

Sunday 9th of August 2020



First Reading

Book of the Kings 19:9.11-13
Stand on the mountain before the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84:9-14
Let's see, O Lord your mercy and give us your saving help.

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Gospel Acclamation

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

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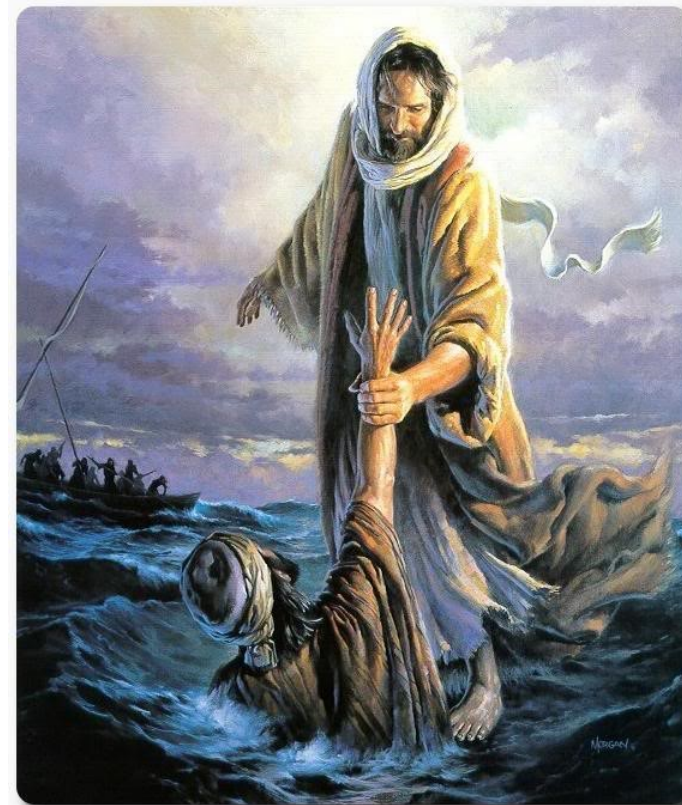
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NEWSLETTER



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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.



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, 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 & 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 Stewart, Breige Treanor, Mary Waldron, Frances Walsh, Fr Nicholas Wild, Kate Williams, Anthony Wilson, Anthony Winrow.

Lately Deceased Ann McLoughlin, Sarah Williams, David Murphy

Anniversaries Joan Jones

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning 9th 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 8th August– St. Dominic, Priest Memorial

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Paul Patrick, Pat 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

Monday 10th August—Feast of St. Lawrence Deacon and Martyr

Funeral Service—Ann McGloughlin (St. Aidan Church)

Tuesday 11th August— Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin

Wednesday 12th August -

Funeral Service –Hilda Keogh (St. Agnes Church)

St Agnes Mass 7.30 p.m.— Rev Peter Holmer, Margaret Bradigan & Mary Worsley.

Thursday 13th August—

Funeral Service – Philip James Gallagher(St. Aidan's Church)

Friday 14th August — Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

St Aidan 12 noon - Private Intention, Those working on Coronavirus/COVID-19 vaccines

Saturday 15th August -

St. Agnes 5.30pm — Michael Bruder, Parishioners

Sunday 16th August – Solemnity Of The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Agnes Mass 9.30 am - Ste Rimmer, Those mentally and physically challenged.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Patricia Mitchell, Volunteers

Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added

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

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Many Thanks for your kind generosity!
Fr. Anton 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

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

"It is I. Do not be afraid."

More often than not we cry out to be rescued from the circumstances of which we are afraid. We want to escape the storm. We want to be picked up and set down somewhere else, somewhere that is safe, calm, and comfortable. Jesus didn't do that for the disciples and he doesn't do that for us. Instead, Jesus reveals himself in the very midst of the storm itself. Where else would he be, this one we call Emmanuel, God with us?

Jesus uses the 'crossing the lake' experience to show that the disciples are being invited to cross to a new level of faith, a new level of consciousness and to cross boundaries of understanding. He is always teaching them, journeying with them and using the real experiences of life to deepen their awareness of who he is and who they are. The very elements that threatened to destroy the disciples became the environment in which they recognise Jesus as the Son of God. What they first perceived as certain death they now recognise as new life and hope.

It makes no sense to think that the very elements that threaten our lives are the same elements from which new life comes. Almost everyone on our planet is finding it difficult to recognise God in the midst of so much suffering, uncertainty and fear for the future. It is when we hear Jesus' words, "It is I. Do not be afraid," and we respond to his invitation to "Come," we will experience our sharing in his life, his energy. We will be able to walk through any storm knowing that "God is a presence that spares us from nothing, but unexplainably sustains us in all things."(James Finley)

We will often drown in our attempts to understand our painful circumstances or search for 'quick-fix' solutions. The secret is to trust in God who leads us to the edge of our own resources and we then surrender to the Absolute Source of perfect Love and infinite Life. When we surrender, we begin to discover an enormous space outside of our narrow experiences and plans. We discover the expansiveness and spaciousness of God, and of life, and it becomes possible to find peace in the midst of chaos.

Various sources: Sharon Grussendorff, Michael Marsh, Richard Rohr.