

Sunday 18th February 2024



First Reading: Genesis 9: 8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood

Responsorial Psalm:

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

Second Reading:

First letter of St Peter 3: 18-22

That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Gospel Acclamation:

**Praise to you, O Christ king of eternal glory!
Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ king of eternal glory**

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:
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Office Hours:

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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PARISH CLUB

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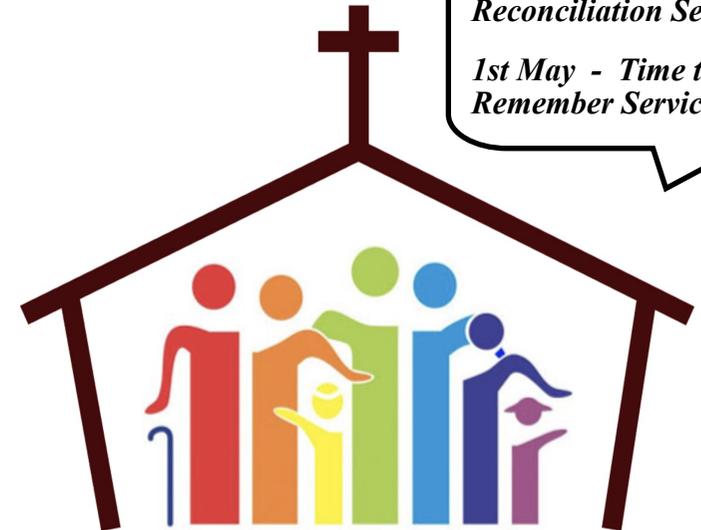
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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

19th March - Lent Reconciliation Service

1st May - Time to Remember Service.

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 18th February
First 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 17th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Joan Boardman, John Gregory

Sunday 18th February - First Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Hugh and Alice Reilly, Carmel Fowler

Mass 11.00 am - Rose Mountain, Fran Huby

Monday 19th February

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 21st February - St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor

Requiem Mass 11am - Joseph Patrick O'Donnell

6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Mass 7.30 pm - David Sheehan, Staff in our Primary Schools

Thursday 22nd February - Feast of the See of St Peter the Apostle

Funeral Service 1pm - Vincent Joseph Barrington

Friday 23rd February

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Sacristans & their families

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

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

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 20th and 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

If the dates and times suggested are not suitable, alternatives could be offered, again contact Cathy, to see what can be arranged.

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.



A Time of Rediscovery

Today's Gospel story follows immediately after Jesus' baptism when His identity as the Son of God was revealed: 'This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.' In the wilderness, the evil one challenged this reality: '**If** you are the Son of God ...' 'We, too, are tempted to doubt our divine identity. We can so easily find our identity in what we do, in what we possess, in what other people think of us, instead of in who we are.' [1]

Do we approach the coming weeks of Lent as an invitation to spend time in the 'desert' of silence, rediscovering our divine identity? What if our Lenten practice this year is to reclaim and re-treasure that which is of ultimate importance and infinite value – people, relationships, justice and compassion, forgiveness, beauty - to reconnect with whatever renews our spirit and deepens our experience of love? As we reclaim and re-treasure we somehow get ourselves back. We're more whole, more complete. 'The true purpose of all spiritual disciplines is to clear away whatever may block our awareness of that which is God in us and God in others.' [2]

We begin Lent by blessing and being blessed by the ashes of the palms used in last year's Palm Sunday celebration. Do we see this as a 'doom and gloom' experience, or do we come filled with awe and wonder, knowing what God can do with dust?

So let us be marked not for sorrow.
And let us be marked not for shame.
Let us be marked not for false humility
or for thinking we are less than we are
but for claiming what God can do
within the dust, within the dirt,
within the stuff of which the world is made. [3]

Adapted: [1] R. Rohr [2] Howard Thurman [3] Jan Richardson: Blessing the Dust

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

Joe O'Donnell, Sue Hughes, John Jones, Maureen Knight, Joan Thomas

Anniversaries

Michael Bruder, Gerard Lloyd, Peggy Coyne,

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 18th February: Those affected by global warming

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 18th February

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

20th Feb OR 22nd Feb
Second Children's session
6pm - 7pm in St. Aidan's Club

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.

Music Group: Tuesday 20th February at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 20th February 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 21st February

Soup and a roll and Tea Dance

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.

22 February 2024 11 am—1 pm