

Sunday 23rd March 2025



First Reading Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

"I AM" has sent me to you.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is compassionate and gracious

Second Reading Corinthians 10: 1-6. 10-12

The way of life of the people with Moses in the desert was written down for our instruction.

Gospel Acclamation

Repent says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand

Gospel Reading Luke 13 :1-9

Unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

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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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

DON'T FORGET THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR NEXT WEEKEND



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 23rd March 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

Year C

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 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 22nd March

Mass 5.30 pm - Bernard Newman, Raymond Nelson

Sunday 23rd March - Third Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - Sr Mary Coleman, Marie Keight

Monday 24th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 25th March - Annunciation of the Lord

Mass 7.30 pm - Pensioners Club, Tea Club Volunteers

Wednesday 26th March

6.30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by the CARJ Group)

Mass 7.30 pm - Sr Janith Tinong, Sr Patrizia Masako

Friday 28th March - (Survivors of Sexual Abuse)

Mass 12 noon - Mary O'Rourke, Bernadette O'Rourke

Saturday 29th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Eric Morton, Robert & Kathleen Latham

Sunday 30th March - Laetare Sunday - Mother's Day

Mass 9.00 am - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

Mass 10.30 am - Marie Keight, Sacristans & their families
Commissioning of Pablo Guidi (SHARE Knowsley)

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm (or by appointment)



Summer Mass
Times Return



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



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. John Ealey to our parish. Fr. Ealey is the parish priest of St. Aloysius & St Dominic'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



PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY, 18th APRIL AT 1 pm AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, 28th APRIL AT 10 am.

Lenten Appeal for CAFOD

Our parish Lenten Fast Day is on 6th April!

Join us for soup after Mass, with all donations supporting CAFOD's important work.

Please collect CAFOD envelopes this weekend for yourself, family, and friends, and return them by 6th April.

Thank you for your continued support!



Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P. at Irenaeus Centre

COME AND SEE DAYS 10:30am - 4pm 5th April Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P.

and on the 3rd of May 3rd May 10:30am - 4pm Allegra Mutanda (Allegra is a lay woman in full time ministry in the Catholic Church. She is originally from the DR Congo and a native French speaker but has been living in the UK since 1995.)

[The Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD](#)

For more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 29th March 2025.



Choose Life and Live Fully

'In today's gospel we have references to two disasters about which we have no definite information and can only speculate. But there is far more than an historical problem in this passage. The Jews rigidly connected sin and suffering. Jesus utterly denied it in the case of the individual. But he went on to say that if his hearers, as a nation, did not repent they would perish. The nation which chooses the wrong ways will in the end suffer for it.' [1] 'The people who come to Jesus are longing to make sense of the senseless. They are looking for formulas to eradicate the mystery because mystery unnerves us. Yet they already have an answer in mind. They show up hoping to confirm what they already believe. They come expecting Jesus to verify their deeply held assumption that people suffer because they're sinful: that folks get what they deserve, that bad things happen to bad people. How different are the beliefs we hold about human suffering? When the unspeakable happens, what default settings do we revert to?' [2]

'Jesus typically responds by inviting the people to engage in a story. Theories don't heal. Formulas can be reductive. Platitudes are flat. And questions that call for shallow answers aren't worth asking in the face of tragedy. But stories? Stories open up possibility. Stories include, unmake, and transform us.' [2] 'The story Jesus tells portrays God as the compassionate Gardener. The demanding landowner's attitude is "Produce fruit or be cut down." But that is not how God deals with God's people. God does not cut down life. The caring and compassionate Gardener seeks to nourish life, is willing to get down on his hands and knees, to dig around in the dirt of our life, to water and then trust that fruit will grow. This Gardener sees possibilities for life that we often cannot see in our own or each other's lives.' [3]

The story of the fig tree is also a reminder of the areas where there is zero growth in our lives. That stagnation could be the consequence our fears, prejudices, judgments, condemnations and the need for control. Without even being noticed, buried anger can drain away the energy that could foster growth and peace. Now is the time to examine the fig tree of our life. Where is our life bearing fruit? Where is it not? Where do we need to spend time, care, and energy nurturing life and relationships? What are our priorities and do they need adjusting? Who or what orients our life? Are we growing or are we "wasting the soil" in which we have been planted? Repentance – a change of heart - is the way to life, the way of becoming most authentically who we are and who, at the deepest level, we long to be. Ultimately, repentance is about choosing to live and to live fully. Now. [4]

Adapted: [1] William Barclay [2] Debie Thomas [3] Michael Marsh
[4] galwaydioces.ie/reflection

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, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Barbara Moran, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Julie Quarless, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Clare Shields, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe

Lately Deceased

Mike Twigg

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 23rd March - Survivors of Sexual Abuse

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.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2025 - 2026

Thank you to all those parishioners who have used **Offertory Envelopes** over the last year. New boxes, for the period commencing 6th April 2025, are now available at the back of the church. The boxes are set out in alphabetical order. Please don't forget to collect yours today. Please advise the office if the address shown is not correct. Many thanks for your support.

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

Baptism

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

**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
26th March 2025**

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

Craft Club

Craft Club has started again on
Thursday **next date to be advised.**
We will now have a subscription of £2
per session.

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 is on
Sunday 20th April**

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'

**Tuesday 1st April 2025
In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room**

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- Music Group (7 pm)

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

All are welcome

Contemplative Prayer Mornings

The next session will be on
Tuesday **25th 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Please be advised that a meeting of the Parish
Council is scheduled for 13th April at 1.30 pm
in the parish meeting room.

We kindly request the attendance of all Parish
Council Members

First Communion 2025

There are now 5 weekends left before the first deadline (28th April 2025) for St. Aidan's, St. Joseph and any one who attends a school not officially linked with the parish to hand in workbooks. If you have not yet started your workbook or attended Mass, you will need to do so as soon as possible.

St. Aidan and St. Joseph pupils should bring their books ONLY - not the whole pack - to school on Monday 28th April and Christine will collect them from schools. All other schools, please hand your workbook to a catechist at the end of Mass on Sunday 27th April or drop in to the office on Monday 28th April.

Please continue to work on your workbooks and fill them in, in as much detail as possible. Having looked at some of the books, some children have really excelled themselves in making this a meaningful preparation process. If you are struggling with the answers or need any help please use the board at the back of the church or ask any of the catechists.

There will be an update for St. Anne's pupils closer to the deadline of 19th May 2025.

Farewell and Commissioning Ceremony for SHARe Knowsley Leadership on Sunday 30th March .

We invite you to join us as we honor Margaret Roche, the founder and chairperson of SHARe Knowsley, as she steps down from her role after years of dedicated service. Margaret's vision and tireless commitment have been the foundation of this incredible community, supporting asylum seekers and refugees with compassion and generosity.

As we bid Margaret a heartfelt farewell, we also welcome Pablo Guidi, who will be commissioned at the 10.30am Mass, as the new head of Share Knowsley. Pablo brings passion and experience to this role, ensuring that the mission of SHARe Knowsley continues to flourish.

Join us for this special occasion as we express our gratitude to Margaret and give our support to Pablo in his new role.

GARDENER'S CLUB

The Parish Gardeners Club is looking for more volunteers to help maintain the Parish Garden. They meet every Monday morning to tidy up the garden, followed by a social gathering with a bite to eat. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in gardening and socializing. Whether you are a parishioner or not, all are welcome to join the group. Please feel free to reach out to your extended family and friends who may be interested in getting involved.

For more details contact Bryan Blois 077725097814