

Sunday 26th January 2025



First Reading

Nehemiah 8 :2-4a,5-6,8-10

They read from the book of the Law, and gave the meaning

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 19:8,9,10,15

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life

Second Reading Corinthians 12:12-30 (or shorter form, 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27)

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it

Gospel Acclamation

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives

Gospel Reading Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Today the Scripture has been fulfilled

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

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

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS'
MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 29TH
JANUARY 6 PM IN THE CHURCH**

NEWSLETTER



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 26th 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 25th January - Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

Mass 5.30 pm - Sandi Houghton, Kathy Roberts

Sunday 26th January - Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - Word of God Sunday

Mass 10.30 am - Rose & Doris Vassallo, Paul Schumacca

Monday 27th January

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Funeral Service 11.00 am - Eileen Margaret Ward

Funeral Service 2.15 pm - Isabella Seddon (Fran)

Wednesday 29th January

1.30 pm service Greenacres - Denis Vasey

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Thursday 30th January

Requiem Mass 12 noon - Mary Maher

Saturday 1st February

Mass 5.30 pm - John Gregory, Marilyn Davies

Sunday 2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - James Taylor, Joe O'Donnell

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



Huyton Family of Parishes - Exploring the Future

The full version of this update is on the Notice Board in the porches. It will be posted on the parish Whatsapp. It can also be accessed via the link below:

<https://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

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.



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.



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.

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.

If interested please contact us

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

Thank you so much

Margaret Roche, **Chief Executive Officer**

Proclaim the year of the Lord's favour

'Today's gospel reading is often described as Jesus' inaugural address, his mission statement. He ends the quote from Isaiah with the proclamation of a year of favour from the Lord. He omits the words which follow in Isaiah 61:2 : "... and the day of our God's vengeance." Jesus has not come to proclaim judgment. His message is different. It's not a message of retribution or retributive justice. This is a classic text for what we call restorative justice. God's justice is fulfilled by lovingly and patiently remaking us into His image and likeness. Jesus has come to replace the old Jewish *love of law* with a new *law of love*.' [1]

Jesus has come to proclaim good news to the poor, to captives, to the blind and to the oppressed. 'Poverty might be about material needs; it might also be poverty of love, hope or meaning. The captive might be a prisoner, an addicted person, or one overcome by anger and resentment. Blindness is not only physical but can also be emotional or spiritual. Oppression can be the result of physical or emotional violence. Today Jesus brings us good news of healing and freedom. With one foot in the past and one in the future we straddle and completely miss the present: today. We become captive to what was, oppressed by what might be, and blind to what is. To the extent we are unable to hear Jesus' words we are either stuck in the past or living in a future we do not yet have.' [2]

'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' 'What we hear depends greatly on what we bring to our listening. Do we bring our presence, openness and receptivity? The verses following today's reading indicate that while Jesus' words filled some of his followers with hope, there were many people in the synagogue who closed their minds to the message and the messenger.' [3]

Jesus proclaimed 'the year of the Lord's favour.' Pope Francis has declared the year 2025 a Holy Year of Jubilee and its theme is 'Pilgrims of hope.' The concept of Jubilee is rooted in the earliest days of Judeo-Christian tradition and its purpose was to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another and with all creation – and ourselves. Hope is the message of today's gospel. On our journey through this year, we are being invited to be pilgrims of hope and healing to all that is poor, captive, blind and oppressed in ourselves, in others and in creation. 'Hope is a vitality of spirit which opens our eyes to the beauty of things, however imperilled, degraded, or difficult to love they may appear to be. We try to view the world not as it is packaged, presented and sold to us but as we imagine it could be. We do not look away from the world; we look directly at it and allow the spirit of hope - the necessary driver of change - to inspire us to action.' [4]

Adapted: [1] R. Rohr [2] Michael Marsh [3] galwaydioces.ie/reflection [4] Nick Cave

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.

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, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, 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

John Speakman, Margaret Garvey, Eileen Ward, Isabella (Fran) Seddon, Denis Vasey, Mary Maher

Anniversaries

Vincent Joseph Barrington, Joseph Patrick O'Donnell

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 26th January - Those mentally & physically challenged

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 5th February 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 16th February

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'



The next CARJ meeting will be held on 2nd February at 12.15 a.m. in the Church.

**Tuesday 4th February 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

First Communion 2025

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 29th January 2025** at 6pm for all parents. Please make every effort to attend.

Due to a number of different commitments in the church diary, the dates for next year's First Communion are slightly different to previous years. Please find the dates for 2025 as follows:

St. Aidan's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 10:00 am**
St. Joseph's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 12:30 pm**
All other schools - **Sunday 18th May 2025 1:30 pm**
St. Anne's - **Saturday 14th June 2025 10 am and 12:30 pm.** (Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

The programme will be run slightly differently this year with a greater focus on coming to Mass. Please ensure that if you would like your child to make their First Communion you are coming to Mass as regularly as possible. Application forms have been emailed out through school and printed copies are available at the back of church.

Contemplative Prayer Mornings

The contemplative prayer mornings will begin again on Tuesday **11th February 2025**. We meet in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at 10:30 am for 1 hour followed by tea and coffee. All are welcome.

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 22nd February 2025.

