

Sunday 3rd May 2026



First Reading Acts 6:1-7

They chose seven men full of the Holy spirit

Responsorial Psalm

**May your merciful love be upon us, as we
hope in you, O Lord**

Second Reading Peter 2: 4-9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

Gospel Acclamation

**I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says
the Lord. No one comes to the Father
except through me.**

Gospel Reading John 14:1-12

I am the way and the truth and the life

The Order of Mass can be found 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
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other publications. If you would prefer your
image not to be included please let us know.

**The Parish of
St. Agnes and St. Aidan**

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CONFIRMATION

.There will be a meeting on Sunday the
10th May at 12:15 for all who are being
confirmed this year. This is a compulsory
meeting and it is important that you attend

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 3rd May 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

**Saturday 9th
May at 11 am -
Celebration of
Fr Richard
Sloan's Golden
Jubilee of
Priestly
Ordination**

Mass will be
followed by an
enhanced Tea
Club -gathering.
All are welcome.

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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.*

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 2nd May - St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Mass 5.30pm - Sheila Gavy, Maureen Swift

Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 10.30 am - Robert Carney, Joey Cain

Monday 4th May - English Martyrs

Mass 7 pm - Gerry Ball, Maurice O'Gorman

Wednesday 6th May

Requiem Mass 11 am - George McLarney

Time to Remember Service 7.00 pm *(Service to remember our loved ones who have died)*

Friday 8th May

Requiem Mass 10.30 am - Marjorie Clutton

Mass 12 noon - Theresa Rossiter, Sheelah Brown

Saturday 9th May

Mass 11 am - Celebration of Fr Richard Sloan's Golden Jubilee

Mass 5.30pm - Ann Clague, Terry Coogan

Sunday 10th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 10.30 am - Alexander Almeida, John & Mary Murray

Confessions: Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.20 pm (or by appointment)

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



First Communion Preparation

The deadline for handing in completed books is **Wednesday 20th May 2026**. These will be collected from school on this date or you can hand in the book to church from **17th May 2026**. Those who do not attend one of the three linked schools, please ensure your book is handed in to the office or to a catechist by the above dates. Dates for rehearsals and Reconciliation will be printed in the newsletter from next week.

St. Aidan's **Saturday 13th June 2026 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's **Saturday 13th June 2026 12:30 pm**

St. Anne's **Saturday 20th June 2026 10 am and 12:30 pm.**

(Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

All other schools **Saturday 20th June 2026 3:00 pm**

Saturday 9th May at 11 am - Celebration of Fr Richard

Sloan's Golden

Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

Mass will be followed by an enhanced Tea Club gathering.

Saturday 11th July at 11 am

Mass will be followed by our Parish Special BBQ and Social Gathering.

Further details will be provided in due course.

Parishioners are kindly asked to record these dates in their diaries.



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

SRI LANKA

A trip to Sri Lanka is being planned for around 8 November 2026.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details.
(0151-489 3085)

This journey will be different from our previous trip to Sri Lanka, with a more flexible approach that allows travellers to adjust their plans and visit other places of personal interest if they wish.

Further information will be shared as arrangements develop.



Surrendering to Mystery

The context of today's Gospel is Jesus' long discourse with his disciples at the Last Supper. They are aware that Jesus is about to leave them. There is a heavy air of gloom and anxiety as the enemies of Jesus close in around him. Jesus reassures them. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. I am the way, the truth and the life. Believe in me." Unsurprisingly, the anxious disciples respond to their predicament by demanding certainty. Thomas asks Jesus for a roadmap: "How can we know the way?" Philip asks for proof: "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." What they want — what we *all* want, if we're honest — is the religion of the Sat Nav, the five point plan, the twelve steps, the ten commandments: do A, B and C and you will unerringly arrive at Destination D. Jesus doesn't offer a roadmap nor a master plan. He offers Himself and the intimate, ever evolving and often confusing business of relationship, of trust, patience and vulnerability.' [1]

'The words of John 14 are often misinterpreted as Jesus speaking about what the disciples can expect after they die. But John is the gospel of incarnation, the gospel of life abundantly being realised *now*, in the flesh, in this life. [2] "You know where I am going." Is it possible that Jesus was implying "because you are already there." Jesus is not speaking about travel; He is talking about transformation. This is not about destinations. It is about discovering that we are already at home with God." [3]

'When Jesus said "*I* am the way the truth and the life" it means that **we** are not.' [4] When he says, "Believe in me," he is saying that 'belief does not rely on conceptual understanding. To believe is about opening one's heart, with an inner knowing that something enormous and mysterious is happening, and entrusting ourselves to God without having to understand exactly what it is or how it works. [5] 'As you go through the process of surrendering to unknowing and to mystery, above all trust in the slow work of God, believing that his hand is leading you. And accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete. [6]

'Just beyond the storms of personal chaos lies the profound indwelling power of love, the Source and true Centre.' [7] Dwelling in that Love we find a new **way** of being, a new way of seeing what is real and **true**, a new way of truly living **life** to the full.

*Adapted: [1] Debbie Thomas [2] joelssermons.wordpress.com [3] John Kabat Zinn
[4] Richard Rohr [5] Sharon Grussendorf [6] Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
[7] Cynthia Bourgeault*

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.

Tom Addison, Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, John Bradshaw, Trina Bromwell, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Malinda North Asela Chandrarathne, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, Sr Mary Connell, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Collette Davies, Janet Davies, Despina, Ellis, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, Dr Jeremy Gardener, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Kim Jackson, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Alan McKeown, Christine Malone, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Louise Owens, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Norman Reid, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Sister Amelita Ventic, Joan Smith, Donna Sothem, Alan Spain, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Emma Williamson, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Recently Deceased

Bernadette Eames, Joanne Hughes, Marjorie Clutton

Anniversary:

Agnes O'Donnell, Danny Curtis, Austin Riley, Gerry Ball, Maurice O'Gorman, Paul Murrell

Sanctuary Lamp Week 3rd May - Terminally ill parishioners & their families

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 & 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 **TUESDAY 5th May**

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 13th May 2026

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

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)

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, which will be open, is on Sunday 17th May

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'

Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- **Next meeting 5th May**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 5th May**

No experience needed. Join us to make new friends and contribute to our worship.

All are welcome

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 30th May 2026



Confirmation 2026

All those from St Agnes & St Aidan and St Aloysius who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to note that the celebration will take place on **3 July 2026** at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Prescott.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

TIME TO REMEMBER

There will be a service on Wednesday 6th May at 7.00 pm

This is an opportunity to remember loved ones no matter what the circumstances or whether it is recent or many years ago. There is no set time to grieve
You are welcome to bring along a picture of your loved ones to be placed on the altar during the service. All are welcome

NEWCASTLE/LINDISFARNE

The pilgrimage/ holiday, to Newcastle / Lindisfarne now has one hotel room available. We will be organising a meeting nearer the time to discuss further details.



Join our wonderful group of Volunteers

- **Make a real difference** — use your gifts to serve others and strengthen our church community
- **Grow personally and spiritually** — build skills, confidence, and deepen your faith
- **Connect and belong** — meet new people, form friendships, and be part of something meaningful

There are lots of ways to be involved in Parish Life. If you're able to spare an hour or would like to do more, please contact the office to find out more. 0151 489 3085

Holy Communion for the Housebound

If you, or someone you know, are genuinely housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. Kindly provide your full address and clear contact details so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Mass Intentions

When completing a Mass Intention envelope, please include your name and contact number. Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, we may need to cancel a weekday Mass at short notice. Having your contact details allows us to inform you as soon as possible. If you are requesting a Mass for a specific date, please provide at least a few weeks' notice.

We would also like to thank all those who make a donation for the Mass Intention.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.