

**Sunday 25th February 2024**



**First Reading:** Genesis 22: 1-2.9-13.15-18  
*The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

**Second Reading:**

St Paul to the Romans 8: 31-34  
*God did not spare his own Son.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**  
**From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!'**  
**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**Gospel:** Mark 9:2-10

*This is my Son, the Beloved*

**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:**  
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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

NEWSLETTER



*19th March - Lent  
Reconciliation Service*

*1st May - Time to  
Remember Service.*

**Sunday 25th February  
Second Sunday in Lent**

**Year B**

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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 24th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Alex Dagnall, Brian Wilson

### Sunday 25th February - Second Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Fr Peter Fox, Michael Bruder

Mass 11.00 am - Sheelah Browne, Claire Hindley & Ian Webster

### Monday 26th February

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Wednesday 28th February

6.30 pm - *Stations of the Cross*

Mass 7.30 pm - Mary O'Donnell, Joe O'Donnell

### Friday 1st March - St David, Patron of Wales, Women's World Day of Prayer

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Parish Gardeners

### Saturday 2nd March

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Letitia Doyle

### Sunday 3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Joe O'Donnell, Oliver Molloy

Mass 11.00 am - Sheila Whitehead, Patricia Ellis

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm

(or by appointment during office hours)



## 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](http://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 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](mailto: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.

## 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. Please note there are seven envelope boxes  
for the next 6 weeks if anyone wishes to use them as a trial. The new envelope boxes will be  
available at the end of March.

Thank you for your help

Fr Anton



## Transfiguration

Transfiguration means a change of form, a metamorphosis. Yet, 'Jesus did not become what he was not already, but appeared to the disciples as he always was, opening their eyes, giving sight to those who were blind.' [1] 'Peter, John and James saw for the first time what has always been. They saw the light of divinity fully manifest in a human being.' [2] We all have our mountaintop experiences, those 'Aah' moments when we sense a oneness with the Divine – in the first snowdrops of Spring, in the face of the beloved, in the awesome sunrise. 'These are timeless moments because they touch eternity.' [3]

Like Peter, we may want to build our home on our 'mountain peak', we may want to make our fleeting experience permanent. But 'humanity can never build a dwelling place for God. It is, rather, God who makes humanity the dwelling place of divinity. This is most profoundly revealed in the Transfiguration of Jesus. [2] Jan Richardson beautifully describes how we might feel:

*'Believe me, I know how tempting it is to remain inside this blessing, to linger where everything is dazzling and clear.*

*We could stay.*

*But this blessing is built for leaving.*

*This blessing is made for coming down the mountain.*

*This blessing wants to travel with you as you return to level ground.'*

We mustn't be reluctant or afraid to come down from the mountain. 'Each day is just as God-infused as the experiences that occur on our mountaintops. That moment of transfiguration now resides eternally within us, helping us to see and hear the sacred both in our mountaintop and our valley experiences. Can we hold the mountain and the valley as one — denying neither and embracing both?' [4]

*Adapted: [1] St Gregory Palamas [2] Michael Marsh [3] Daniel O' Leary [4] Debbie Thomas*

## 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.



## 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, 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

Joan Thomas, Julian Mallia

## Anniversaries

John Alfred Moore, Robert Moore, Dougie Maylor

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 25th February:** CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

**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 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)



## 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

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.

## Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month  
8am to 12 noon



**Music Group: Tuesday 5th March at 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

**Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 5th 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 28th 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.  
**21st March**