

**Sunday 30th November**



**First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5**

*The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of the Kingdom of God*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord**

**Second Reading Romans 13:11-14a**

*Salvation is nearer to us now.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Show us, O Lord, your mercy and grant us your salvation**

**Gospel Reading Matthew 24:37-44**

*Stay awake so that you may be ready.*

The Order of Mass on page 4 of the Hymn Book.

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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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NEWSLETTER

# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**2nd December 7pm**

Join Us for a Festive Evening of Carols, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine with a visit from Father Christmas. A joyful evening filled with music, warmth, and community spirit.



**Sunday 30th November 2025**

**First Week of Advent**

**Year A**

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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 29th November

Mass 5.30 pm - Cathy Tinsley, Richard & Margaret Markey



### Sunday 30th November - First Sunday in Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Bernard Riley, Marian Donnelly

### Monday 1st December

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 2nd December - 7.00 pm Carol service



Wednesday 3rd December - St Francis Xavier, Priest

Funeral Service - Patricia Wilson 1.45 p.m.

Mass 7.00 pm - Maurice O'Gorman, Rose, Doris & Vassallo Family

Thursday 4th December - St John of Damascus, Priest, Doctor

Funeral Service - Margaret Fearon 12.45 p.m.

### Friday 5th December

Mass 12 noon - Danny Jones, Sr Virginia Marras

### Saturday 6th December

Mass 5.30 pm - Raymond Graham, Sandra Nelson



Sunday 7th December - Second Sunday in Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Rose Mountain, Alice O'Brien & Maureen Renwick

Confessions: Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.20 pm (or by appointment)



## First Communion Preparation

Letters have been sent via schools this week regarding the First Communion Dates for 2026.

Due to a number of different commitments in the church diary, the dates for next year's First Communion are as follows:

St. Aidan's **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 12:30 pm**

St. Anne's **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10 am and 12:30 pm.**

(Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

All other schools **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 3:00 pm**

The programme will be run as it did last 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 14th January 2026** for all parents at **6pm**. Reminders about this will be sent out in the new year.

## Blessing of the Posada

Reader: Jesus, born in a stable

**All: Bring hope to the homeless**

Reader: Jesus, child of Mary and Joseph

**All: Bring hope to all people**

Reader: Jesus, light of the world

**All: Bring hope to the dark places of this world**

Reader: Jesus, bearer of peace

**All: Bring hope to those suffering from conflict and war**

Reader: Jesus, who fled to another country

**All: Bring hope to all refugees**

Reader: Jesus, who was hungry in the desert

**All: Bring hope to the poor and starving**

Reader: Jesus, who died for us

**All: Bring hope to those near death**

Reader: Jesus, Son of God, Messiah

**All: Bring us hope this Christmas. Amen.**



## ***Advent Longing***

'Advent celebrates human yearning. There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfilment that somehow lies beyond us. It flows from our deeply rooted human incompleteness. St. Augustine uttered the classic description of this spirit: "You made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." All of us long for something more as we make our pilgrim way. When people focus on power, pleasure, fame, or financial prosperity, they often find themselves moving aimlessly, without fulfilment.' [1] 'Advent is about trying to make sense of that intense and disturbing imperative for a completeness that always eludes us, that burns in our flesh and never leaves us alone.' [2]

'Just as it is the task of the water-diviner to 'divine' the presence of the sweetest water deep down in the earth, so it is the task of spiritual leaders to enable us to 'divine' our divinity, to find the hidden well of mystery within us. The liturgy of the Christian Church responds to this mystery of our inner truth, but also wakens us to the danger of settling prematurely for lesser unions, of mistaking false gods for God. Our weakness lies in the setting up of the shop of our lives at the wrong address, in misreading 'true north' in the compass of our brief existence on this earth. Advent reminds us of, and returns us to our true roots, to God's first dream for us.' [2]

Whenever we experience the wonder of the hidden well of mystery within us, we will long to do all we can to 'stay awake', to nourish an awareness that God is present to us in every moment of our lives, in all the circumstances of our lives.

*Blessed be the longing that brought you here  
And quickens your soul with wonder.  
May you have the courage to listen to the voice of desire  
That disturbs you when you have settled for something safe.  
May you have the wisdom to enter generously into your own unease  
To discover the new direction your longing wants you to take.* [3]

Adapted: [1] Robert Maloney [2] Daniel O'Leary [3] John O' Donohue

## **Contemplative Prayer Sessions**

Our Contemplative Prayer Sessions have started again in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room. The meeting will be Tuesday 9th December 10.30 am to 11.30 am

All are welcome.

## **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, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, John Bradshaw, Trina Bromwell, Diane Bruder, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, Ann Clague, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Christine Malone, Dr Deograttius Mwanje, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Louise Owens, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Christabelle Silva, Ann Shields, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe, Mary & John Wrigley.

### **Recently Deceased**

Margaret Garner, Agnes Quinn, Stanley Bradshaw, Mary Kilburn

### **Anniversary**

Alice O'Brien

### **Sanctuary Lamp Week 30th November - For the young people in our Parish**

**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 & Christmas masses will be for all the parishioners and not for individual intentions. Thank you.**

## **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.



## **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.

## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:**  
First Monday of each month at  
7:30pm. The next meeting will be  
on Monday 1st December

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  
10th December 2025

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

### 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)

## 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, which will be open, is on**

**Sunday 21st December**

**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'

### Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- **Next meeting 9th December**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 9th December**

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

**All are welcome**

### Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month  
8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on  
31st January 2026



### 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.



## MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that, with effect from 3rd December, the Wednesday evening Mass will change  
from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

Sunday 30th November marks the beginning of Advent, the first week of the new  
liturgical year—Year A.

### Bishop Tom Williams

Bishop Tom will be visiting our parish on the weekend of 6th–7th December.

### 2nd December 7pm

Join Us for a Festive Evening of Carols, Mince Pies &  
Mulled Wine! A joyful evening filled with music, warmth,  
and community spirit.

### 6th & 7th December 3pm to 6pm

Heaven Sent - free live Nativity, Christian Fellowship  
Church, Old Rough Road, Kirby

*Save  
the  
Date*

### WCMAD Meetings:

Interested in our projects, traveling to Romania or helping with fundraising? Join us on  
March 8th 2026 July 12th 2026 at 12.30pm after the tea club to learn more and get involved!

### CARJ

Our next meeting to be held on Tuesday, 2nd December at 7 p.m. at The Hughes Room  
(accessible from the car park) at Bishop Eton, Our Lady of Annunciation Church, Woolton  
Road, Liverpool L16 8NQ.

### First Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Leo XIV - On love for the poor (DILEXI TE)



Join us at 6:30 pm on the following dates Saturday 22nd for a group reading.

Saturday 13th December 2025, 10th January, 17th January and 24th January 2026.  
All are welcome

### Mission Boxes

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. If anyone has a box which  
has not been emptied for sometime or a new box please hand it in at the sacristy or  
parish office. Alternatively, hand it to one of the collectors.  
The collectors are Janice Burrows, Margaret Oakley, Vera Kelly and Phil McLindon  
Thank you again for your support.

