

Sunday 21st April 2024



First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 4: 8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved

Responsorial Psalm:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

Second Reading: St John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is

Gospel Acclamation:

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

OFFICE/CHURCH

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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

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

*1st May - Time to
Remember Service.*



NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st April 2024

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

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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 20th April

Mass 5.30 pm - Eric Martin, Special Intention

Sunday 21st April - Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Mass 9.30 am - Pat Barry, Florence Russell

Mass 11.00 am - The Park Family, James, Esther & Theresa Colligan

Monday 22nd April

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 24th April

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Saturday 27th April

Mass 5.30 pm - Elizabeth Kirk, Gary Hughes

Sunday 28th April - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.30 am - Keith Mowatt, Edward Davis

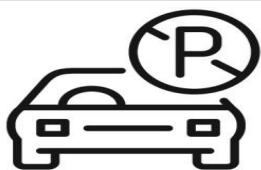
Mass 11.00 am - Maureen Mutch, James Kirkby

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



True Leadership

'In biblical times there were two kinds of shepherds - the **hired hand** for whom keeping the sheep was just a job, moving from one flock to another depending on the job, but he wouldn't risk his life for the sheep. Then there was the **shepherd-owner** of the flock who grew up with the flock and stayed with its all his life. He knew each sheep individually and called each one by name. The sheep were kept in an enclosed space with only an opening for the sheep to go in and out. At night the shepherd would usually lay down across the opening so that the sheep would not wander out and wolves would not get in.' [1]

By calling himself the Good Shepherd, Jesus shows the kind of leadership that should exist in the community of his followers. We are all called to shepherd each other. "Our calling as shepherds is not to introduce something new, but to reveal, purify and intensify what is already there. Every shepherd is called to be a Sacrament of the mystical, a reminder for others of their divine loveliness." [2]

The world is in need of true leadership. 'Genuine leaders recognise the sacredness of the human presence. Leadership is not about function or bureaucracy. It is about awakening and empowering human presence.' [3] John O' Donohue offers us a prayer for leaders:

*May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation,
Keep you mindful of the providence that calls you to serve....
May you have the wisdom to read time clearly
And know when the seed of change will flourish.*

*In your heart may there be a sanctuary
For the stillness where clarity is born.
May your work be infused with passion and creativity
And have the wisdom to balance compassion and challenge.*

May you never put yourself at the centre of things.

May you act not from arrogance but out of service.

*May your power never become a shell
Wherein your heart would silently atrophy.
May you welcome your own vulnerability
As the ground where healing and truth join.*

*May integrity of soul be your first ideal,
The source that will guide and bless your work.*

[1] Queen of Apostles community [2] Daniel O'Leary [3] John O' Donohue

Birthday Greetings

We would all like to wish Sr Elizabeth a very happy 90th Birthday and send her our love and thanks for all she has done and all she is to the parish.

We look forward to celebrating many more years with her.

Family of Parishes

As we work to become a family of Parishes with St Aloysius, St Dominic's, St Columba, St John Fisher and St Albert's; next Sunday, we will take time to answer the following questions during Mass. In preparation, we invite you to read them, think about them, pray about them, and consider your own responses. All the responses will be collated and used to support what happens next, as we move towards shaping the future of the church for our future generations.

Questions:

Consider the Catholic community across Huyton (and including Stockbridge Village and Knowsley Village)

1. What do you see?
2. What words, phrases, ideas, or images come to mind as you consider: how are things now?
3. What are your hopes?
4. What are your fears?
5. What is the future that you want to work to create together?
6. What is the story that you would like to tell those in the future about what you did now?

As well as this we are all encouraged to attend a meeting facilitated by Fr. Matthew Nunes on 8th May

7-9 pm, St. Aidan's Club, Adswood Road, Coppice Crescent, Huyton L36 7XR.

If you are unable to attend the meeting with our parish, you are welcome to participate in any of the other meetings. Dates and venues below:

1st May - 7-9 pm
The Gate Community Centre, 600 Princess Drive, Huyton, L14 9QN

22nd May - 7-9 pm - VENUE TBC

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, James Corbett, 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, Mia Robinson, 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

Margaret Marie Preston, Keith Mowatt, Teresa Maloney

Anniversaries

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 21st April : Terminally ill parishioners and their families

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 6th May

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 1.00 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.**

PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 24th April
1pm until 3pm In the parish meeting room
(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)
New Members always welcome



Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon



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'

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room **on 25th April**

PARISH COUNCIL

Next parish council meeting will be on Monday the **24th June at 7pm**. All the members of the parish council are kindly asked to attend this important meeting.

Many Thanks, Fr. Anton

Music Group: Tuesday 30th April at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 30th 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 statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.



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

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)

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 deadline for these checks is this week.

The volunteers who only need a recheck will only have to complete two pieces of paperwork but will still need three pieces of identification.

We will be available after all masses this weekends and would appreciate your co-operation.
Many Thanks .

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 inception date on all passports needs to be checked as passports which have an life of more than years may not be valid. Your passport needs to be valid for at least six months on your return.

SOUP CLUB

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

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.

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