

**Sunday 18th August 2024**



**First Reading:**

Book of Proverbs 9:1-6

*Eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared for you.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Taste and see that the Lord is good**

**Second Reading:**

St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-20

*Recognise what is the will of God*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

The word was made flesh and lived among us;  
to all who did accept him he gave power to  
become children of God.

**Gospel:**

John 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my body is real drink*

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

**OFFICE/CHURCH**

**Parish Office:**

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**Tel: 0151 489 3085**

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm**

**Email Address:**

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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](http://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



**Sunday 18th August 2024**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME  
Year B**

*Please remember Fr. Anton and the  
Parishioners conducting the summer  
camp in Romania until Friday, 23rd  
August.*



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NEWSLETTER

### **Parish of Sts. Agnes & Aidan Live stream Masses**

Holy Mass is live streamed every Sunday at 11am 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 17th August**

Mass 5.30 pm - Eileen Mahoney, Master Albert Harrison

#### **Sunday 18th August - Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Mass 9.30 am - Sr Imelda Tos Chi, Sr Elizabeth Euphrasia

Mass 11.00 am - Jimmy Sime, Michael Sheehan

#### **Monday 19th August**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Wednesday 21st August - Memorial of St. Pius X, Pope**

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Saturday 24th August - Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle**

Mass 5.30 pm - Peter Markey, Daphne Flynn

#### **Sunday 25th August - Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Mass 9.30 am - Margaret Burns, Sr. Imelda Tos Chi

Mass 11.00 am - Jimmy Sime, Kathleen Keenan

**WCMAD MEETING—Re ; Parish overseas projects (Romania & Suriname) on**

**Sunday, 25th August at 8 p.m.—all are welcome.**

**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



### **Summer Camp in Romania**

#### **Romania & Suriname Projects - We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)**

Mary, Ronnie, Honor, Veronica Kelly and Fr. Anton arrived in Petrosani, Romania at the beginning of last week for the summer camp for the children who attend the Maria Stein Children's Centre. This is a centre for disadvantaged children to make school attendance a regularity. They also worked, for the first time, at the Heart of Jesus orphanage as they were invited to spend time with the children.

They have been having lots of fun with crafts, games and trips out in the local area. They are very grateful for your prayers and continued support. Please take a look on Facebook for some of the pictures from their time with the children.

#### **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.



#### **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE CHANGE IN MASS TIME**

With effect from **Sunday 27th October 2024** we will be changing the time of our Sunday Mass to 10.30 a.m.

**There will be one Sunday Mass only during the Winter Months.**

Saturday Mass at 5.30 p.m. will remain the same.



#### **Church security is everybody's responsibility**

May I ask all those who go for walks in the area to spend a few minutes checking around the church grounds and report any vandalism or anti-social behaviour. We need to be alert to any people loitering around the property.

We appreciate everyone looking out for our church property.

Many Thanks, Fr. Anton

## Life

There are three Greek words for *life* used in the New Testament:

**bios**, **psuche** and **zoe**. **Bios** refers to the life of the physical body. The English word *biology* comes from *bios*. The Greek word translated as *soul-life* is *psuche*. The English word *psychology* comes from *psuche*. **Zoe** refers to the uncreated, eternal life of God, the divine life uniquely possessed by God. [1]

In today's Gospel reading the words 'life' or 'live' or 'living' appear ten times and each time a derivation of the word **Zoe** is used. 'Jesus is talking about that life which is beyond words, indescribable, and yet we know it when we taste it. We get a taste of it when we love so deeply and profoundly and somehow we are more fully alive than ever before. Sometimes everything seems to fit together perfectly and all is right with the world; not because we got our way but because we knew our self to be a part of something larger, more beautiful, and more holy than anything we could have done. We were tasting life. In those moments time seems to stand still and we wish the moment would never end. It tastes so good.' [2]

'During the bombing raids of World War II, thousands of children were orphaned and left to starve. The fortunate ones were rescued and placed in refugee camps where they received food and good care. But many of these children who had lost so much could not sleep at night. They feared waking up to find themselves once more homeless and without food. Nothing seemed to reassure them. Finally, someone hit upon the idea of giving each child a piece of bread to hold at bedtime. Holding their bread, these children could finally sleep in peace. All through the night the bread reminded them, "Today I ate and I will eat again tomorrow."' [3]

The gospel tells us that if we hold on to Jesus, if we choose to be nourished by his whole way of life, his teaching and his attitudes, then we will continue to grow in awareness that he lives in us and we live in Him. Every day we will be nourished by this life-giving bread and no matter what our life circumstances, we will know we will be fed again tomorrow and tomorrow...

*Adapted: [1] Bibles for America [2] Michael Marsh  
[3] Dennis, Sheila & Matthew Linn: 'Sleeping with Bread'*

## Prayer for Peace

In light of the current climate, here and in many parts of the world, we continue to pray for peace. May we live the Prayer of St. Francis and endeavour to sow love, pardon, faith, hope, light and joy in the paths of hatred, darkness and despair.

## 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, John Ging, Claire Hindley, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael and Lawrence McClintock, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Michael O'Brien, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Betty Savage, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Tony Wernham, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

## Lately Deceased

## Anniversaries

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 18th August - LGBTQ+ and social 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 quiet prayer and refecton.***

## BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM - DROP- IN SESSIONS

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 September**

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.

### BAPTISMS ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday 12 noon and 1.00 pm  
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm  
4th Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

### BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Can be obtained from the Parish Office. 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 28th August**  
1pm until 3pm in the parish meeting room  
(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)  
New Members always welcome



## 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 18th August**

**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'

## Eucharistic Ministers

All the Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the housebound or nursing homes could you please inform the parish office the names of the persons/nursing homes you minister to. There needs to be a definitive list in the office of parishioners who are involved in this ministry.

Many thanks

**Music Group:** Music group are now on their summer break. Practice will recommence on **Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm**

**Community Prayer Circle** We would like to thank you all for trusting us with your heartfelt prayer intentions over the past year. We will recommence face to face meets on Tuesday 3rd September with lunch at 1pm followed by praying for the needs of our parish community. All prayer requests deposited in the prayer boxes will continue to be collected each week and prayed over during summer break.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3rd Sept - Prayer & Music Group restarts
- 6th Sept - Main WCMAD- Fundraiser in St Aidan's Parish Club
- 9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy
- 27th Oct - World Mission Sunday (CARJ)



## LUNCHEON CLUB

**SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church**  
**82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 12.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 25th September at 12.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 11th December at 12.30 pm**

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## 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.



## 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.

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

All those who would like to be baptised, confirmed or received into full communion with the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil 2025, kindly inform us by **Sunday 18th August 2024** as this is the deadline for registration for the RCIA Programme.