

Sunday 19th January 2025



First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

The bridegroom rejoices over the bride

Responsorial Psalm

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples

Second Reading: Corinthians 12: 4-11

The one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Gospel Acclamation

God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

This the first of his signs Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.

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

Peace Day / Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

NEWSLETTER



SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 19th 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 18th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Vassallo Family, Julie Jones

Sunday 19th January - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Kefe Akpogheneta, Steve Sheridan

Monday 20th January

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 21st January - Memorial of St Agnes

Funeral Service 11 am - Veronica Theresa Keane

Wednesday 22nd January

Requiem Mass 11.30 am - Elizabeth (Betty) Callaghan

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Thursday 23rd January

Requiem Mass 11.30 am - John Malone

Friday 24th January - Memorial of St Francis de Sales

Requiem Mass 11 am - Elizabeth Roberts

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

Mass 10.30 am - Rose & Doris Vassallo, Paul Schumacca

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

Abundance

'To understand today's story we need to be aware that, like much of John's writing, it is full of symbolic language. We would miss much if we were to see here only a 'miracle' by which Jesus helps a young bridegroom who finds himself in an embarrassing position on his wedding day.' [1] 'The wedding in Cana story is not only a story about scarcity. It is primarily a story about abundance: lavish, excessive, extravagant abundance.' [2]

'John makes a point of letting us know that this is the first of Jesus' miracles - the first of his 'signs.' Jesus' action at the wedding at Cana is not only a wonder in itself; it reveals much about who he is and what he has come to do. Jesus offers here a foretaste of the wonders he will yet perform; an indication of the tendency toward plenitude that will mark his ministry. Again and again, in the chapters to come, we will witness Jesus' persistence in entering places of lack - lack of health, of justice, of wisdom, of wholeness - and offering abundance in its place.' [3]

'As in so many Scripture passages, matrimonial imagery is used in today's Gospel to tell us that what God wants with humanity is a love affair, a marriage. We find it difficult to accept that God would want such an intimate relationship with us, so we keep going back to the six empty jars of purifying water, to fulfilling the law. We thought that religion was about a list of requirements which we have to fulfil so that God will love us. But laws don't teach us how to love. In today's Gospel, Jesus changes the focus of religion from a religion of legalism to a religion of love, filled to the brim with joy and celebration.' [4]

'Today's Gospel could also be symbolic of those times when our lives seem empty and dry, when we 'have no wine.' Each one of us could tell a story about the day the wine gave out: stories of failure, self-doubt, regrets or disappointments; stories of loss – of a loved one or of a familiar way of life. We become increasingly aware that we cannot replenish the wine of our life from our own resources. Regardless of how it feels or what we think about it, the day the wine runs out is the beginning of a miracle. That day confronts us with a truth as old as creation itself: we are the recipients and not the creators of our life. We were never intended to, nor expected to live by the sufficiency of our own resources.' [5] 'When we freely surrender to God's loving, sustaining presence in our lives, our hearts are filled to the brim with 'a peace that passes all understanding' (Phil 4:7), a peace that enables us to rejoice once more in God's outpouring of so many gifts; a peace that reassures us that 'there is no such thing, either in the world or in the heart as a vacuum. And whatever space is really left by apparent emptiness, there is God.' [6]

Adapted: [1] Living Space [2] Debi Thomas [3] Jan Richardson [4] Richard Rohr
[5] Michael Marsh [6] Karl Rahner

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

Denis Vasey, Eileen Margaret Ward, Veronica Keane, Betty Callaghan, Elizabeth Roberts, John Malone

Anniversaries

Mary Johnston

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 19th January - LGBT+ 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 22nd 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 so much to Justin Malewezi and the Carj Team who helped to put together our latest video.

**Tuesday 21st 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

First Communion 2025

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.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 29th January 2025** at 6pm for all parents. Reminders about this will be sent out in the new year. 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 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 25th January 2025.

