

Sunday 16th March 2025



First Reading **Genesis 15 :5-12. 17-18**

God enters into a covenant with Abram, the man of faith

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my light and my salvation

Second Reading **Philippians 3: 17-4:1**

Christ will configure us to his glorious body

Gospel Acclamation

From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.

Gospel Reading Luke 9:28b-36

As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered.

The Order of Mass is printed 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
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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

Sunday 6th April
CAFOD Lenten Soup Day



Sunday 16 March 2025
Second Sunday of Lent

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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.

NEWSLETTER

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 15th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Maureen Funnell, Evelyn Long

Sunday 16th March - Second Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - Brian Tyrer, Burrows Family

Monday 17th March - Feast of St Patrick

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Mass 7.30 pm - Baby Abigail *(followed by social event)*

Wednesday 19th March - Solemnity of St Joseph (Husband of Mary)

Requiem Mass 2 pm - Mary Muldoon

6.30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by the Deacon Mike Whelan)

Mass 7.30 pm - Sr Ana Maria Martinez, Sr Maria Ester Fissore

Friday 21st March

Mass 12 noon - Sr Caterina Streva, Sr Anna Teresa Bisotto

Saturday 22nd March

Mass 5.30 pm - Bernard Newman, Raymond Nelson

Sunday 23rd March - Third Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - Sr Mary Coleman, Marie Keight

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



Huyton Family of Parishes - Pulpit Sharing

The priests of our parishes will be moving around the family of parishes over various weekends during this year to celebrate the weekend Masses with you and the next one will be 22/23rd March

Please do make them welcome when they visit us.

It is hoped that by the end of the year each priest will have celebrated Mass in every church in our Family of Parishes.

Lenten Appeal for CAFOD

Our parish Lenten Fast Day is on 6th April!

Join us for soup after Mass, with all donations supporting CAFOD's important work.

Please collect CAFOD envelopes this weekend for yourself, family, and friends, and return them by 6th April. Thank you for your continued support!



Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P. at Irenaeus Centre

COME AND SEE DAYS 10:30am - 4pm 5th April Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P. and on the 3rd of May 3rd May 10:30am - 4pm Allegra Mutanda (Allegra is a lay woman in full time ministry in the Catholic Church. She is originally from the DR Congo and a native French speaker but has been living in the UK since 1995.)

[The Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD](#)

For more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199

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.



Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 29th March 2025.



Holding the mountain and the valley as one

The mountain top experience referred to in today's gospel is a unique peak experience for Peter, James and John. It is another revelation of Jesus as the Beloved Son and an invitation for us to rediscover our belovedness. 'Each one of us has our own venue of transformation/transfiguration. For some it might be art, for others it might be poetry or gardening or silence or whatever experience takes us to the deeper place where we experience the presence of and our oneness with the One in whose image we are created.' [1]

'Like Peter, we may want to build our home on our 'mountain peak'. We may want to make our fleeting experience permanent. [2] Jan Richardson beautifully describes how we might feel: 'Believe me, I know how tempting it is to remain inside this blessing, to linger where everything is dazzling and clear. But this blessing is built for leaving. This blessing is made for coming down the mountain. This blessing wants to be in motion, to travel with you as you return to level ground.' [3a]

'God is not in the business of offering us permanent real estate on the mountaintops. We mustn't be reluctant or afraid to come down from the mountain. Each day is just as God-infused as the experiences that occur on our mountaintops. That moment of transformation now resides eternally within us, helping us to see and hear the sacred both in our mountaintop and our valley experiences. Finding God in the valley requires dwelling in the valley. Can we hold the mountain and the valley as one — denying neither and embracing both?' [4]

From the comfort of our own homes it is easy to relate to the beauty and truth of these words. But what will they mean to all who are suffering worldwide from war and climate crisis, for those who find it difficult to hear God's voice in their cloud of darkness and confusion? With Jan Richardson we pray 'for every place broken by violence and hatred, for every person in pain and grief. This blessing is for you, from me, in sorrow and hope. There is nothing a blessing is better suited for than an ending, nothing that cries out more for a blessing than when a world is falling apart. This blessing will not fix you, will not mend you, will not give you false comfort; it will not talk to you about one door opening when another closes. It will simply sit itself beside you among the shards and gently turn your face toward the direction from which the light will come, gathering itself about you as the world begins again.' [3b]

Adapted: [1] James Finley [2] Michael Marsh [3a] Jan Richardson : Dazzling. A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday [3b] J.Richardson: Blessing when the world is ending [4] Debbie Thomas

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, Clare Shields, 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,

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 16th March - (Those mentally and physically challenged)

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.

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.

WCMAD (We Can Make A Difference) SUMMER CAMP 2025

This July, a group of our parishioners and Fr. Anton, will be heading to Romania to host the annual summer camp for children in the village of Petrosani. We will hold a commissioning ceremony during the weekend Masses on July 6th. On behalf of the children and the people of Romania, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support.

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on **Monday 7th April**

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 26th March 2025

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

Craft Club

Craft Club has started again on Thursday **next date to be advised.** We will now have a subscription of £2 per session.

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 is on Sunday 16th March

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'

MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month



Thank you for all your support

Tuesday 18th March 2025
In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- Music Group (7 pm)

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

All are welcome

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Please be advised that a meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for 13th April at 1.30 pm in the parish meeting room.

We kindly request the attendance of all Parish Council Members

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

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.



Lenten Appeal in Aid of CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)

Lenten Fast Day will be held once again this year on **Friday, 4th April**. As we have done in previous years, there will be soup served after Mass. All donations will go towards **CAFOD's** important work.

Please collect CAFOD envelopes for yourself, your family, and your friends, and bring them to the church **on or before the 6th of April**.

On behalf of **CAFOD**, thank you for your continued support

Contemplative Prayer Mornings

The next session will be on Tuesday **18th 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.

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