbishop Malcolm on the Liverpool Archdiocese website:

<http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/Home-Page>

We encourage you to take a look.

We would recommend tuning into the live Mass of Fr Peter Morgan at St Anne's Parish. This can be found at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzmZorKVDc04H7FNifNIX9A>

Little Church

There are resources for the little church on the parish Facebook page. -*Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan* and the Parish Website -<http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk/about>

Virtual Gathering

While the church has now reopened, we are very aware that many will not yet feel ready to return to Mass. We continue to meet together virtually, bringing the church and all our community at home together. At your usual Mass time, allow yourself time for prayer and quiet reflection.

Together pray the Our Father and the following prayer:

Generous God,

fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,
that we may look after one another in these challenging days.

Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in the
days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all.

Bless them and keep them safe. Amen

Close with the sign of the cross

Abundance

The story of the feeding of the 5000 is the only miracle that appears in all four Gospels. In Matthew and Mark there are additional accounts of feeding 4000 people. In all accounts, the disciples query how the crowds could be fed with the small amount of food provided. In some accounts, as in today's gospel, the disciples wanted to send the people away to take care of their own food.

In the Gospel stories of 'multiplication' Jesus' response is not only an act of compassion but it is primarily a revelation of the nature of divine compassion. He wants to create a new understanding of 'enoughness', of more than 'enoughness' - as we see in the twelve baskets left over. The human mind is actually incapable of imagining anything infinite or eternal. So it cannot conceive an infinite love or a God whose mercy and compassion is everlasting. Every multiplication story emphasises abundance, that there is always much left over. It is a major mental and heart conversion to move from a scarcity model to an abundance model and to live with an attitude of gratitude. Our little tiny lives are connected with something bigger, something that matters, something eternal. Suddenly our ordinary lives have a transcendent and universal meaning. Whether we realise it or not, that is the hunger and thirst within each one of us. [1]

Like the disciples, we count what is there though we too often focus on what is not there. And pretty soon the reality of our circumstances blinds us to the possibilities of what might be. Our vision becomes narrow and the world small. We see through the lens of scarcity or lack and not through the lens of abundance. The problem is not a lack of fish and bread but a lack of vision. We see things not as they are, but as we are. The abundance of God's loving presence is hidden in plain view and often within the illusion of scarcity. Abundance is less a resource to be counted and more an interior quality, a presence, a way of being and seeing. [2]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Michael Marsh

