

Sunday 26th October 2025



First Reading Sirach 35~: 15b-17, 20-22b

The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds

Responsorial Psalm

The lowly one called; the Lord heard him

Second Reading Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18

There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness

Gospel Acclamation

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation

Gospel Reading Luke 18: 9-14

The tax collector went down to his house justified, rather than the Pharisee

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

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

As part of the celebration and commemoration of the Jubilee Year 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*, CAFOD has commissioned a special icon created by Ethiopian artist **Mulugeta Araya** for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. This beautiful icon will be **on display in our church on 2nd November from 9am-12noon**. All are warmly invited to come and spend some time in prayer and reflection.



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 25th October

Mass 5.30 pm - Barbara Wain, Paddy Murphy

Sunday 26th October - Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Louise Anderson, Aninha Carvalho

Monday 27th October

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 29th October

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 31st October

Mass 12 noon— Sacristans & their families, Tea Club Volunteers

Saturday 1st November - Solemnity of All Saints

Mass 5.30 pm - Elizabeth Head, Margaret Richards

Sunday 2nd November - Solemnity of All Saints

Mass 10.30 am - Les Bonney, Peter Shanahan

Jubilee Icon to be displayed in the Church from 9 am to 12 noon

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



First Communion Preparation

As we prepare for the children's First Holy Communion, we kindly remind parents to encourage them to **attend the 10:30am Sunday Mass regularly**. Being present at Mass helps the children to become familiar with the prayers and responses, take part in the Little Church, and grow in their sense of belonging to our parish community.

Parish Volunteers

We continue to look for volunteers to support the many activities in our parish. We are especially seeking new people who can take on roles that have been faithfully carried out by long-standing volunteers over the years.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. As we know, many hands make light work, and together we can ensure the smooth running of parish life.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our volunteers - past and present - for their generous service and ongoing support. Please encourage your family and friends to get involved too!

Holy Communion for the Housebound

If you, or someone you know, are genuinely housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. Kindly provide your full address and clear contact details so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Supporting Share Knowsley

On behalf of Share Knowsley, we would like to thank all those who continue to support our brothers and sisters in need by donating a variety of items, including toiletries, which can be left at the back of the church. Please think twice before discarding something - an item no longer needed by you may be of great use to someone else. If you are unsure about what can be donated, please contact the Parish Office or reach out via the Parish WhatsApp group.

We also extend our gratitude to everyone who has been so generous, and to all parish volunteers involved in supporting asylum seekers—whether through drop-ins in Prescott and Kirkby or by helping at the Old Schoolhouse with English lessons and guidance on life in the UK.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness and commitment.

Please be considerate when parking as residents also need to access their driveways with ease. Thank you



Humility is being at home within ourselves [5]

The theme of today's Gospel is humility. 'At the root of the word *humility* is the Greek word *humus*, the earth that God made and called good. Humility is our fundamental recognition that we each draw our life and breath from the same source: the God who made us and calls us beloved. Humility does not only prevent us from seeing ourselves as more deserving or graced or better than another, it also compels us to recognise that we are no less deserving or graced than another.' [1]

If you are humble nothing will touch you, neither praise nor disgrace, because you know who you are.' [2] The Pharisee and tax collector are not as different as we might think, for they both do not know who they really are. They both identify themselves by what they have *done*. It is their reactions to what they have done that differs. The ticked boxes on the Pharisee's scorecard of 'achievements' led to his attitude of self-righteousness. He seems to have no need of God, no awareness that any good he may have done was a result of God's life within him. The tax collector identifies himself with his sinfulness. He is not aware of who he really is, but he acknowledges his need for help.

Both the Pharisee and the tax collector shared the belief that we have to be perfect before God will love us. The Pharisee thought he was perfect so he didn't feel the need to change. 'The tax collector cried out, "God be merciful to me, a sinner! One who is in need of you. One who is and has nothing apart from you."' [3] Perfection is about becoming who we really already are.' [3] 'God doesn't ask us to be perfect, but to be humble.' [4]

'To be truly humble and therefore fully human is about being truly connected to the reality that lies within us and to recognise that in our oneness with all life, we play a small but vital role in improving that part of creation on which our feet are planted.' [5]

'I recently learned that Michelangelo created *David* from a piece of marble that had been twice discarded by two other sculptors. When Michelangelo finally got his hands on it, the marble had been waiting for 40 years for someone who was up to its challenge. This brilliant work of art was created out of an imperfect piece of marble. And it took 40 years before someone decided it was worth using. How can I be open to allowing God to carve away and uncover all of the beauty in my perfect imperfect self? [4]

Adapted: [1] Jan Richardson [2] St. Teresa of Calcutta. [3] Michael Marsh [4] Christine Jurisich [5] Rev Dan

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.

Ivan, Asanta Alwis, Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Shona Blackey, 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, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Christine Malone, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, 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

Lately Dead

Hilda Williams, Kathleen Robertson, Margaret Bordessa

Anniversary

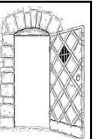
Alicia Bowden, Les Bonney, Elizabeth Head

Sanctuary Lamp Week 26th October - CARJ (Catholic Association for 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 & 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

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.

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will be
on Monday 3rd November

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
12th November 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 16th November

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 28th October**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 4th November**

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
29th November



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.



Invitation to Read the First Papal Exhortation by Pope Leo XIV

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us as we **read and reflect on the First
Papal Exhortation by Pope Leo XIV.**

- **Date:** Saturday, 1st December
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room

Let us come together in faith and fellowship to explore this important document in full.
All are welcome!

You can find the PDF of Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te* — which focuses on
love for the poor — at irp.cdn-website.com.
The **Vatican News** and other trusted sources also provide the full text in various formats.

2nd November Jubilee 2025 icon by Mulugeta Araya, commissioned by CAFOD,
will be displayed in our church 2nd November 9am-12 noon.

12th November Remembrance Service for the Faithful Departed

WCMAD Meetings:

Interested in our projects, traveling to Romania or helping with
fundraising? Join us on November 9th 2025, March 8th, July 12th 2026 at 12.30pm
after the tea club to learn more and get involved!

*Save
the
Date*

ONE SUNDAY MASS

There will be one Sunday Mass only at
10.30 a.m. until the Spring 2026.



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.

