

Sunday 11th May 2025



First Reading Acts 13: 14, 43b-52

Behold, we are turning to the Gentiles

Responsorial Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

Second Reading Revelation 7: 9, 13a, 14b-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will guide them to springs of living water

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading John 10: 27-30

I give eternal life to my sheep

**The Order of Mass is printed on page 4
of the Hymn Book**

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 11th May 2025
Fourth Sunday after Easter
Year C**

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 10.30 am 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 10th May - St John of Avila, Priest

Mass 5.30pm - Lily Robson, Maurice O'Gorman

Sunday 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Mass 9.00 am - James Hynes, Gerard McGuinness

Mass 10.30 am - Mike Twigg, Stella O'Rourke

Monday 12th May

Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 13th May - Dedication of the Cathedral

Funeral Service - 1.30pm - Frances Agnes Sutton

Wednesday 14th May - St Matthias, Apostle

Requiem Mass 10.00 am - Agnes O'Donnell

Mass 7.30 pm - Marie Devon, Carl Molyneux

Friday 16th May

Mass 12 noon - Sr Caterina Quaglini, Sr Christina Zara

Saturday 17th May - St John of Avila, Priest

10.00 am First Communion - St Aidan's School

12.30 pm First Communion - St Joseph's School

Mass 5.30pm - Mary Muldoon, Terminally ill parishioners and their families

Sunday 18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.00 am - Sue Hetysen, Veronica & Michael Schucke

Mass 10.30 am - Beatrix Hartman, Special Intention

1.30 pm First Communion - All Other Schools

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



Holiday to Sri Lanka

We are excited to announce that a holiday to Sri Lanka with Fr Anton is currently being planned for 9th–20th February 2026. If you are interested in joining, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Please note: Spaces are limited to 25

There will be a meeting for all who are travelling on Monday 19th May at 12.30 pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly meeting room



WOMEN OF FAITH

Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room 7pm—9pm on the following dates

Thursday 5th June - St Mary of Namur

Thursday 19th June - Daughters of St Paul

Thursday 26th June - Helpers of the Holy Souls

Religious sisters are living and working in our local community, dedicating their lives to prayer and public service. Their important and profound work is often unseen and unheard.

Please join us to reveal their different ministries and to discover more about their formation and faith.

Family of Parishes News

The Family of Parishes Executive Group continues to meet and since Easter spent a whole day visiting the churches and other property across the FoP.

Last week all the priests from the FoP spent an overnight away in Chester to share and also think about plans for the future. All felt that our discussions were positive and our time was beneficial and well spent.

There will be more news from the Family of Parishes in the near future



Congratulations

To

Bethany Patricia Owen

and

Philip George Kelley

who will be married at

St Agnes & St Aidan's Church

On Saturday 10th May 2025

Please remember

*this couple in your prayers as they
begin their married life together.*

Be shepherds, with the odour of the sheep

In 2013, two weeks after his election, Pope Francis celebrated the annual traditional Chrism Mass with priests, bishops and cardinals who renewed their vows and committed to their ministry. During the celebration of the Chrism Mass, the holy oils used for sacraments and rituals are blessed. When the chrism is consecrated, the celebrant adds a fragrant perfume, usually balsam, to the olive oil. In his homily Pope Francis said, "This I ask you: be shepherds, with the odour of the sheep." Throughout the following years, Pope Francis often repeated these words to encourage pastors to connect with their flock and understand their needs.

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and also Vocation Sunday, a day when we pray especially that we may deepen our awareness that we are all called to become 'good shepherds' to one another. 'Our calling as shepherds is not to introduce something new, but to reveal, purify and intensify what is already there. Whether we shepherd one other individual, a small group or a large community, we are called to be a Sacrament of the mystical, a reminder for others of their divine loveliness.' [1]

A shepherd is a common image of leadership in Hebrew scripture. It is fitting that today we celebrate the election of our new Pope Leo. In his prayer, 'For a Leader' John O' Donohue offers a blessing on the vocation to loving leadership. This blessing is for all of us, but at this time perhaps we could pray this blessing for Pope Leo.

*May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation,
keep you mindful of the providence that calls you to serve.*

*When the way is flat and dull in times of grey endurance,
may your imagination continue to evoke horizons.*

*May you know the wisdom of deep listening, the healing of wholesome words,
the encouragement of the appreciative gaze, the decorum of held dignity.*

*May you learn to cultivate the art of presence
in order to engage with those who meet you.*

May those you meet know that you see and respect them.

In your heart may there be a sanctuary for the stillness where clarity is born.

*May you have the wisdom to read time clearly
and know when the seed of change will flourish.
May the new draw its enrichment from the old.*

*May integrity of soul be your first idea,
the source that will guide and bless your work. [2]*

[1] Daniel O' Leary [2] John O' Donohue

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, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Trina Bromwell, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Barbara Moran, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe

Lately Deceased

Frances Sutton, Agnes O'Donnell, John Sweeney

Anniversary

Catherine Merrutia

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 11th May - Breastmates (Lyndale)

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.

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.



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.

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will be
on Monday 12th 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. These
meetings are for parents whose
children are under 8 years of age

BAPTISMS ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday at 12.00pm and 1.00 pm
 1st Sunday at 1.30pm & 2.30pm
 (Fr. Anton)
 4th Sunday at 1.30pm & 2.30 pm
 (Deacon Mike)

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

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 will be on
14th May 2025

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

Craft Club

Craft Club has started again on
 Thursday **next date to be advised.**
 We will now have a subscription of £2
 per session.

LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at
 6 pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church
 of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton , L36 5SQ
The next meeting, which will be open, is on
Sunday 18th May

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ & on
Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
 groups/580539512933145/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share)

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's
 LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Tuesday 13th May April 2025
In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- Music Group (7 pm)

No experience needed. Join us to make new
 friends and contribute to our worship.

All are welcome

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
 8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on
31st May .



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)

First Communion 2025

The deadline for books from all schools apart from St. Anne's has now passed. The books are beautiful and it's been a pleasure to go through them and see the time and thought that has gone into supporting your child in making their First Communion.

Schools have now received a letter regarding the rehearsals and Reconciliation service. Please ensure your child is at school on Friday the 16th May as this is a crucial part of their preparation.

Children from other schools - a reminder that your rehearsal and Reconciliation will take place on Friday 16th May at 4pm in church. Please arrive so that we can make a prompt 4pm start.

St. Anne's children, please continue with work books and coming to Mass. Your deadline of 19th May 2025 is fast approaching.

(5th, 12th, 19th 26th June)	<i>Workshops on the origins and continuing work of the Religious (Sisters) in our parish (see notice in the porches)</i>
6th July	Parish BBQ
10th August	International Table
17th October	WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference)
19th October	St Aidan's Club (Parish Club) World Mission Sunday

*Save
the
Date*

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



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.

