

Sunday 15th March 2026



First Reading Samuel 16 :1b. 6-7, 10-13a

David is anointed king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading Ephesians 5: 8-14

Arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel Reading John 9: 1-41

He went and washed and received his sight.

The Order of Mass can be found on page 4 of the Hymn Book.

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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

As we continue through the sacred season of Lent, we invite you to explore the Lenten activities and retreat featured within this newsletter. May these offerings enrich your spiritual journey.



Please scan me



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 15th March 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Year A

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 14th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Hilary & Colin Rick, Mary Kilroy

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - Joan O'Keefe, Sheila Whitehead

Monday 16th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 17th March - St Patrick

Mass 12.00 pm - Parishioners and those who are terminally ill (followed by a shared table)

Wednesday 18th March - St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor

Mass 7.00 pm - Sr Sandrine Bodoniring, Sr Rosaria Zambello

Thursday 19th March - St Joseph, Husband of Mary

Funeral Service 1.45 pm - Frederick James Fletcher

Friday 20th March

Mass 12 noon - Sr Wilma Olivia, Special Intention

7.00pm - Stations of the Cross (CARJ Members)

Saturday 21st March

Mass 5.30 pm - Arthur & Sally Jones, Robert & Kathleen Latham

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - John Devine Snr, Brian Tyrer

Confessions: Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.20 pm (or by appointment)



First Communion Preparation

The application deadline for First Communion this year has now passed. Please make sure, if you haven't yet collected your child's pack, you do so as soon as possible and start attending Mass as often as possible.

We look forward to getting to know you over the coming months in Mass, Little Church and in the tea club.

St. Aidan's **Saturday 13th June 2026 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's **Saturday 13th June 2026 12:30 pm**

St. Anne's **Saturday 20th June 2026 10 am and 12:30 pm.**

(Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

All other schools **Saturday 20th June 2026 3:00 pm**

Saturday 9th May at 11 am

Mass will be followed by an enhanced Tea Club gathering.

Additional information will be issued shortly.

Saturday 11th July at 11 am

Mass will be followed by our Parish Special BBQ

and Social Gathering.

Further details will be provided in due course.

Parishioners are kindly asked to record these dates in their diaries.



MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. If anyone has a box which has not been emptied for sometime, please hand it in at the sacristy, the Parish Office or one of the collectors - Janice Burrow's, Margaret Oakley, Vera Kelly or Philomena McLindon. Thank you for your support



Upcoming Pilgrimage and Travel

A three-night pilgrimage and short holiday to Lindisfarne is being planned for mid-August 2026. The present estimate is £123.20 per night for a single room and £134.20 for a twin/double room. This cost does not include the coach fare. Once everything is confirmed the final price will be notified.

A trip to Sri Lanka is also expected around 8 November 2026

Both plans are still being finalised.

Please contact the parish office by Wednesday 18th March if you are interested in travelling to Lindisfarne



The Place Where We Are Right

'In today's gospel, the Pharisees are seeing the situation the way that most of us almost always see: through our predetermined lenses, our judgments about how the world is. Most questions we ask are questions which seek affirmation that our worldview is **the** worldview. The world the Pharisees observe is permeated with sin: if sin isn't in the blind man himself, it must be in his parents, and if it isn't in his parents, then obviously it is in Jesus. Their questions want answers that are in line with what *they* know of righteousness. Jesus approaches the blind man, not through the conditional seeing of others, but through an uninhibited and unlimited form of love. Love is what enables our own ability to see beyond - outside of our snap judgments, our preconceived notion about reality. [2]

The Pharisees ask many questions but the question that seems to terrify them the most is the one they don't ask: 'What does this mean for us?' [2] Will this involve a change in the way they see things, a change in the way they think and act?

From the place where we are right, flowers will never grow in the spring.

The place where we are right is hard and trampled like a yard.

But doubts and loves dig up the world like a mole, a plough.

And a whisper will be heard in the place where the ruined house once stood. [1]

'Where is it that we think that we are right? How much work are we willing to do to reflect on the convenience of our thinking – when our thinking is based on privilege and/or fear? To speak about the place where we are right is to imply it is the place where other people are wrong. Are there victims of our conditional thinking? Can we allow both love and doubt to dig up the place where we are right? Doubt says 'What if we need to pay attention to another point of view? How willing are we to ask ourselves a question that might mean that we have to stand on new ground, that we have to go a bit deeper?' Are there ruins of our own rage, the ruins of the things that we refuse to acknowledge to be true? Who have we hurt in order to defend the place we think is right? These ruins are whispering things that we need to listen to. We need to dig up the ruins and let them speak. We have something to learn. Are we open to the possibility of change in the way we think? There might be another experience of land underneath our feet.' [3]

'Because the healed man has no preconceptions, because the spiritual ground he stands on is soft and supple, he is able to see God as God is. He is able to see Reality as it truly is.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Yehuda Amichai [2] Amy Frykholm [3] Pádraig Ó Tuama [4] Debie Thomas

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, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, John Bradshaw, Trina Bromwell, Diane Bruder, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, Sr Mary Connell, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Collette Davies, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, Dr Jeremy Gardener, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Alan McKeown, Christine Malone, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Louise Owens, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Joan Smith, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Emma Williamson, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Recently Deceased

Maureen Swift, Joey Cain

Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp Week 15th March - Malcomb Mc Millan

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 & 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 TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
(Because of the Bank Holiday)**

**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
23rd March 2026**

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

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)

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 15th March**

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'

Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- **Next meeting 17th March**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting to be confirmed**

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
28th March 2026**



Confirmation 2026

All those from St Agnes & St Aidan and St Aloysius
who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation are asked to note that the celebration
will take place on **3 July 2026** at Our Lady of the
Immaculate Conception, Prescot.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as
possible.

Lenten Retreat led by Sr MaryRose

Thursdays: 19th and 26th March from 7-9pm

(this includes time for a cup of tea) at 168 Tarbock Road, The Convent.

'Life is a pilgrimage ... let's take time to see where we are on that pilgrimage now ... and to
rest along the way'.

Spaces will be limited for this, so if you are interested, please sign up to the sheet at the back
of church or call the parish office: 0151 489 3085

Lenten Reflection Mornings

Tuesday March 24th 10.30 – 11.30am

(followed by tea and coffee) in Sr Elizabeth Kelly Meeting Room

'Lent offers us an opportunity to place the mystery of God back at the centre of our lives.' (Pope Leo)
Please join us for a time of quiet reflection with readings, music and PowerPoint centred on the
spirituality of St Francis who found God in everyone and in all Creation.

Lenten activities

Every weekday 10.00 am to 1.00pm church is open for anyone wishing to have a
quiet moment, say a prayer or light a candle.

Every Friday during Lent 7pm — Stations of the Cross

22nd March CAFOD Soup Day

24th March 10.30 am Lenten preparation session: theme of Fr. Richard Rohr's
'The Franciscan Way' to commemorate St Francis' 800th anniversary

CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) – Merseyside Update

A big thank you to Bill Chambers and Brendan Schmack for the wonderful work they
have carried out over many years in keeping CARJ alive in the North West. Their
dedication has been invaluable.

Members of CARJ Merseyside met at Bishop Eton Church on Wednesday evening.
During the meeting we elected our new team who will help guide our work in the
year ahead:

- Ann Malone – Chairperson
- Helen Cibinda Ntale – Vice Chair
- Von Corner – Secretary
- Honor Ambrose – Treasurer

If you would like to learn more about racial justice and the work of CARJ Mersey-
side, please speak to one of our members or contact us by email.

This work is vital as we continue to look around our communities and recognise the
real experiences of racial injustice that many still face.

Thank you to everyone who attended Wednesday's meeting and for your ongoing
commitment.

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