

Sunday 1st September 2024



First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2.6-8

Add noting to what I command you keep the commandments of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Second Reading: St James 1:17-18.21-22.27

You must do what the word tells you

Gospel Acclamation:

**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:
you have the message of eternal life**

Gospel Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

*You put aside the commandment of God to
cling to human traditions.*

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

OFFICE/CHURCH

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Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

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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

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to
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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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our Church may be shown on social media or
other publications. If you would prefer your
image not to be included please let us know.

The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

6th Sept 7pm - WCMAD- Fundraiser in
St Aidan's Parish Club for our overseas
missions in Romania and Suriname

NEWSLETTER



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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

Year B

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 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 31st August - St Aidan Bishop & Saint of Lindisfarne

Mass 5.30 pm - Terry Feary, Sr Maria Teresa Rosalbg

Sunday 1st September -Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Sr Aparerida Maria, Tom Sheehy

Mass 11.00 am - Steve Sheridan, John Quirk

Monday 2nd September

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 4th September

Requiem Mass 11am - John Quirk

Mass 7.30 pm - Margaret Burns, Peter Markey

Thursday 5th September

Funeral Service 10 am - Jaqueline Ann Bannister (Jackie)

Friday 6th September

Mass 12 noon - Patsy Smith, Staff in our Primary Schools

Saturday 7th September

Mass 5.30 pm - Teresa McCormick, Chris McCormack

Sunday 8th September -Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Patricia Roberts, Paul Murrell

Mass 11.00 am - Jaqueline Bannister, Caroline Foy

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



Annual Fundraiser Romania & Suriname Projects We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)



We look forward to seeing you at our Fundraiser event on Friday 6th September at St Aidan's parish club, when we will continue to raise funds for our projects in Romania and Suriname.

There will be a raffle with some very good prizes, stand-up bingo, shared table, horse racing and many other events.

This year we will be having a new and nearly new clothes sale for all ages and all the proceeds will go towards our work overseas.

We will begin on time at 7pm. There will be a DJ to entertain us so please bring your family and friends to support us.

Jackie and her staff will be on hand for you to purchase drinks from the bar.



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

Tradition Versus Tradition

'Tradition with a capital 'T' refers to the perennial Tradition which points to recurring themes and truths within all of the world's religions. At their most mature level, religions cultivate in their followers a deeper union with God, with each other and with reality. St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) held that if it's true, it's from the Holy Spirit. And if it's from the Holy Spirit, it's going to keep being discovered again and again. Tradition with a small 't' are those practices in all aspects of our lives which acquire an importance they do not deserve; some of these practices can cease to be life-giving, simply because we can't bear to change the way we've always done things. The Perennial Wisdom Tradition tells us not to settle for anything less than the truth of our Christ-self, the self that is already one with the Divine and with all that is.' [1]

'In today's Gospel, Jesus comes into conflict with the Pharisees who had a great regard for what is referred to as 'the tradition of the elders,' traditions which had been passed down orally for hundreds of years and that applied the Jewish Law to all the details of daily living. These traditions were not written in the Scriptures but they had come to acquire an authority that was equal to that of the Scriptures.' [2] 'A Perennial Wisdom teacher is always looking for our 'stuck' point. What is it that is preventing our growth?' [3] Jesus tells us that the 'stuck point' for the Pharisees was that 'they looked at the external activity whereas Jesus looked at the heart, the source of activity. They looked to the fulfilment of law and tradition while he looked to love and commitment. They looked at the letter of the law while he looked at its spirit.' [4]

'How can we discern whether we follow a life-giving Tradition? Jesus tells us to notice what comes out from within us, what fruit our adherence to Tradition bears. Does our understanding of Tradition lead to hospitality, to inclusion and to freedom? Does it cause our heart to open wide with compassion? Does it lead other people to feel loved and welcomed at God's table? Does it make us brave, creative and joyful?' [5] 'Does it give us the courage to cease doing our own kind of survival dance and choose instead our sacred dance?' [1]

*Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Association of Catholic Priests [3] Matthew Wright
[4] Father Gerry Pierce C.Ss.R [5] Debbie Thomas*

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.



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, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, 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

Tom Walsh

Anniversaries

Michael Anthony Lydon, Norah Dorman, James Shields, Steve Sheridan

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 1st September— Clean Drinking Water (an estimated 785 million people around the world don't have access to basic drinking water)

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

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 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 25th September which will be combined with the Luncheon Club
12.30 pm until 2.30 pm 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 15th September

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'

Fr Peter Morgan, a truly inspirational speaker, will be giving a talk on 24th September at 7.30 pm in The Refresh Café, Sts Peter and Paul's Church in Kirby.

Fr Peter has done incredible work with those on the margins, especially Refugees and Asylum Seekers

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 25th September at 12.30 pm

Wednesday 16th October at 12.30 pm

Wednesday 20th November at 12.30 pm

Wednesday 11th December at 12.30 pm

Sponsored by Livv Housing and Caring Connections



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.

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon. **Next Car boot sale on 28th September**

