

Sunday 30th March 2025



First Reading Joshua 5: 9a. 10-12

The people of God entered the promised land and there kept the Passover.

Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see that the Lord is good

Second Reading Corinthians 5: 17-21

God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself

Gospel Acclamation

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.'

Gospel Reading Luke 15: 1-3,11-32

Your brother was dead, and is alive

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

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

PARISH CONTACTS

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**Lenten soup
Sunday, 6th April**



NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 30th March 2025
Fourth Sunday of 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 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 29th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Eric Morton, Robert & Kathleen Latham

Sunday 30th March - Laetare Sunday - Mother's Day

Mass 9.00 am - Rita Doyle, Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

Mass 10.30 am - Marie Keight, Sacristans & their families
Commissioning of Pablo Guidi (SHARE Knowsley)

Monday 31st March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 2nd April - St Francis of Paola

6.30 pm Stations of the Cross (*Parish Car boot team*)

Mass 7.30 pm - Derek Sharkey, Teresa Maloney

Friday 4th April - St Isidore Bishop, Doctor

Mass 12 noon - Victims of racial, ethnic, sexual & religious discrimination

Saturday 5th April - St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Mass 5.30 pm - Veronica Gregory, Daphne Flynn

Sunday 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent (CAFOD SOUP DAY)

Mass 9.00 am - Evelyn Carmichael, Pensioners Club

Mass 10.30 am - Patricia Lea, Those mentally & physically challenged

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



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



GARDENER'S CLUB

The Parish Gardeners Club is looking for more volunteers to help maintain the Parish Garden. They meet every Monday morning to tidy up the garden, followed by a social gathering with a bite to eat. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in gardening and socializing. Whether you are a parishioner or not, all are welcome to join the group. Please feel free to reach out to your extended family and friends who may be interested in getting involved.

For more details contact Bryan Blois 077725097814

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 07779 328 414.

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.



Lenten Appeal for CAFOD

Our parish Lenten Fast Day is on 6th April!

Join us for soup after Mass, with all donations supporting CAFOD's important work.

Please collect CAFOD envelopes this weekend for yourself, family, and friends, and return them by 6th April.

Thank you for your continued support!



Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P. at Irenaeus Centre

COME AND SEE DAYS 10:30am - 4pm 5th April Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

and on the 3rd of May 3rd May 10:30am - 4pm Allegra Mutanda (Allegra is a lay woman in full time ministry in the Catholic Church. She is originally from the DR Congo and a native French speaker but has been living in the UK since 1995.)

[The Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD](#)

For more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 29th March 2025.



Make your home in me

The story of the Prodigal Son is not just about physically leaving home. Sister Stanislaus Kennedy uses a moment in Charles Dickens' *Nicholas Nickleby* to illustrate her understanding of 'home'. 'Nicholas had befriended a young crippled boy named Spike while he was working in a children's home. When Spike discovered that Nicholas was leaving the home, he wanted to go with him. But Nicholas was poor and was unable to offer Spike a proper home. Spike, however, was not thinking of practical matters like food, clothes or shelter; instead, he turns to Nicholas and says with passion, "You are my home." [1]

What do we mean by home? We may not be aware of it but 'the home we are looking for is our true self. It's about being comfortable about being in our own skin and being the person that God has created us to be. There may be a 'sense of place' to coming home, but the 'sense of place' is really a metaphor. 'Home' is about coming home to who we are within ourselves and who we are in God.' [2]

'In the story of the Prodigal Son, I am like the younger son every time I search for infinite, unconditional love where it cannot be found. Leaving home is living as though I do not yet have a home, and must look far and wide to find one. The 'homelessness' of the elder son is more difficult to identify. After all, he was physically at home and did all the right things. His complaints show his resentment and anger at not being given what he felt he deserved. It is hard to return home from this form of homelessness. Both sons needed healing and forgiveness. Both needed to return home. Both needed the embrace of a forgiving father. All of us will someday have to deal with the younger and elder child in us. The question before us is simply: What can we do to make the return home possible?

Home is the centre of my being, where I can hear the voice that says, "You are my beloved." I return home in the very moment that I reclaim my original goodness, that I am God's beloved child.' [3] The story of the compassionate father is a story that speaks about a love that always welcomes home and always wants to celebrate. [3] God isn't going to love us any more than God loves us right now. We can't diminish God's love for us. What we *can* do, however, is to learn how to believe it, receive it, trust it, allow it and celebrate it. [4]

We come home when we accept God's invitation: "Make your home in me, as I make mine in you."

Adapted: [1] Sister Stan [2] Patrick Boland [3] Henri Nouwen [4] Richard Rohr

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, Iris Glover, 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, Jimmy Quai, Julie Quarless, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Clare Shields, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, John Sweeney, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe

Lately Deceased

Marty Ewing, Lorraine Smith, Mike Twigg, John McClean,

Anniversary

Teresa Maloney

***' Joseph and his
Technicolour Dreamcoat'***
on Tuesday 1st April at 11
am in the church.

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 30th March - Survivors of Sexual Abuse

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 7th 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. 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
9th April 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 is on
Sunday 20th April**

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 1st 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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Please be advised that a meeting of the Parish
Council is scheduled for **13th April at 1.30 pm**
in the parish meeting room.

We kindly request the attendance of all Parish
Council Members

Year 5 Sing

The Archdiocese of Liverpool
music will be bringing the year
5s from our 3 link schools to
sing songs from the musical
'Joseph and his Technicolour
Dreamcoat' on Tuesday 1st
April 2025 at 11 am in the
church. All are welcome.



First Communion 2025

There are now **4** weekends left before the first deadline (28th April 2025) for St. Aidan's, St. Joseph and any one who attends a school not officially linked with the parish to hand in workbooks. If you have not yet started your workbook or attended Mass, it is not too late to be part of this year's preparation.

St. Aidan and St. Joseph pupils should bring their books ONLY - not the whole pack - to school on **Monday 28th April** and Christine will collect them from schools. All other schools, please hand your workbook to a catechist at the end of Mass on Sunday **27th April** or drop in to the office on **Monday 28th April**.

Please continue to work on your workbooks and fill them in, in as much detail as possible. Having looked at some of the books, some children have really excelled themselves in making this a meaningful preparation process. If you are struggling with the answers or need any help please use the board at the back of the church or ask any of the catechists.

There will be an update for St. Anne's pupils closer to the deadline of 19th May 2025.

Farewell and Commissioning Ceremony for SHARe Knowsley Leadership on Sunday 30th March .

We invite you to join us as we honour Margaret Roche, the CEO of SHARe Knowsley, as she steps down from her role after years of dedicated service. Margaret's vision and tireless commitment have been the foundation of this incredible community, supporting asylum seekers and refugees with compassion and generosity.

As we bid Margaret a heartfelt farewell, we also welcome Pablo Guidi, who will be commissioned at the 10.30am Mass, as the new head of SHARe Knowsley. Pablo brings passion and experience to this role, ensuring that the mission of SHARe Knowsley continues to flourish.

Join us for this special occasion as we express our gratitude to Margaret and give our support to Pablo in his new role.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2025 - 2026

Thank you to all those parishioners who have used **Offertory Envelopes** over the last year. New boxes, for the period commencing 6th April 2025, are now available at the back of the church. The boxes are set out in alphabetical order . Please don't forget to collect yours today.

Please advise the office if the address shown is not correct. Many thanks for your support.