

Sunday 11th February 2024



First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The leper must live apart he must live outside the camp

Responsorial Psalm:

You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Take me for your model, as I take Christ

Gospel Acclamation:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

The leprosy left him at once and he was cured

OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

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Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

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Mass cards available from church/office.

(Please note the parish office is located beside the church, entrance via the church car park - green door)

For your information:

Parish Newsletters are posted on

Parish Website every week at:

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH CLUB

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

becoming a
Welcoming Church
11th February.

Shared Table after
11am Mass

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 11th February
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Year B

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.

Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses

Holy Mass is live streamed every Sunday at 11am on youtube:

Search Youtube Stagnesstaidan

You can watch and pray, the Mass any time after 12.30pm on Sundays,
Livestreamed Masses are with a congregation so if you attend anonymity cannot be guaranteed.

Saturday 10th February - St Scholastica, Virgin

Mass 5.30 pm - Bernie Fisher, Kathleen Latham

Sunday 11th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Day for the Sick, Day for the Unemployed

Mass 9.30 am - Nora & John Fleming, Johnny Kennedy

Mass 11.00 am - Peggy Coyne, Crilly, Flanagan & Cahill Families

Monday 12th February - Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 14th February - Ash Wednesday Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Mass 12 noon—Unemployed Parishioners & their families

Mass 7.30 pm— Terminally ill Parishioners & their families



Friday 16th February

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Victims of Domestic Violence

Saturday 17th February -

Mass 5.30 pm - Joan Boardman, John Gregory

Sunday 18th February - First Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Hugh and Alice Reilly, Carmel Fowler

Mass 11.00 am - Rose Mountain, Fran Huby

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm

(or by appointment during office hours)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 11th Feb - Becoming a Welcoming Church (CARJ)
- 1st May - Time to Remember Service
- 9th June - International Table (CARJ) @ St Agnes & St Aidan
- 14th July - BBQ and Fundraiser @ St Agnes & St Aidan
- 6th Sept - Main Fundraiser in St Aidan's Club
- 9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy
- 27th Oct - World Mission Sunday(CARJ)

CONFIRMATION 2024

Archdiocese website for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and will close on the **15th March**.

Any young person in year 8 can register for Confirmation preparation at

www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

While the registration period is open Animate (Diocesan Youth Ministry) will visit schools in the archdiocese to promote the Sacrament. At the same time schools will teach about the Sacrament in their RE classes.

If you need further information please contact the parish office.

Preparation for Easter

Five one-hour sessions of silent reflection based on James Finley's insights and beautiful poetic imagery.

Venue: Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

Dates: Tuesdays February 20th and 27th; March 5th, 12th, 19th

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am. Tea will be served after each session.

Since handouts will be given out, it will be helpful to know how many to prepare. Please email Cathy York. Contact: cathmyork@gmail.com

If the dates and times suggested are not suitable, alternatives could be offered, again contact Cathy, to see what can be arranged.

THE BELLE VALE PASSION.

Holy Saturday 12noon Belle Vale Shopping Centre: What are you doing for Lent? This project promises to be a great way to prepare for Easter. It will offer the opportunity to nurture new friendships, contribute towards a community project, and above all, bring the Easter story to the local community.

There are many roles, tasks, and voluntary jobs. We would like to get 100 people signed up by Ash Wednesday (14th Feb) and there is a role for everyone. Please visit the website bellevalepassion.co.uk to watch a short film and find out how you can get involved.

Embracing the Leper

Both Jesus and the leper defy the rules - the leper was not to approach; Jesus was not to touch or even speak to the leper who was condemned to a life of isolation and treated as a non-person. 'The leper did not doubt Jesus' power to heal him, but he doubted whether or not Jesus would engage with a leper who dared to approach him in defiance of the religious Law of the time. Jesus' compassion broke the boundaries that the Law sought to create. His response to the leper shows that God is not in the business of excluding people, regardless of how they are judged by others. The gospel reading suggests that the Lord's instinct to include overcomes all the forces that work to exclude. That message is both a reassuring word for us when we feel excluded and a challenging word when we are tempted to exclude others.' [1] It is significant that Jesus heals the leper by touching him. 'Touch, and the world of touch, bring us out of the anonymity of distance into the intimacy of belonging. Touch brings presence home.' [2]

'Leprosy is a symbol of the aspects of our lives that we fear, all that we deny, all that we wish to exclude from our lives. In touching the leper Jesus is symbolically telling us that God wishes to reach us in our weakness and restore us to fullness of life. What are the issues in our lives that are "untouchable", that need to be embraced, released and healed?' [3] 'In defiance of popular thinking, both therapy and spirituality encourage us to embrace our shadow self, to reclaim what we have denied, feared and rejected, to befriend our mistakes and failures. In doing so we leave space for Mystery, for the healing alchemy of God – who is within us.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Fr Martin Hogan [2] John O'Donohue [3] Jim Gordon [4] R. Rohr

Blessing Prayer for Healing

May you desire to be healed.

May what is wounded in your life be restored to good health.

May you be receptive to the ways in which healing needs to happen.

May you take good care of yourself.

May you extend compassion to all that hurts within your body, mind, and spirit.

May you be patient with the time it takes to heal.

May you be aware of the wonders of your body, mind, and spirit and their ability in returning you to good health.

May you be open to receive kindness, care, and compassion from others.

May you extend kindness, care, and compassion to others.

May you rest peacefully under the sheltering wings of divine love, trusting in this gracious presence.

May you find little moments of beauty and joy to sustain you.

May you keep hope in your heart.

(Joyce Rupp)

Prayer Requests

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

Please let the office know if you wish to add a name to the list. All names from last year have been removed.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Jane Blakemore, George Boland, Katie Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Joan Critchley, Ted Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holman, Sue Hughes, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Peter Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Michael O'Brien, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,



Lately Deceased

John Jones, Joseph Patrick O'Donnell, Vincent Joseph Barrington

Anniversaries

Kathleen Latham, William Kelly

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 11th February: Church Cleaners and Volunteers

Please contact the Parish office if you would like a Mass Intention, an Anniversary or anyone adding to the Prayer List. If you wish this to be said on a specific date can you please give the office as much advanced warning as possible. Please note: As in previous years Easter and Christmas masses will be for all the parishioners and not for individual intentions. Thank you.

Weekday Opening: The church is open daily (except on bank holidays) from 10am—1pm for quiet prayer and refecton.

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM - DROP-IN SESSIONS

1st Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm, in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room, at St. Agnes & St. Aidan Church on Huyton Hey Road.L36 5SQ . (*Entrance on St. Mary's Road via the arched metal gate*)

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 with an opportunity for quiet prayer should you wish.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will be
on Monday 4th March**

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 ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday 12 noon and 1 pm
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm
4th Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Can be obtained from the Parish Office. Please email or phone the office with your request.

Once ordered copies can be **collected on Monday or Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm**

WELCOME TO OUR OPEN CHURCH

As a parish family we have invested a considerable amount of money on security to make it possible to keep the church open during the weekdays from 10am to 1pm (except on bank holidays) Please feel free to avail yourself of this opportunity to spend some valuable time in the presence of the blessed sacrament in private prayer or just to light a candle.



LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ

**The next meeting is on
Sunday 18th February**

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ & on **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

BECOMING A WELCOMING PARISH

Everyone is invited to a **table fellowship** to begin a conversation/discussion about what a welcoming church means.

Please invite your friends from different ethnic backgrounds/nationalities

**Sunday 11th February after 11am Mass
From 12.30pm**

Parking

We would discourage inconsiderate parking in the church car parks where only one space should be used.

Please pay attention when parking on the edge of the pavements as it sometimes makes it impossible for wheelchair users and prams to pass safely.

Please note: Residents also need to access their driveways with ease.

Thank you for your consideration

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

20th Feb OR 22nd Feb
Second Children's session
6pm - 7pm in St. Aidan's Club

19th March OR 21st March
Third Children's session
6pm - 7pm in church.

Reconciliation dates and rehearsals dates to be confirmed.

**11th May St. Aidan's First Communion
10 am**

**11th May St. Joseph's First Communion
12:30 pm**

**12th May All other schools
First Communion 1:30 pm**

**18th May St. Anne's First Communion
10 am & 12:30 pm**

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

Any school forms for the children who attend church regularly (mass attendance for at least two years) should not be filled in by the parents/guardians and should be handed over to the priest in person.

Music Group: Tuesday 20th February at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 20th February at 1-3pm. A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community. If you have a prayer intention, please complete a prayer slip (by St Martins or Our Lady statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.

SOUP CLUB

**SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church
82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

Wednesday 21st February

Soup and a roll and Tea Dance

Wednesday 20th March at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Spring Crafts

Wednesday 17th April at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Easter Quiz

Wednesday 15th May at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Bingo

**Sponsored by Livv Housing
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PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 14th February

1pm until 3pm In the parish meeting room
(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members always welcome

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

22 February 2024 11 am—1 pm