

Sunday 12th January 2025



First Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Behold my servant, in whom my soul delights

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading: Acts 10: 34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit

Gospel Acclamation

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him'.

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.

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

OFFICE/CHURCH

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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
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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk
Newsletter items by Thursday morning to
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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY 2025

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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 January

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen & James Sexton, Joan Boardman

Sunday 12th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - Cath Henry, Fran Brown

Monday 13th January

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 14th January - Memorial of St Kentigern

Requiem Mass 10 am - Agnes Muraski

Wednesday 15th January

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Saturday 18th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Vassallo Family, Julie Jones

Sunday 19th January - Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Kefe Akpoghenta, Steve Sheridan

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



AN INVITE TO A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

"A Bishop's task is to preside over a local Church as a visible principle of unity within it and a bond of communion with all the Churches." (69)

"This is why the Assembly desires that the People of God have a greater voice in choosing Bishops." (70)

XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS 2024

The Vatican Synod clearly says that in the appointment of bishops the voice of synodal bodies must be

heard. As you know, the process is underway for the appointment of a new Archbishop of Liverpool. You are invited to contribute to this process to have your voice heard. This is an exciting development in the life of the Church! There will be two meetings, held with the blessing of

Archbishop Malcolm, on:

▮ **Thursday 16th January 2025 at St Mary's Leyland, PR25 1PD (7.00pm – 9.30pm) and**

▮ **Saturday 18th Jan 2025 at St Margaret Clitherow Centre, L17 1AA (10.30am - 1.00pm)**

Each gathering will be the same – so only come to one of them. There will be two parts to the meeting:

Firstly, we will begin by looking at where we are as a diocese and our future development and secondly we will consider the qualities needed in our future Archbishop.

This is open to all members of our community here in the Archdiocese. To reserve a place at one of the meetings please fill in the online form via this link: bit.ly/ASCMeetingAOL

If you are unable to take part in person, but would like to take part in the Saturday meeting by Zoom, please follow the link below on Saturday 18th January at 10.30am:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89983555285?pwd=GbHwdzCo42YoaRMvIq8GgZBz5M5NW.1>

With best wishes, the Executive of the Archdiocesan Synodal Council.

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.

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](#)

Beloved

'The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity. It reminds us of who we are and whose we are: "You are my Beloved." It is because Jesus knows who he is that he does as he does. Like Jesus, all that we undertake must flow from who we are - God's beloved.' [1] 'We don't need to do anything to earn God's love. The point is to surrender to it, to fully allow it to become the deepest meaning, purpose and direction of our lives. This is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and Fire. It is the moment of conscious awareness, of conscious choice, of saying, "This is how I want to live my life." [2]

'It is the experience of who we are in God that enables us to carry out our mission in life even in those times when it is difficult to experience love because of experiences of failure, humiliation, suffering and difficulties in relationships. It is true that we not only are the Beloved, but also have to become the Beloved. If that is true, how then can we get a grip on this process of becoming? If the spiritual life is not simply a way of being, but also a way of becoming, what then is the nature of this becoming?

Could it be that:

- our growing awareness of being the beloved will gradually lead us to stop identifying ourselves with our jobs, our emotions, our life situations? These are not who we really are.
- in finding people and places where we are reminded of our deepest identity, we will renew our experience of what is already within us?
- in celebrating our belovedness with gratitude and wonder for our many daily experiences of love, we will fully live even when life is full of hurt?

Once we deeply trust that we ourselves are God's beloved, we are able to recognize that each person is beloved.' [3]

'Beloved.

Is there any other word needs saying, any other blessing that could compare with this name, this knowing?

Beloved.

*Keep saying it and though it may sound strange at first, watch how it becomes part of you, how it becomes you, as if you never could have known yourself anything else, as if you could ever have been other than this: **Beloved.**' [4]*

Adapted: [1] Vatican news [2] Richard Rohr [3] Henri Nouwen [4] Jan Richardson

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.

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, Suzanne Ellison, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, 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 & Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, 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

Barbara Robson, Agnes Muraski,

Anniversaries

Peter & Letitia Davies, Mary Braben, Leslie Wilson, Kefe Akpoghenta, Steve Sheridan

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 12th January - Peace and Racial Justice

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 February

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 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 22nd January 2025

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

Craft Club

Date to be advised for the next craft meeting. We will now have a subscription of £2 per session next year.

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 19th January

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'



Apologies for our postponed meeting last week due to adverse weather. We have rearranged this meeting for Sunday, 12th January at 12 noon.

**Tuesday 21st January 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

First Communion 2025

Due to a number of different commitments in the church diary, the dates for next year's First Communion are slightly different to previous years.

Please find the dates for 2025 as follows:

St. Aidan's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 12:30 pm**

All other schools - **Sunday 18th May 2025 1:30 pm**

St. Anne's - **Saturday 14th June 2025 10 am and 12:30 pm.** (Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

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.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 29th January 2025** at 6pm for all parents. Reminders about this will be sent out in the new year. Application forms have been emailed out through school and printed copies are available at the back of church.

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)



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.

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 25th January 2025.

