

**Sunday 31st March 2024**



**First Reading:**

Acts of the Apostles 10: 34.37-43  
*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad**

**Second Reading:**

St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4  
*You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.**

**Gospel:** John 20:1-9

*He must rise from the dead*

**OFFICE/CHURCH**

**Parish Office:**  
82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ  
Tel: 0151 489 3085

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**Email Address:**

agnesaidan@rcaol.org.uk

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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**Deacon:**

Mike Whelan

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**Parish Priest**

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*(Resident in parish)*

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**PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

*1st May - Time to  
Remember Service.*



**He is  
RISEN**

**Sunday 31st March**

**Easter Sunday  
Year B**

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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.*

NEWSLETTER

## 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.

### Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 30th March

Mass 8.30pm - Asylum Seekers & Refugees



### Easter Sunday 31st March

Mass 9.30 am - Volunteers of St Agnes & St Aidan

Mass 11.00 am - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

### Wednesday 3rd April

Mass 7.30 pm - Daphne Flynn, Peter Markey

### Friday 5th April

Requiem Mass 12 noon - Peter Markey

### Saturday 6th April

Mass 5.30pm - Veronica Gregory, Patsy Smith

### Sunday 7th April - Second Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.30 am - Mary McDonnell, Jimmy & Ella Watts

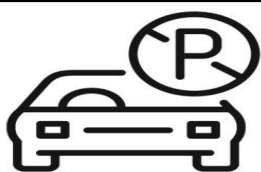
Mass 11.00 am - Sarah & Martin Coffey, Maureen Knight



**Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm (or by appointment)**

Please be considerate when parking as residents  
also need to access their driveways with ease.

Thank you



## Archbishop Malcolm McMahon Easter Message 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we start going out, and coming home in the light again, it usually means one thing; Easter is around the corner.

As we leave Winter and enter Spring, we are also reminded of the new life that starts at this time of year.

Whether that be the plants in your garden, the leaves on trees, or the caterpillars and butterflies that start showing their faces again.

This time of year is an incredibly important one in our faith. We remind ourselves that Jesus Christ died for our sins, descended into Hell, and rose from the dead.

It is a reminder that there is always hope, even in the depths of despair. When Jesus was betrayed by Judas and ultimately crucified on Good Friday, it felt like hope was lost.

But on the third day, Christ rose from the depths of Hell and things were looking light again.

It is a message we can all take into our everyday lives. When things are looking bleak, whether it be a personal issue, or a wider issue like conflict in Ukraine, Gaza and other parts of the world, a light can always be found.

It's also important to remember the journey we have been on for the past 40 days for Lent. From Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday we have all tried to enrich our lives, by either giving up something that is bad for us, or adding something more positive, like praying into our everyday life.

Whatever you have decided to do this year, I hope you had every success, and life is better for the choices you have made.

May the light of Jesus Christ be present in you all, as we celebrate his resurrection.

Yours in Christ,

Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP  
Archbishop of Liverpool

## PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The balance for the trip to Rome is due by 1st June.

People sharing a twin room - balance £930 per person

People with a single room - balance £1,380 per person

Everyone needs to be aware that due to new EU Regulations the expiry date on all passports needs to have three months after leaving Italy. Your passport needs to have been issued after 9th June 2014

## Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see someone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Or it may be that you are unable to attend Church because you have been ill.

In either case please contact the office as soon as possible and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch, if they so wish.



## SPECIAL APPEAL MONTHLY STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS

As we all try to overcome the problem of the 'Cashless Society' we urge as many as possible to use the Standing Order option. You can do so by simply signing the form which is available at the back of Church in plastic wall file holder.

Please collect an envelope which contains the Standing order mandate form for your bank and all the necessary instructions. Please note the small application/ gift aid declaration, form with your name address is to be handed over to the office.

However, parishioners who prefer to continue using Offertory Envelopes and **NOT** monthly Standing order payments may continue to do so.

*Thank you for your help  
Fr Anton*

## Parish Whatsapp Group

Its wonderful to see so many parishioners connecting via the parish Whatsapp group. All those who worship here and their families are invited to be part of this link.

If you are interested please contact Brian Roberts on 07779328414.

This is a great tool to keep everyone informed of important events/services. Our hope is that this will bring more positive energy to our vibrant parish community.



## Prayer Requests

***Your charitable prayers are asked 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.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Jane Blakemore, George Boland, Katie Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holman, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Michael O'Brien, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Betty Savage, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

## Lately Deceased

Gary Hughes

## Anniversaries

Jimmy & Ella Watts, Lawrence McCrystal, Eileen Angus, Terence Augustine Phillips



**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 31st March: Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan**

**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 8th April**

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 21st April**

**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'

### **GOLD BOOK**

If you would like the name of your deceased loved ones written in **The Gold Book** please contact the parish office with their name and the month they died so that their names can be added. (0151 489 3085)



### **PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB**

**Next meeting on 10th April**

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

New Members always welcome

### **PIETY STALL**

There are a varied range of cards and gifts on the piety stall at the back of church.

We also have a variety of First Holy Communion cards, rosaries and candles.

If you cannot find what you are looking for we will attempt to obtain them for you if possible

## **SHARe Knowsley News**

As we approach Easter, we would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Since January we have welcomed 80 new arrivals and have carried out almost 700 support interventions for 232 people.

Demand for our services is great and without your support we couldn't do the work we do.

We are really short on good quality men's clothing and footwear so if you have items that you no longer use, please consider donating them to us. We are also very short on toiletries: shower gel, shampoo and deodorants are always in demand.

Donations can be dropped at The Old School House. Please help if you can. Wishing you all a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.  
Margaret Roche

## **CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)**

All those who are passionate about racial justice are welcome to be part of our parish CARJ. We are at the moment making plans for our annual "International Table Fellowship" which will be held here on Sunday the 9th of June. Meanwhile, here is some food for thought.

Everyone of our parishes, schools and organisations has a responsibility to actively practise anti-racism in all aspects of our mission. We need to address the lack of visible diversity at every level, so that people can see themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the Church's life.

**Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding and lurks in waiting. Instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think.**

**Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti 97**

**Ann Malone**  
**Chair of the CARJ- Agnes & Aidan**

## Huyton Family of Parishes

As you know Archbishop Malcom asked us to form Families of Parishes to help take forward the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese. These are groups of parishes that will start to work more closely together, support each other and also to start to consider plans for the future.

Our Family of Parishes in Huyton was confirmed in March and includes:

St Agnes and St Aidan's  
St Aloysius  
St Dominic's  
St Columba and St John Fisher  
St Albert's

Due to specific pastoral issues in a number of our parishes we have already begun meeting to consider our future needs and plans. We will need to carefully consider the provision of Masses and services, pastoral activities, our buildings and other resources, our schools, clergy (priests and deacons) and pastoral workers, and most importantly come together to agree a shared vision for the church in the future in Huyton, Stockbridge Village and Knowsley Village.

There has already been a meeting with the parish priests, and recently, a planning group has been formed consisting of the clergy and representatives from each of the parishes. This group will help oversee and plan consultations in all our parishes and then form future plans and proposals which can be presented to the parishes and to the Archbishop and his advisors for approval. The representatives on the group for our parish are Christine Ball, Sally Ann Burke, Sr MaryRose, Deacon Mike Whelan, Frs. Richard and Anton.

We will be in contact in the near future with news on how everyone can be involved and contribute to the plans and consultations. Please pray for all our parishes as we look to the future together.

Thank you

Parish reps of Ss. Agnes and Aidan.

## FIRST COMMUNION DATES

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

## Monthly Craft Group

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

**On 25th April**

## SOUP CLUB

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

**Wednesday 17th April at 12.30 pm**

**Wednesday 15th May at 12.30 pm**

**Wednesday 19th June at 12.30 pm.**

**Wednesday 17th July at 12.30 pm.**

**Wednesday 21st August at 12.30 pm.**

**Wednesday 18th September at 12.30 pm.**

**Wednesday 16th October at 12.30 pm.**

**Wednesday 20th November at 12.30 pm.**

**Wednesday 18th December at 12.30 pm.**

**Sponsored by Livv Housing  
and Caring Connections**

## St Agnes & St Aidan - DBS Rechecks

Could we ask all people who are volunteers and have had a DBS check to contact either Honor Ambrose or Cath Golding and begin the preparation for a recheck. Unfortunately, the archdiocese have given us only a six week window to complete these checks.

The volunteers who only need a recheck will not have to complete the full set of paperwork but most will still need three pieces of identification.

We will be available after mass over the next couple of weekends and are hoping to have another drop in and would appreciate your co-operation. Many Thanks .

**Music Group: Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

**Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 2nd April 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



### ***From Darkness into Light***

*Early in the morning, while it was still dark... 'That's where Easter began two millennia ago. It's where Easter still begins now: in the dark. Easter began with fear and bewilderment. The first disciples had to hope in the midst of their struggles, in the heart of the shadows.'* [1]

*... While it was still dark, Mary came running to the tomb, 'while there was no hope, while she was in despair, while she felt lost, alone and bereft. The dawning of hope arises in those places where we are most hopeless, lost in the darkness of our despair. It is a hope that we are unable to engineer ourselves because it is a much larger hope than we can ever imagine. Unless the small picture that we have of our lives is shattered, we will not be able to awaken to the fuller picture that is possible.'* [2] *'Every life crisis carries within it the kernels of a reversal, a renewal, an expansion, a leap in consciousness, and a letting go of the old and a birth of the new.'* [3]

*'The Easter message of **life** is found in the midst of death, not apart from it. The Easter message of **hope** arises from the centre of our sorrows and losses, not apart from them.*

*The Easter message of **new possibilities** is at the heart of business as usual, not apart from it.*

*Death is real but it is not the end.*

*Those are truths of this day. They do not change the circumstances of our life but they change us in the midst of those circumstances. They do not eliminate our difficulties and problems, but they see us through those difficulties and problems.'* [4]

*May the spirit and light of this Easter morning lead us from darkness into the light of peace and hope and transfiguration. We were sent here to search for the light of Easter in our hearts, and when we find it we are meant to give it away generously.* [5]

Adapted: [1] Debie Thomas [2] Sharon Grussendorf [3] David Hawkins  
[4] Michael Marsh [5] John O' Donohue

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



- 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)

### **CAFOD SOUP DAY**

Many thanks for all the generosity of all the parishioners who made soup and bread. In total we raised £514.00 which included the CAFOD envelope donations

### **ALTAR SERVERS REUNION**

We would like to invite Altar Servers who have served for at least two years from 2005 to contact the parish office as soon as possible as we hope to have a get together for former Altar Servers at our parish barbecue.

### **Llysfasi Residential Spirituality Workshop - 12-29 August**

Llysfasi will be hosting a transformative workshop at the Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno from 12 - 29 Aug, 2024. This workshop offers a creative experiential journey rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will engage in prayer, personal reflection, contemplative listening, discernment, and retreat experiences, all aimed at deepening their spirituality and capacity for accompaniment. Spaces are limited, so apply soon by contacting Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS at [maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com](mailto:maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com) or visit [Llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk](http://Llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk) for more information and application forms.

### **Introduction to Sight Loss Friendly Churches (SLFC)**

**Thursday 9 May at 2pm (45 minutes)**

**Registration Link -** [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121212?pwd=ZGpjaGd0mlgz3tulkQAHmsgg\\_vBDU](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8446121212?pwd=ZGpjaGd0mlgz3tulkQAHmsgg_vBDU)

This session covers a brief overview of what it means to be a sight loss friendly church. There is an interactive element in the form of an informal quiz, personal stories and videos about sight loss and an overview of SLFC's services. Come along if you're thinking of signing up your church or if you'd like to refresh old knowledge. You can find out more at [www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk](http://www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk).