

Sunday 29th December 2024



First Reading: Book of Sirach 3: 2-6 12-14

He who fears the Lord honours his parents

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-21

Family life in the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly**

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers

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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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

Wednesday, 1st January 2025
12 noon
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

NEWSLETTER



29th December 2024

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

YEAR C

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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.

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 28th December - Holy Innocents

Mass 5.30 pm - Sandra Nelson, Theresa Henry

Sunday 29th December - Holy Family

Mass 10.30 am - Gerry Ball & Francis Brannon, Patrick & Mary McLindon

Monday 30th December

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 1st January 2025 - Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

12 noon - New Year Service

Time to Reflect on the year that is passing ... giving thanks for its gifts, challenges, joys and sorrows ... and to embrace the year ahead with trust and hope



Saturday 4th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Catherine & Christopher Smith, Betty Mooney

Sunday 5th January - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - Frank & John Molloy, Cath Tinsley



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



Lindisfarne Pilgrimage

We are planning a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne (St Aidan) in the summer of 2025, date to be confirmed.

If you are interested please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

SHARE KNOWSLEY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Want to make a difference to people's lives and do something rewarding?

Come and join us. Share Knowsley is looking for volunteers.

There are many different ways you can help:

- Helping staff at the drop-ins
- Supporting in the English classes
- Sorting donations
- Working 1:1 with a client
- Helping with casework



If interested please contact us

The admin@shareknowsley.org.uk and the phone number is: 07915 252300

We are also collecting prizes for our Christmas Fayre for tombolas and our raffle. If you have any donations, please bring them to the Old School House or to the back of church.

Thank you so much

Margaret Roche, Chief Executive Officer

Feast of the Holy Family

When we think of the Holy Family, we have to admit that there is nothing normal about this family: the boy was the Son of God, his mother was a virgin and we last hear about Joseph when Jesus was 12 years old. We can also be tempted to imagine that they were living in bliss all the time. That is not the reality. They were poor. When Jesus was born they were homeless. Then, with a new baby they had to flee to Egypt to escape an attempt on the child's life. When Jesus was brought to the temple, Simeon told them he was destined to be a sign that would be rejected. And in today's Gospel reading we learn that Mary and Joseph lost Jesus for three days. Can you imagine the stress of losing one of your children for three days? So why are they supposed to be our model? Perhaps the answer lies in the truth that they had their priorities right. An awareness of God's love was the centre of their lives and how they lived their lives was an expression of their loving response to God and their loving relationship with the people in their lives.

The supreme work of our entire lifetime is to develop the capacity to know how to love. The good news is that eternal and perfect Love is within us; we are already one in Love. Thomas Merton tells us that we just need to start becoming who we already are. More often than not, we lose sight of that awareness. The longing we focused on during Advent is an ongoing longing for a seemingly lost or missing part of ourselves.

When Mary and Joseph found Jesus, they returned to their home in Nazareth, where 'Jesus grew and became strong and filled with wisdom.' When we make our home in God who makes his home in us, we will grow in awareness of the wonder of who we are.

The gospel 'yardstick' of normality is a life lived in a loving response to God, the source of love. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are rightly the ideal family to be imitated.

Adapted. Richard Rohr

'And I said to the one who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

Time to Reflect on the year that is passing ... giving thanks for its gifts, challenges, joys and sorrows ... and to embrace the year ahead with trust and hope.



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, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, Tony Ferguson, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Mary & Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, 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

Agnes Muraski, Ivy Burns, Veronica Keane

Anniversaries

Joseph Sutton, Richard Waldron

BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM

The first Wednesday in January is New Year's Day so the next drop-in session will be 5th February 2025.

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 29th December— For the housebound and their carers

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 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 3rd February

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 8th January 2025

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

Craft Club

Date to be advised for the next craft meeting. We will now have a subscription of £2 per session next year.

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 19th January

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'



Thank you to all those who supported us this last year. Our next meeting is on Sunday 5th January at 12.15 p.m.

**Tuesday 7th January 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

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)



Daily Meditation Practice

To open ourselves to the presence of God (from Psalm 46)

Slowly repeat the following out loud three times:

Be still and know that I am God

Be still and know that I am

Be still and know

Be still

Be ... After the third 'Be ...' remain in the stillness for three, five, ten or twenty minutes, ideally twice a day, as your circumstances allow. End by slowly praying the Lord's Prayer, the Glory be, or saying "O holy heart of God, Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy."

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.



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 25th January 2025.

