

Sunday 16th February 2025



First Reading **Jeremiah 17: 5-8**

Cursed is the man who trusts in man; blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in heaven

Second Reading **Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20**

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile.

Gospel Acclamation

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord for behold, your reward is great in heaven.

Gospel Reading **Luke 6 :17, 20-26**

Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.

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

Parish Website every week at:

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

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Images taken during services and events in 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

First Communion Programme has started.
Please keep updated with information via website,
Facebook and the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER



Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

SUNDAY 16th February 2025

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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 15th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Pauline Walsh, Kathleen Latham

Sunday 16th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Racial Justice Sunday

Mass 10.30 am - Cath Henry, Eileen Hope

Monday 17th February - The Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 19th February

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Thursday 20th February

Funeral Service 1.15 pm - Joseph Kearns

Friday 21st February - St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor

Mass 12 noon - Edward Riley, Bill Hitchen

Saturday 22nd February - Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle

Mass 5.30 pm - Kevin Gallagher, Margaret Garvey

Sunday 23rd February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - St Polycarp

Mass 10.30 am - Dougie Maylor, Mary McDonnell

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



NUGENT CARE

Dear Parishioners,

For many years, we have proudly supported Nugent Care through donations of second-hand clothing and bedding etc for homeless individuals. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, Nugent Care is no longer able to accept these items.

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Liverpool. This Parish works tirelessly to support homeless people and asylum seekers in the area.

We encourage you to continue your generous support as we work together with St. Vincent de Paul Parish to assist those in need.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness and compassion.

Fr Anton

Huyton Family of Parishes - Pulpit Sharing

As mentioned last weekend, 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. Today we welcome Fr, Dave Gamble to our parish. Fr, Dave is the parish priest of St. Albert's. Please do make him welcome while he is with us this weekend. It is hoped that by the end of the year each priest will have celebrated Mass in every church in our Family of Parishes

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.



Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your **Confirmation** or Holy Communion - Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan & St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

Please make yourself known to Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

Blessed are the beggars for things of the spirit

'Today's gospel looks a lot like the Beatitudes at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. One difference is that in Matthew (Ch 5) the 'blessings' are not contrasted with the 'woes' that Luke records. And Matthew depicts Jesus on a mountain, whereas Luke says that 'Jesus stood on a level place.' We could spend time wondering which account is correct. Who do we believe?

The truth is that Jesus was an itinerant preacher. He spoke without notes, repeating the same truths over and over again with different parables and illustrations, and endless variations of them, according to the mindset and lifestyle of the particular audience. But it was always the same basic teaching. Also, in today's gospel Luke uses a Hebrew poetic style called 'antithetical parallelism' - a literary device that contrasts opposing ideas using similar grammatical structures. This Hebrew poetic style is found in many passages in Scripture, as in today's first reading. It is poetry, not prose, and is meant to speak to the heart as well as the mind.' [1]

Whatever the style used, the message is still the same. The message in today's gospel could be summarised in the first beatitude: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours **is** the kingdom of God. 'The Greek translation is "Those who become ***beggars for things of the spirit*** will live in fullness." A beggar is a person who has nothing and *knows* he has nothing. Only he will experience human fullness who experiences the freedom of *searching*, of looking for, of being a beggar for the things of the spirit. The beggar in us gratefully receives every gift of each enlightened moment, every gift of each experience of unconditional love.[2] When we experience the gift of God's sustaining love in the midst of our poverty, hunger, sorrow and rejection, we grow in awareness of our oneness with everyone and everything. 'Grounded in who we are in God, we can then move forward as best we can to touch with love the hurting places in ourselves and others.' [3]

In his song, 'Do Something,' Matthew West speaks about his reaction when faced with the suffering of so many people. He writes:

Well, I just couldn't bear the thought of people living in poverty, children sold into slavery. The thought disgusted me. So, I shook my fist at heaven and said, "God, why don't you do something?" He said, "I did. I created you."

Adapted: [1] Dr. Ralph F. Wilson [2] Piero Archiati [3] James Finley

We are starting to collect Palms for burning for Ash Wednesday. Can you please bring or drop them off at Church. Thanks



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, Mary & Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Julie Quarless, 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

Richard Naylor, Joseph Kearns, Marjorie Sparks, Elizabeth Caslin

Anniversaries

Thomas Vincent Jackson, Margaret Preston, Neville & Bhuvaneshuari Fernandes, Jennifer Hewitt, Peggy Coyne

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 16th February - Asylum Seekers and Refugees

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 refectio.*****

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 March**

**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
26th February 2025**

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

Craft Club

Craft Club will start again on Thursday
6th March 2025. We will now have a
subscription of £2 per session.

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 16th February**

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ & on
Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/580539512933145/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share)

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's
LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Lindisfarne Pilgrimage

Our parish pilgrimage to Lindisfarne will take place
from Monday June 30th, 2025, for two to three
nights. A few spaces are still available, so if you're
interested, we encourage you to act quickly.

All those interested are invited to a brief meeting
on Sunday February 16th, at 12:30 pm in the
Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

**Tuesday 18th February 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

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 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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ONLINE PREPARATION SESSIONS

Join the Animate Team and special guests.

1 and 15 May 2025 at 4:30-6.00pm on Animate Youth YouTube.
Just go to the channel at those times and we will be live. No log in needed.

The session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit,
Saints, Rite of Confirmation.

We will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese.
This is to run alongside your Local Parish/ Deanery preparation.

Contemplative Prayer Mornings

The next session will be on Tuesday 11th 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.

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.
Next Car boot sale on 22nd February 2025.

