

Sunday 24th March 2024



First Reading:

Isaiah 50: 4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult - I know
I shall not be shamed*

Responsorial Psalm:

**My God, my God why have you forsaken
me?**

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself, but God raised him high

Gospel Acclamation:

**Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting
death, death on a cross. But God raised
him high and gave him the name which is
above all names.**

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-15:47

*The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Mark*

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

*1st May - Time to
Remember Service.*



Sunday 24th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B

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*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.*

NEWSLETTER

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 23rd March

Mass 5.30 pm - Richard Hesketh, Maria Walsh

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

CAFOD SOUP DAY

Mass 10.30 am - Pat Coffey, Martin & Sarah Coffey, Michael McCloy

Monday 25th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 12 noon - Edward Davies

Wednesday 27th March

6.30 pm - **Stations of the Cross**

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion



THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday 28th March

Mass 7.30 pm -

Followed by one hour of Adoration

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 29th March

Good Friday Service 3pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 30th March

Mass 8.30pm - Asylum Seekers & Refugees

Easter Sunday 31st March

Mass 9.30 am - Volunteers of St Agnes & St Aidan

Mass 11.00 am - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan



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

Belle Vale Passion Update

Very Special Good Friday Service at Our Lady of Assumption Parish Centre

You are invited to Our Lady of Assumption Parish Centre, Hedgefield Road, Liverpool, L25 2RW at 11am for their Good Friday service which will include a performance of The Belle Vale Passion. This will be the first performance of the musical drama telling the story of the passion and death of Jesus, performed by members of the local community and everyone is welcome. If you are unable to join this service, then please come along to Belle Vale Shopping Centre, Gateacre on Holy Saturday, 30 March at 12noon when the team, who have been rehearsing for just a few weeks, will be performing for the public. The musical lasts approximately 50 minutes and everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

Ireneaus Centre

'Looking towards the cross' Lenten Evenings

7pm on Tuesday 26 March (zoom links available - contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk).

'Walking the way of the passion' a Holy Week retreat - 27 - 30 March

This retreat begins with a Passover meal on Wednesday evening 27 March and concludes with the Easter Vigil on The Saturday Evening 30th March. Residential places are available to book: contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk.

Llysfasi Residential Spirituality Workshop - 12-29 August

Llysfasi will be hosting a transformative workshop at the Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno from 12 - 29 Aug, 2024. This workshop offers a creative experiential journey rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will engage in prayer, personal reflection, contemplative listening, discernment, and retreat experiences, all aimed at deepening their spirituality and capacity for accompaniment. Spaces are limited, so apply soon by contacting Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS at maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com or visit llysfasi-spirituality-workshop.org.uk for more information and application forms.

Introduction to Sight Loss Friendly Churches—Thursday 9 May at 2pm (45 minutes)

Registration Link - https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcrd-CqpsqGd0mlqz3tulKQAHmsgq_vBDU

This session covers a brief overview of what it means to be a sight loss friendly church. There is an interactive element in the form of an informal quiz, personal stories and videos about sight loss and an overview of SLFC's services. Come along if you're thinking of signing up your church or if you'd like to refresh old knowledge. You can find out more at www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk

Please be considerate when parking as residents also need to access their driveways with ease.

Thank you



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.

Thank you for your help
Fr Anton

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.



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

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, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holman, Gary Hughes, 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, 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

Lil Burns

Anniversaries

Lawrence McCrystal, Eric Morton, Margaret Murphy



Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 24th March: Gardeners and Tea Club

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 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'

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



SHARe Knowsley News

As we approach Easter, we would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Since January we have welcomed 80 new arrivals and have carried out almost 700 support interventions for 232 people.

Demand for our services is great and without your support we couldn't do the work we do.

We are really short on good quality men's clothing and footwear so if you have items that you no longer use, please consider donating them to us. We are also very short on toiletries: shower gel, shampoo and deodorants are always in demand.

Donations can be dropped at The Old School House. Please help if you can. Wishing you all a Happy, Holy and Blessed Easter.
Margaret Roche

CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

All those who are passionate about racial justice are welcome to be part of our parish CARJ. We are at the moment making plans for our annual "International Table Fellowship" which will be held here on Sunday the 9th of June. Meanwhile, here is some food for thought.

Everyone of our parishes, schools and organisations has a responsibility to actively practise anti-racism in all aspects of our mission. We need to address the lack of visible diversity at every level, so that people can see themselves, their race, their culture and their history in the Church's life.

Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding and lurks in waiting. Instances of racism continue to shame us, for they show that our supposed social progress is not as real or definitive as we think.

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti 97

Ann Malone
Chair of the CARJ- Agnes & Aidan

Huyton Family of Parishes

As you know Archbishop Malcom asked us to form Families of Parishes to help take forward the Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese. These are groups of parishes that will start to work more closely together, support each other and also to start to consider plans for the future.

Our Family of Parishes in Huyton was confirmed in March and includes:

St Agnes and St Aidan's
St Aloysius
St Dominic's
St Columba and St John Fisher
St Albert's

Due to specific pastoral issues in a number of our parishes we have already begun meeting to consider our future needs and plans. We will need to carefully consider the provision of Masses and services, pastoral activities, our buildings and other resources, our schools, clergy (priests and deacons) and pastoral workers, and most importantly come together to agree a shared vision for the church in the future in Huyton, Stockbridge Village and Knowsley Village.

There has already been a meeting with the parish priests, and recently, a planning group has been formed consisting of the clergy and representatives from each of the parishes. This group will help oversee and plan consultations in all our parishes and then form future plans and proposals which can be presented to the parishes and to the Archbishop and his advisors for approval. The representatives on the group for our parish are Christine Ball, Sally Ann Burke, Sr MaryRose, Deacon Mike Whelan, Frs. Richard and Anton.

We will be in contact in the near future with news on how everyone can be involved and contribute to the plans and consultations. Please pray for all our parishes as we look to the future together.

Thank you

Parish reps of Ss. Agnes and Aidan.

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

Monthly Craft Group

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

On 25th April

SOUP CLUB

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

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

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PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 27th March

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

New Members always welcome

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 archdiocese have given us only a six week window to complete these checks.

The volunteers who only need a recheck will not have to complete the full set of paperwork but most will still need three pieces of identification.

We will be available after mass over the next couple of weekends and are hoping to have another drop in and would appreciate your co-operation. Many Thanks .

Music Group: Tuesday 2nd April at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room.
All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 2nd 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

Choosing Life and Death

From Palm Sunday until Easter Sunday we immerse ourselves in what we call the Paschal Mystery which includes the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Although it is for liturgical and catechetical reasons, spread over a week, it should be seen as an indivisible single experience. [1]

Palm Sunday:

In some ways today feels like one of confusion and contradiction. What began as a victory parade ends as a funeral procession. There's a part of us that wants to say, "Well which is it? Palms or passion?" The answer is, "Yes." It is both, palms and passion. That's the reality of our lives. It is not about choosing between life **or** death, palms **or** passion; but about choosing life **and** death, palms **and** passion. [2]

Holy Thursday:

In John's full account of the Last Supper, Jesus will speak the word *love* thirty-one times. The love that Jesus enacts and speaks this night is an extraordinary gift reserved not for the disciples – or us - alone. "Do as I have done to you." How will we enact this love, giving it flesh for the life of the world? [3]

Good Friday:

Today the liturgy invites us to surrender to the mystery of the cross which teaches us that the price we pay for holding together the contradictions within ourselves, others and the world is always some form of crucifixion. When we kneel at the foot of the cross Jesus teaches us how to stand against hate without becoming hate, how to oppose evil without becoming evil. [4]

Holy Saturday:

This is the day between dying and rising. This day calls us to hold our anguish and our hope in the same hand. It invites us to marvel that when our hearts have been shattered, they somehow manage to keep beating. We somehow manage to keep breathing.

Do not despair. You hold the memory of what it was to be whole. It lives deep in your bones. It abides in your heart that has been torn and mended a hundred times. It persists in your lungs that know the mystery of what it means to be full, to be empty, to be full again. I am not asking you to give up your grip on the shards you clasp so close to you, but to wonder what it would be like for those jagged edges to meet each other in some new pattern that you have never imagined, that you have never dared to dream. [3]

*Adapted: [1] David La Mar [2] Michael Marsh [3] Jan Richardson
[4] Richard Rohr*

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)

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.

ALTAR SERVERS REUNION

We would like to invite Altar Servers who have served for at least two years from 2005 to contact the parish office as soon as possible as we hope to have a get together for former Altar Servers at our parish barbecue.

EASTER MASSES AND SERVICE TIMES

Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March - 10.30 am - one Mass only followed by CAFOD Soup day

Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday

Thursday 28th March : 7:30 pm followed by one hour Adoration

Good Friday

Friday 29th March - Good Friday Service : 3.00 pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

Saturday 30th March: 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday

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