

Sunday 10th March 2024



First Reading:

Chronicles 36: 14-16.19-23

The wrath and the mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people.

Responsorial Psalm:

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Ephesians 2: 4-10

You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace.

Gospel Acclamation:

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son; everyone who believes in him has eternal life.

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

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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

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NEWSLETTER



*19th March - Lent
Reconciliation Service*

*1st May - Time to
Remember Service.*

**Sunday 10th March
Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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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.

Saturday 9th March - St Frances of Rome, Religious

Mass 5.30 pm - Mary Johnson, Maureen Funnell

Sunday 10th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Joe McDonnell, Mary McDonnell

Mass 11.00 am - Peter Ainsworth, Jean Foster

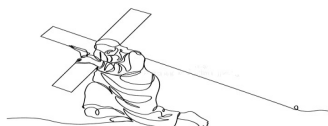
Monday 11th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 13th March

6.30 pm - *Stations of the Cross*

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion



Friday 15th March

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Sr Rosario Gutierrez, Sr Assunta Menegat

Saturday 16th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Michael and Desmond Head

Sunday 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent - St Patrick Bishop Patron of Ireland

Mass 9.30 am - Eileen Day, Maureen Knight

Mass 11.00 am - Brian Wilson, Joan O'Keefe



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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



19th March - 7.30pm Reconciliation Service for Lent

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

Bringing to life that which is dead within us

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: March 12th and 19th

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

EASTER MASSES AND SERVICE TIMES

Service of Peace and Forgiveness

Reconciliation Service - Tuesday 19th March: 7.30 pm

Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday

Thursday 28th March : 7:30 pm - Adoration until 10 pm

Good Friday

Friday 29th March - The church will be open from 9.00 am until 3.00pm for silent adoration

Good Friday Service : 3 pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

Saturday 30th March: 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31st March: 9:30 am and 11.00 am

Eternal Life

'Unfortunately, many Christians believe that the motive for divine incarnation was merely to fix what we humans had messed up. This "atonement theory" of salvation treats Christ as a mere Plan B. According to the 13th century philosopher and theologian Dun Scotus, the Incarnation was God's Plan A, his plan of perfect love. The 'atonement theory' leads us to believe that God will love us if and when we change. In fact, God loves us so that we *can* change. What empowers change, what makes us desire change is the inner experience of love. God is always and consistently *acting* out of supreme love and not merely *re-acting* to fallen human nature or using Jesus as the only worthy sacrifice of atonement to Himself. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Believing in Jesus -which has much more to do with following his way of love than affirming correct doctrines - is first and foremost living a life of love. [1]

In John 17:3 Jesus says, "This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." To know and to be known; to love and to be loved: these are our deepest longings. When we re-locate either by choice or by necessity, we feel the pain of not being known. We can also experience a sense of isolation even with people we encounter every day. Jesus himself knew the pain of not being known. "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip?" (John 14:9) 'When we are with someone who knows us, 'the eyes of the other receiving me, delighting in me, enjoying me and looking at me – make me feel like *me* and my best me! When we allow ourselves to be perfectly received, to be totally gazed upon by the One who knows everything and receives everything, we are indestructible. From God's side, the gift is total, once and for all and forever. God's face is turned towards us absolutely. It is we who have to learn to return the gaze.' [1] And when we do, we experience eternal life now; we 'touch eternity.' [2]

"God does not love us because we are good, God loves us because God is good." [1]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Daniel O' Leary

CHRISM MASS 2024 - Wednesday 27 March

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral, is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year.

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, Marie Darcy, 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, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,



Lately Deceased

Maria Walsh, John Redmond, Ted Davies, Peter Markey, Thomas Jackson

Anniversaries

Pat Coffey, Brian Tyrer, Derek Coop, Kay Cameron-Till, Anne Rowley

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 10th March: Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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 17th March

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)



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

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon



FIRST COMMUNION DATES

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 Fr. Anton in person.

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.
21st March

Music Group: Tuesday 19th March at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 19th March 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 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 and Caring Connections



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 13th March

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

New Members always welcome

Mission Boxes

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month
Missio Novena to St Joseph
10th—18th March

Thank you for all your support

