

Sunday 1st December 2024



First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

Responsorial Psalm

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes

Gospel Acclamation

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28.34-36

Your liberation is near at hand

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

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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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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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Images taken during services and events in our Church may be shown on social media or other publications. If you would prefer your image not to be included please let us know.

The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

Come and join us for a little festive cheer to get in touch with the true meaning of Christmas. Wednesday 11th December at 6.30pm Fr Christmas will be making an appearance and refreshments will be served after the service



1ST DECEMBER 2024

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR C**



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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.

NEWSLETTER

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 30th November - Feast of St Andrew Apostle

Mass 5.30 pm - John Hayes, Richard & Margaret Markey

Sunday 1st December - First Sunday of Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Maurice O'Gorman, John Kelly

Monday 2nd December

Mass 10 am - with children of St Joseph's Primary School
(No Celebration of the Word and Communion today)

Wednesday 4th December

Mass 7.30 pm - Maureen Hamilton, James & Sarah Watts

Friday 6th December

Mass 12 noon - John Hayes, Ian Webster

Saturday 7th December - Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Mary Hughes, Bernard Riley

Sunday 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Jerry Neville, Stephen Lacken

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



Posada

The pregnant Mary, Joseph and the donkey will travel again this year through the community homes of Huyton during Advent, starting from the first Sunday in Advent (1 December 2024). If you would like to be part of the experience, please sign up to the list at the back of the church.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas raffle will be drawn on 15th December during the tea club.

All the proceeds will be donated to Lyndale Cancer Support Centre. Many of our parishioners have benefited from the services offered at this centre and we remember our parishioners who have been affected by cancer

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.

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**

Unveiling our Unique Masterpiece

In today's Gospel reading we find a similar use of apocalyptic language which we found in the readings for the 33rd Sunday of the year. We saw that the word Apocalypse is not meant to strike fear in us about the end of the world, but to encourage in us a radical rethinking of the worlds that we have created.' The Greek root of the word 'apocalypse' means 'to uncover or unveil.' [1]

"There is a story about a church in the Netherlands. On entering the building, everyone would stop and bow in the direction of a white-washed wall. It was a tradition that nobody questioned. They felt it was the right thing to do. One day the parish decided to renovate the church. They began to strip the paint off the old walls. While doing this they discovered traces of a painting on the wall towards which everyone bowed, but nobody knew why. Very carefully they peeled off the layers of whitewash. What emerged was an ancient and very beautiful painting of Christ. Nobody was old enough to have had seen it. But now they came to understand why they almost instinctively persisted in honouring the wall that concealed the glorious work of art. [2]

Every Advent we 'bow' to the many traditional ways of preparing for Christmas. We don't question these traditions. We just feel that this is the right way to celebrate. What would happen if we decided to peel off the external layers of these traditions? When, each day, we open a door of the advent calendar and each week, we light a candle on the advent wreath, do we experience a oneness with our ancestors who waited, listening with hope-filled hearts to the many prophecies foretelling the coming of a much longed-for Messiah. 'One reason why Advent carries such a tangible impact on us is that it is about trying to make sense of that intense and disturbing longing for a completeness that always eludes us and never leaves us alone. Advent calls us to get in touch with those places within us wherein lie our deepest longings and dreams.' [2] Christ is the fulfilment of these longings. Decorating our trees, choosing gifts and writing cards are all part of the way we think is the right way to prepare for Christmas. If we 'uncover the veil' of these customs we see them as moments of being connected with the love we have experienced through the people and events in our lives...and where love is, there is God.

'The holy work of Advent peels away the external veneer of our activities and our anxieties, to reveal and restore the unique masterpiece within ourselves and within others. Is this the destiny for which our hearts are always longing?' [2]

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Daniel O' Leary

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, George Boland, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, Tony Ferguson, Patricia Fisher, 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 and Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Tony Wernham, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Lately Deceased

Frank Molloy, Jimmy Gornell, Ann Gillan, Sr Eileen

Anniversaries

Maurice O'Gorman, Joseph Sutton, Kenneth Lowes, Richard Waldron

SHARe Knowsley

Please remember the box at the back of church for the collection of toiletries for those in need. *Thank you*

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 1st December - Asylum Seekers & Refugees

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 quiet 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 2nd December

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)

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 on 11th December
(last meeting for this year)

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

Craft Club

The next craft meeting will on
Thursday 12th December
11 am — 1 pm.. We will now have a
subscription of £2 per session

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 15th December

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'

Seel Street Project



Many thanks for the generous donations we
have received to date. The box will be
available for the next few weeks at the back of
the church. Thank you

Mission Boxes

Boxes are due to be emptied this month.
Thank you for your continued support



Tuesday 10th December 2024

Community Prayer Circle at 1-3pm.

A space to come together and pray for the
needs of our parish and our local community.

Music Group: at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth
Kelly Community room. All are welcome.
previous experience not necessary.

Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 11th December

Carols 6:00 pm

Wednesday 18th December

Reconciliation Service 7:30 pm

Saturday 21st December

5.30 pm

Sunday 22nd December

10.30 am

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

5:30 pm and 8:30 pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day Family Mass 10.30 am

Saturday 28th December

5.30 pm

Sunday 29th December

10:30 am

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
Service 12 noon

Advent Preparation

Join us for an hour of music, readings and prayer as we prepare for Christmas.
Sessions will be on Tuesdays: December 3rd, 10th, and 17th.
10:30 am - 11:30 am in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room.

All are welcome

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.

Car Boot Sale

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

