

Sunday 12th July 2026



First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth bring forth and sprout.

Responsorial Psalm

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

Second Reading ..Romans 8:18-23

The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

Gospel Acclamation

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower all who find him will live for ever

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow.

The Order of Mass can be found 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)

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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**

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RCIC Programme (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Children*) for children aged 8 –14 who are not yet baptised and wish to become Catholic will begin on Wednesday 23rd September at 5.30pm .

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 12th July 2026

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A**

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 11th July

Mass 11.00am—Silver Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Anton

(followed by a special Parish BBQ)

Please note: There will be no 5.30pm Mass on this day.



Sunday 12th July—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Mary Ambrose, Norman Reid

(Missioning of those travelling to Romania for the WCMAD Summer Camp)

Monday 13th July—St Henry

9.30 am—Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 14th July—St Camillus de Lellis, Priest, St Kateri Tekakwitha

Mass 7 pm—John & Mary Coffey, Peter Hamilton

Wednesday 15th July—St Bonaventure, Priest, Doctor

Mass 7pm— Srs Augusta Letizra & Agnese Prighel

Thursday 16th July—Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mass 9.30 am—Madge Tatton, Irene Hatfield

Friday 17th July

Mass 12 noon—Edward & Josie Donovan, David Langton

Saturday 18th July

Mass 5.30 pm—Peter & Nellie Lynch, James Gregory

(Sunday 19th July—16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Maureen Margaret Wilson, Lesley Paul Bonney

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*



Silver Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Fr. Anton

Saturday 11th July at 11 am

There will be no 5:30 pm Mass this weekend.

Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed by a special Parish BBQ and social gathering, as we give thanks to God for this significant milestone in Fr. Anton's priestly ministry.

If you have not already done so, please pick up a blue leaflet with information on how you can be involved.

Parishioners who are driving and able, are kindly asked to park at the Old Schoolhouse car park, so that visitors from outside the parish may use the parish car parks and St. Mary's Road.

Parishioners are kindly asked to record this date in their diaries.

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International Table - Sunday 27th September (*More details soon*)

RCIC Programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

Wednesday 23rd September at 5.30pm

We are delighted that many children and young people have expressed a desire to join the Church. This is a wonderful sign of faith, and we warmly welcome this interest. The first step is simple and important: to come and be part of our parish family. By joining us at Mass and in parish life, children begin to grow in faith within a loving and supportive community.

We are pleased to announce that our **RCIC Programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)** for children aged **8–14** who are not yet baptised and wish to become Catholic will begin on **Wednesday 23rd September at 5.30pm** .

This programme will help prepare children to receive the sacraments and become fully part of the Church. Parents and guardians who would like their child to take part are asked to register their interest with the parish office.

We look forward to accompanying your children on this special journey of faith and welcoming them more deeply into the life of the Church. *Thank you.*

INTERNATIONAL COSTUMES

We would be grateful to receive any donations of international costumes to be used at our International Table Celebrations. These can be for men, women or children.

If you're holidaying abroad this year and see any suitable clothing then we would be happy to reimburse you provided you have a receipt. We have some funds for this, although they are limited.. Many thanks—Ann Malone on behalf of **CARJ Merseyside**.

The Parable of the Generous Sower

The dictionary definition of a parable is that it is a short simple story illustrating a moral or spiritual truth. Richard Rohr compares parables to Zen koans: they're meant to split apart our normal ways of thinking about things and help us see with different eyes and hear with different ears. 'We speak of getting lost in a story, but part of what draws us to a story is the promise of finding: finding a different world, finding another time, finding ourselves.'^[1]

'The story of the sower and the seed is very familiar to us as are the various interpretations of the nature of the soil which symbolise the state of our heart. It's easy and tempting to categorize ourselves and others as one of the four types of soil in today's parable – hardened, rocky, thorny and fertile.'^[2] 'We have rightly been encouraged to lead lives which have all the ingredients of lives rooted in fertile 'soil': lives of love, of prayer, of forgiveness, of gentleness, of compassionate action.'^[3] However, if we only consider this interpretation, we may only focus on what *we* do, especially our many failures to be 'good soil.'

'What if this parable is not about our own successes and failures but about the extravagance of a sower who does not seem to be fazed by such concerns, who flings seed everywhere, wastes it with holy abandon? If this is really the parable of the Sower and not the parable of the different kinds of ground, then it begins to sound quite new. The focus is not on us and our shortfalls but on the generosity of our maker, the prolific sower who does not obsess about the condition of the fields, who is not cautious or judgmental or even what we would call practical, who is not stingy with the seed but who casts it everywhere, on good soil and bad.'^[4] This parable, like all the other parables, is meant to jolt us out of any understanding that would limit God's love to the good or the worthy.'^[3]

We allow our 'thorns, rocks and hardness' to name who we are. 'Only the infinite generosity of God has the authority to name who we are.'^[5] When we grow in awareness that 'the infinitely generous love of God is our origin, our sustaining ground'^[5] and that we are already rooted in Christ,^[6] we will allow the soil of our being to be ploughed, fertilised and transformed by the loving, generous Sower.

'When we pare away the layers of familiarity in the stories of our faith—those layers that can lull us into thinking we know what a story is about – we may find the story beneath the story; we may find where the story begins. When we reach for the threads that a good story offers, we are returned to ourselves.'^[1]

Adapted: [1] Jan Richardson [2] Michael Marsh [3] Lisa Hunt-Wotton [4] Barbara Brown Taylor [5] James Finley [6] Colossians

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.



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, Trina Bromwell, 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, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Victoria Humphreys Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Kim Jackson, Peggy Kane, Brian Keoghan, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Alan McKeown, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Louise Owens, Clare Pendleton 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, Margaret Sutton, Gerard Taylor, 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

Catherine Catlin, Mary Marr

Anniversary:

Sanctuary Lamp Week 12th July– Terminally ill parishioners and 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 **MONDAY 3rd August**

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 29th July 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 19th July

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'

JULY CAR BOOT SALE CANCELLED

Next Car Boot Sale:
Saturday 29 August 2026
8:00am – 12:00 noon



Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to welcoming you in August.

Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- **Next meeting 21st July**
- Music Group (Wed 1 st July 7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting to be confirmed**

Parish Music Ministry

Enjoy singing or playing music? Join our *parish music group*—even once a month makes a difference!. Contact the parish office or speak to Von. Thank you.

Parish WhatsApp Group

To join please contact Brian Roberts on **07779 328414** or speak to the parish office. The group is open to all parishioners. It's a quick and effective way to receive updates on Mass times, events, and important parish notices. We encourage you to join and stay connected.



Please keep in your prayers the couples marrying this summer. We congratulate them and ask God to bless them and their families as they begin their married life.



Lisa Marie Mains and Ryan Bird
Kira Patricia Henshaw and Conor Michael Rosato



Invitation to Become an Altar Server

We invite young people in our parish to join the Altar Servers. It's a great way to take part in Mass and grow in faith - no experience needed, training provided.

If interested, please speak to the priest after Mass or contact the parish office.

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

Parish Meeting Room Hire

Our Parish Meeting Room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly) is available for hire. It is a bright, welcoming space with French doors leading directly into our lovely garden, making it ideal for small gatherings, community groups, and meetings.

Payment is negotiable, and we are happy to discuss arrangements that suit your needs. For enquiries or bookings, please contact the Parish Office. (0151 489 3085)



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.