

Sunday 5th January 2025



First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Responsorial Psalm

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.

Gospel Acclamation

We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

We have come from the east to worship the King.

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

OFFICE/CHURCH

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(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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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2025

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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 4th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Catherine & Christopher Smith, Betty Mooney

Sunday 5th January - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - Frank & John Molloy, Cath Tinsley

Monday 6th January

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 8th January

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 10th January

Funeral Service 10.30 - George Boland

Funeral Service 12.30 - Ivy Burns

Saturday 11th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen & James Sexton, Joan Boardman

Sunday 11th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - Cath Henry, Fran Brown

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



Lindisfarne Pilgrimage

We are planning a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne (St Aidan) in the summer of 2025, date to be confirmed.

If you are interested please contact the parish office.

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your **Confirmation** or Holy Communion - Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan & St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

Please make yourself known to Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

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.

SHARE KNOWSLEY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Want to make a difference to people's lives and do something rewarding?

Come and join us. Share Knowsley is looking for volunteers.

There are many different ways you can help:

- Helping staff at the drop-ins
- Supporting in the English classes
- Sorting donations
- Working 1:1 with a client
- Helping with casework



If interested please contact us

The admin@shareknowsley.org.uk and the phone number is: 07915 252300

We are also collecting prizes for our Christmas Fayre for tombolas and our raffle. If you have any donations, please bring them to the Old School House or to the back of church.

Thank you so much

Margaret Roche, **Chief Executive Officer**

'Where is He?'

"Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?" 'This question doesn't seek information. It creates space for God's self-revelation. It isn't so much a question to be answered as it is a question to be followed. That doesn't mean there is no destination. There absolutely is. It is the Child. To follow the question rather than to seek a final answer means that there is no end to the ways in which God reveals and makes himself known in our lives. It means there is a star guiding, leading and drawing us to the Child in every circumstance or situation we face.

Some people question if the kings actually saw a star and say that yes, there was a light, an illumination, a knowing that lead them, a star that they followed, but it arose within them not in the sky. It was that deep kind of knowing that happens when we know that we know but we don't know how we know that we know. It's the kind of knowing that has power to move us and take us to a new place, to stir up within us an unquenchable longing, to open our lives to another, to let us give of ourselves and to recognise and adore the beauty and grace of divine life in human life. This kind of knowing does not exclude logic or reason but neither does it depend upon them. It takes us beyond them. This kind of knowing does not exclude feelings and emotions but neither does it depend upon them. It takes us beyond them. This kind of knowing does not exclude evidence and explanations but neither does it depend upon them. It takes us beyond them.' [1]

'How many of us see our lives as a search for God? The Magi set out on a journey that would change them forever. They trusted their deep intuitions symbolised by the star and followed it outside of their comfort zone into a new territory and there they humbly bowed down before mystery. Each of us is challenged to do the same.' [2] 'It pleased God, in his goodness and wisdom, to reveal himself. Biblical revelation is a personal encounter, a biblical *knowing*, not just a classroom study. It is transformation more than just education. God is primarily revealing God's very self, not ideas, dogmas or moralities.' [3]

'Epiphanies leave us totally out of control and they always demand that we change, that we live our lives following a different path, with a greater awareness that God is perfectly hidden and perfectly revealed in the same physical place! God is shining forth in the most unwanted and unsuspected of places.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr [3] Vatican II : Divine Revelation

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, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, Tony Ferguson, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Mary & Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Lately Deceased

Mary Maher

Anniversaries

Leslie Wilson

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM

The next drop-in session will be 5th February 2025.

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 5th January - Carj Group

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 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 3rd February

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
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
8th January 2025

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

Craft Club

Date to be advised for the next craft meeting. We will now have a subscription of £2 per session next year.

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 19th January

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'



Thank you to all those who supported us this last year. Our next meeting is on Sunday 5th January at 12.15 p.m.

Tuesday 7th January 2025
In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

Community Prayer Circle at 1-3pm.

Our mission is to pray for the needs of our parish and local community and the needs of our world today. Come and see if God is calling you to take part in our parish prayer ministry.

Music Group: at 7pm

Previous experience not necessary. Why not start the new year off with something a bit different . Music ministry is an important part of the mass. Come and make some new friends. Looking forward to meeting you.

All are welcome

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)

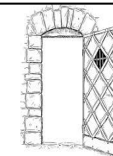


Our Parish supports Nugent care.

Nugent care is a registered charity, well known for the work they do caring for, educating, and protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults through their schools, care homes, and community and social work services. As well as this, they provide general housing advice and support to people who are homeless, vulnerable to homelessness, or vulnerable. Many people will not realise the full extent of what Nugent Care do, as their work is extensive in meeting the many needs of people in Liverpool. For many years we have been collecting second hand clothing and donating them to the Nugent Care charity shop on Allerton Road in Liverpool. These donations have raised and continue to raise a significant amount of finance for the Nugent Care charity which in turn makes a huge difference in the lives of many people specially in Liverpool. We encourage you to be part of this project by bringing your second hand clothes to the church during the office hours or whenever you come to worship.

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



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.



Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.
Next Car boot sale on 25th January 2025.

