

Sunday 7th January 2024

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Responsorial Psalm:

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

11 am- Children's Mass:

All the people on the earth, rejoice to hear of the Saviour's birth!

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance

Gospel Acclamation:

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

NEW 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

SISTERS:

Helpers of the Holy Souls

Sr. Elizabeth 0151 480 7904

Sr. Mary Rose 07770 830 290

Daughters of St. Paul 0151 487 8550

St. Mary of Namur 0151 489 1302

Deacon:

Mike Whelan

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

St. Joseph 0151 477 8990

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Parish Priest

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

(Resident in parish)

Fr. Richard Sloan 0151 449 0214

Pastoral Assistant:

Christine Ball - christineball@gmail.com

Safeguarding Representatives

Cath Golding 07759 296 233

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 7th January 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord
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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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 6th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen and James Sexton, Andrew Fisher

Sunday 7th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 9.30 am - Margaret Markey, Angela Parry

Mass 11.00 am - Joseph Fortune, Maurice O'Gorman

Monday 8th January - Baptism of the Lord

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 10th January

Mass 7.30 pm— Marie Ward, Gary McMurrie

Thursday 11th January

Funeral Service 12 pm - Gary McMurrie

Friday 12th January - St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbott

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Edward & Sarah Watts

Saturday 13th January - St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Mass 5.30 pm - Malcolm Farrell, Betty Price

Sunday 14th January - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Jimmy Riley, Richard Waldron

Mass 11.00 am - Rose & Eric Mountain, Kathleen Thomson

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm
(or by appointment during office hours)



CARJ (CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE)

CARJ is an independent charity, established in 1984 in London. Here in our parish, we have an active CARJ group, and we would like you to consider joining us in our effort to promote racial justice in the church and the wider society.
Here is some of the work CARJ is involved in the UK?



CARJ works to support people from diverse backgrounds

- Empowerment of black and minority & to give them an effective voice in the Church and in the wider society. We support people from diverse backgrounds in the struggle for a more just and cohesive society.

Awareness raising and education for racial justice

- To campaign for awareness raising and education for racial justice to be an integral part of training in Seminaries, Colleges, Schools, Parishes, and Catholic organisations.

Promotion of spiritual growth and development

- To facilitate the integration of the spiritual, liturgical and theological with the moral and political struggle for justice and cohesion.
- To develop ecumenical links and links with other faith communities.

Advocacy

- To respond to requests for advice and support from those who are victims of prejudice, discrimination, and injustice.

Eucharistic Ministers

All the Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the housebound or nursing homes could you please inform the parish office the names of the persons/nursing homes you minister to. There needs to be a definitive list in the office of parishioners who are involved in this ministry. Many thanks

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)



The Epiphany

What we celebrate on the feast of the Epiphany is that it is God who is manifest, not our formulations of God! The mystery of the Epiphany is that God is perfectly hidden and perfectly revealed in the same physical place. God is shining forth in the most unwanted and unsuspected of people and places, in the material and even vulnerable world. [1]

In 'A Woman Wrapped in Silence', John W. Lynch beautifully captures the true meaning of today's feast. "These were men who saw a star and went to follow it, who heard a Name and cut the ground and could not sleep until they found the Bearer of the Name. And these were men so simple they were unconfused by simple things and, like the shepherds, found no strangeness in the child's swaddling bands. Across the star's long way they had known whom they had sought, and they had heard the names upon Isaiah's scrolls: "Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." But not in these names was heard what gentleness they found, nor talk of threadbare shawls, nor dignity of her who was a queen. And when they fell upon their knees and set their hands along the floor, her heart cried to their hearts and heard their searching and their deeper need. There have been some who say that theirs was a Wisdom that could stoop to humbleness when they had sought a king's house for a King." [2]

Epiphanies manifest the mysteries that are always beyond words. The Magi set out on a journey that would change them forever. They trusted their deep intuitions symbolised by the star and followed it outside of their comfort zone into a new territory and there they humbly bowed down before mystery. Each of us is challenged to do the same. When we find God in the most unwanted and unsuspected of people and places, we go back 'home' by a different route, yet realigned correctly with what-is. Reality is still the best ally of God, and God always comes disguised as our life. [1]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] John Lynch

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

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, Violet Chadwick, Despina, Barbara and Mike Holland, Peggy Kane, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Peter Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Joan Smith, Collette Stalford, Levinia Redpath, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,



Lately Deceased

Gary McMurrie, Marie Ward, James Riley, Mary Braben

Anniversaries

Terence V Morgan, Mary Murray, Susanna Medwell, Wilfred Murphy, Philip Keating

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 7th January Those mentally and physical challenged

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.

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

Monthly Craft Group

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

Thursday 18th January 2024 11 am—1 pm

Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will be
on Monday 5th February**

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.

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 January**

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'

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

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

KNOWSLEY YOUNG ADVENTURERS

To provide the young people in the community the chance to enjoy themselves with friends and develop important personal and independence skills by participating in team building and leadership challenges during adventurous activities that are given in an inclusive, safe and secure environment

We meet every Friday at:

St Agnes and St Aidan's Parish Church
82 Huyton Hey Road, Huyton L36 5SQ

NEW MEMBERS WANTED FOR LOCAL UKULELE GROUP

We do not teach but you can learn and improve with the group

If you are interested please call
Bryan 07725097814 or Margaret 07919967848

First Communion Catechists

We really are in need of more catechists to help with First Communion prep this year. This is a lovely role and doesn't involve a huge commitment.

It would be either one Tuesday or Thursday evening, (or if you're able, both) a month from January to March for 1 hour.

The First Communions themselves are over 4 masses on 2 Saturdays in May. Some choose to help at all of the celebrations, some come to one or two. All preparation is done by Christine, so it's just a case of working with small groups of children to support their understanding.

If you are interested, please contact Christine: christinewball@gmail.com.

As we work in small groups, it's really important the children have consistency with their catechist, so will share dates with those who message for more information. Many thanks in advance.

NURSING HOMES/HOUSEBOUND

Any Eucharistic Ministers who are interested in taking communion in the local nursing homes/housebound please contact the parish office

Music Group: Tuesday 9th January at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 9th January 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 17th January

Soup and a roll with new Year Bingo

Wednesday 21st February

Soup and a roll and a Tea Dance

Wednesday 20th March

Soup and a roll and Spring Crafts

Wednesday 17th April

Soup and a roll and Easter Quiz

Wednesday 15th May

Soup and a roll and Bingo



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 10th January

1pm until 3pm In the parish meeting room

(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members always welcome

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The draw will take place on **Sunday 7th January after 11.00 am Mass**