

Sunday 2nd March 2025



First Reading Sirach 27: 4-7

Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.

Responsorial Psalm

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord

Second Reading Corinthians 15: 54-58

He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Shine as light in the world, holding fast to the word of life

Gospel Reading Luke 6: 39-45

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks

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

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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

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Racial Justice Sunday
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NEWSLETTER



Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 2nd March 2025

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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 1st March - Feast of St David, Patron Saint of Wales

Mass 5.30 pm - Joe O'Donnell, Joe Morgan

Sunday 2nd March - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Day for the unemployed

Mass 10.30 am - Eric Morton, Margaret Bowden

Monday 3rd March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 12 noon - Richard Naylor

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday (Fasting & Abstinence)

10.15 am - Distribution of Ashes at St Anne's School

Mass 12 noon - The Parishioners

Mass 7.30 pm - Peter Markey, Kathleen Clegg

Friday 7th March – Sts Perpetua & Felicity Martyrs (Women's World Day of Prayer)

Mass 12 noon - Catherine Gallagher, Marie Keight

Saturday 8th March - St John of God

Mass 5.30 pm - Jimmy Crowe, Richard Naylor

Sunday 9th March - First Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - Mary & Owen McDonnell, Nina Warchalowski

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



Looking beyond the confines of the parish community, recent tensions in the Middle East have exposed the tensions and prejudices that exist in society at large. We are seeing a rise in Islamophobia and many British Jews no longer feel safe in their own country.

Refugees and immigrants who have come to serve society in the caring services are attacked verbally and physically and made to feel Unwelcome. This is surely not the wish of the Holy Spirit who came to the Church at Pentecost and guides us today.

I believe we can all make a positive difference by looking into our hearts and carefully examining our attitudes to others and ask forgiveness for the ways in which we have acted in a racist manner.

We might surprise ourselves as to how often we have behaved in this way. I also want to encourage each parish or Family of Parishes to bring together a group of people to examine the topic of racism, both in and outside the Church.

There are many members of our parishes who have experience of racism, and we all need to hear from them. Our aim is to raise awareness of this problem and to find ways of making it a thing of the past.

As a sign of our commitment, the archdiocese is developing a range of resources collectively called 'Welcoming Parishes'. I encourage you to take part in this initiative. It's time for another change.

I wish you and your families every blessing,

Malcolm McMahon OP

Archbishop of Liverpool (printed as requested by a number of parishioners)

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.

No one is more baptised than anyone else: not the Pope, not your archbishop, not your parish priest.

Our challenge is to see one another as people not as categories of superiority, whether we judge by race or creed or age or gender or qualifications or status or clothing or any measure of how to mark people out as different.

What counts is surely the things that we have in common: our dignity as humans and our dignity as children of God. We share the same aspirations for ourselves and for our families.

Few people would describe themselves as racist, but the experience of racism depends very much on where you are in the pecking order of superiority. Sadly, we live in a world in which racism continues to provide many ugly examples of humankind at its most violent and oppressive.

Learning from our own historical past, our prayers should be focused on ensuring that we remain a more inclusive and welcoming sign of hope. Let us appreciate that people from other countries have enriched our culture and are a gift to us. Let us not forget that our own country benefited from our colonial past, a past many of us are reluctant or ashamed to speak about.

I encourage you to engage with these issues in the parish and to look for ways that your parish can become more welcoming and more inclusive. Does your parish address the subject of racism or are you afraid to mention it? Do you turn a blind eye to the presence of racism? Is the parish council representative of the congregation? Are the various ministries in the church representative of the parish? Do people see themselves represented in the various roles; the welcomers, the choir, the readers, the collectors, the eucharistic ministers, the children's liturgy team? Does the liturgy reflect the cultures that are present in the parish? Do we celebrate the different cultures that are increasingly present in our parishes? Do our statues of saints in our parish represent the diverse races in the Catholic Church such as images of St Martin de Porres, St Paul Miki and St Josephine Bakhita.

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, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Barbara Moran, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Julie Quarless, 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

Bernard Newman, Mary Muldoon

Anniversaries

Thomas Vincent Jackson



**The next CARJ meeting will be held on
2nd March at 12.15 in the Church.**

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 2nd March - We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)

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 March

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 1.30pm
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
12th March 2025

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

Craft Club

Craft Club will start again on Thursday
6th March 2025. 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 16th March

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'

MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this
month

Thank you for all your support



Tuesday 4th March 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

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—PASTORAL LETTER

My dear friends

As we mark Racial Justice Sunday, I would like to share with you a
few reflections.

Our archdiocese, and particularly Merseyside, has been shaped by
the influx of migrants who have helped contribute to creating its
unique and diverse cultural richness, including the first Chinese
community in Europe.

Although slavery and famine were the unhappy triggers for Black and
Irish people to settle, we have been enriched by them in diverse
ways.

By 1850, when the Diocese of Liverpool was founded, there was
already a long history of immigration into the area. More recently, in
the period after the Second World War, there was Windrush and Com-
monwealth immigration to provide workers for our factories, transport
system and health services.

Today, the changes continue with many Asylum Seekers and Refu-
gees arriving to escape wars and persecution. Our society has
become dependent on people from far-away countries to provide
essential services.

It is true to say that without that constant change most of us and our
families would not be here.

The early church was full of the same diversity. You'll remember the
reading from the Acts of the Apostles that we hear at Pentecost and
at Confirmations about the descent of the Holy Spirit.

It's an awesome moment when the room shakes with the power of
God. No language, race or culture is favoured because the Good
News is for people "from every nation under heaven".

We naturally love the place we are from and call it 'home'. It's where
we feel we belong but that doesn't make one place superior to
anywhere else. What remains true is that we are all children of God,
all sharing the same baptismal dignity.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Beginning this Monday 3rd March and each Monday in Lent, 7pm - 8.30pm at the convent at 168 Tarbock Road. Sr. MaryRose would like to offer a time for Lenten reflection using a book Bishop Marianne Budde wrote a few years ago:

'How we learn to be Brave ... Decisive Moments in Life and Faith'

(Bishop Marianne Budde 'spoke truth to power' when she called on Donald Trump to exercise mercy and compassion in relation to refugees, the undocumented etc ... at his Inauguration Service.) Places are limited because it has been really difficult to get hold of the books and there are only 13 copies. It should also be possible for people to share copies?

If you are interested please let Sr MaryRose know.

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



NUGENT CARE / St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Dear Parishioners,

For many years, we have proudly supported Nugent Care through donations of second-hand clothing and bedding etc for homeless individuals. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, Nugent Care is no longer able to accept these items.

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Liverpool. This Parish works tirelessly to support homeless people and asylum seekers in the area.

We encourage you to continue your generous support as we work together with St. Vincent de Paul Parish to assist those in need.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness and compassion.

Fr Anton

First Communion 2025

Letters have been sent out via schools and packs have been available to be collected since 29th January 2025. Please ensure you are keeping yourself up to date with all information.

Booklet deadline dates are: **28th April 2025** for St. Aidan's St. Joseph's and all other schools and **19th May 2025** for St. Anne's

Please find the dates for First Communion 2025 on the board at the back of church.

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.

Parish WhatsApp Group

It's 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.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ONLINE PREPARATION SESSIONS

Join the Animate Team and special guests.

1 and 15 May 2025 at 4:30-6.00pm on Animate Youth YouTube.

Just go to the channel at those times and we will be live. No log in needed.

The session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation.

We will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese.

This is to run alongside your Local Parish/ Deanery preparation.

Contemplative Prayer Mornings

The next session will be on Tuesday 11th March 2025. We meet in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at 10:30 am for 1 hour followed by tea and coffee. All are welcome.

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 29th March 2025.



Shadow Work

'The term shadow refers to everything within us that we don't know about ourselves. It's often called our disowned self. Jesus called it "the log in your own eye." Jesus preceded modern psychology's shadow work by 2000 years. His advice is absolutely perfect: "Take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly enough to take the splinter out of your brother's eye." If we do not recognise and name our own log, it is inevitable that we will project and hate it elsewhere. The shadow is not inherently evil or wrong; it is simply any part of ourselves or our institutions that we try to deny or reject. One of the easiest ways to discover our shadow is to observe our negative reactions to others and what pushes our buttons. Most often, what annoys us in someone else is a trait in ourselves that we haven't acknowledged.

It is also astonishing to find that some of the pure gold of our personality is relegated to the shadow because the gold is related to our true identity, to who we are in God, and this can be hard to accept. Curiously, we resist the noble aspects of our shadow more strenuously.

We are familiar with the idiom, 'It takes one to know one' which can be used when we share positive or negative attributes in others. Only an in-depth spirituality can fully accept the paradox of our flawed humanity, indwelt by God's presence, where both light and dark are allowed, loved and used by God. This integration brings forth what Thomas Merton called 'a hidden wholeness' and allows us to see beyond our own shadow and disguise and to find who we are, 'chosen in Christ from the beginning of the world.' (Ephesians 1:4ff). The Zen masters are saying the same thing when they speak of 'the face you had before you were born.' [1]

'We can also project our feelings onto others. If my heart is full of anger, I see every person as angry. If my heart is full of fear, I see everyone as someone who's afraid or someone I'm afraid of. But if my heart is filled with God's infinite love for me, then everyone I see is someone God is infinitely in love with.' [2] Then our words and actions will come from God's abundant love.

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] James Finley

WELCOMING GROUP

Could all the welcoming group members meet at the back of church after Mass on Sunday 9th March 2025 please. Many thanks, Veronica

Family of Parishes – Huyton (February 2025)

The EFG (Exploring the Future Group) met on the 16th November 2024 for a day's discernment to reflect on all the feedback that was gathered in the October meetings: what people felt about the 4 proposals.

After a full day of prayer and discussion the following emerged:

Proposal 1 – *Employment of a youth worker/ investment in laity* and **Proposal 4** – *A Big event and events shared between parishes*, while both good ideas with the potential to bring communities together and strengthen relationships, could work in conjunction with other ideas and were not the sole answer to the issues that have driven this process so far.

Proposal 3 – *One Centralised Church Campus* was thought, at this stage, to be a very big change. In listening to the feedback, it was felt that this was a change a majority of people weren't yet ready for.

Proposal 2 – *The Hub and Satellites* emerged as a choice people could work with and engage with. It was felt that this option could address the very real issues we are having to face re: church numbers and numbers of priests as well as creating a sense of community across the Huyton parishes.

However, it is still very much a proposal and before anything can be decided, it will need a lot more work to be done to delve deeper into the specifics and expand thoroughly on the details. So, it is with this intention that the EFG move forward into the next stage of this process.

The EFG will meet again on the 8th March and 7th June with the intention of being able to share with the community the different ways of realising the proposed future and then invite feedback. As always, with this process, we will keep you updated with information as soon as it is possible to do so. Please continue to pray for all of us on this journey, especially those on the EFG, as together we strive to discern the way forward.

(The last update about the Family of Parishes meetings, publicised in early December 2024, gave an overview of what we have done so far. If you have not managed to read this, it can be found via the following link: <https://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>)

We are collecting Palms for burning for Ash Wednesday. Can you please bring or drop them off at Church this Sunday. Thank you

