

Sunday 18th May 2025



First Reading Acts 14: 21b-27

They declared to the Church all that God had done with them.

Responsorial Psalm

I will bless your name for ever, my God and king

Second Reading Revelation 21: 1-5a

God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

Gospel Acclamation

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

Gospel Reading John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.

The Order of Mass is printed on page 4 of the Hymn Book

OFFICE/CHURCH

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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk
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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 18th May 2025
Fifth Sunday after Easter
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 17th May - St John of Avila, Priest

10.00 am First Communion - St Aidan's School

12.30 pm First Communion - St Joseph's School

Mass 5.30pm - Mary Muldoon, Terminally ill parishioners and their families

Sunday 18th May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.00 am - Sue Hetysen, Veronica & Michael Schucke

Mass 10.30 am - Beatrix Hartman, Special Intention

1.30 pm First Communion - All Other Schools

Monday 19th May

Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 21st May - St Christopher Magallanes + companions, Martyrs

Funeral Service 11.30 am - Bridgett Scott

Mass 7.30 pm - Nora Phelan, Austin Riley

Thursday 22nd May - St Rita of Cascia

Requiem Mass 11.45 am - John Sweeney

Friday 23rd May

Mass 12 noon - Dan Cahill, Sr Rita Patrizia

Saturday 24th May

Mass 5.30pm - Peter Markey, Terry Greenland

Sunday 25th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.00 am - James Taylor, Carmel Halliday

Mass 10.30 am - Joan Moran, Janice & Family

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



Love is who we are

'Surely Jesus' command to love one another was nothing new for the disciples and those of their time; the commandment is well known in the Old Testament: Love God with your whole heart and your neighbour as yourself.' What is new? "Love ... as I have loved you." The love Jesus asks of the disciples here - and of us - is to love as he has loved, and that is a controversial love for some. It is controversial because Jesus' love is without restrictions and without exclusion. It is a love of those we may not like, a love of those it is hard to love. This love was too radical for some of the religious leaders of Jesus' time and ultimately led to his death. This radically inclusive love is sometimes too much for Christians today also: to love those on the extreme margins of our society, to love those who have hurt us, to welcome back those who have done wrong, to include all at the table.' [1] Does it sound as if Jesus is asking for the impossible? G.K Chesterton once wrote that "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried." Yet some have tried. Martin Luther King told the people involved in the Civil Right's Movement, "Say to the people who are hurting you, 'You can't make us stop loving you.'"

What is love? The word that is used by John in this passage is the Greek word 'agape' which is a love that is not based on feelings but on a conscious choice to care for and desire the well-being of others, even with their flaws. We may not love what a person *does*, but Jesus is asking us to love the person because of who he/she *is*. How we embark on our journey of loving others is rooted in our personal experience of who we are. 'Love is not really an action that you do. *Love is what and who you are, in your deepest essence*. We are created in the image of God and God is love. We were created by a loving God to **be** love in the world. When we get the "who" right and realise that *who I am is love*, then we will do what we came to do: *Love God, love ourselves, love others and love all that God has created.*' [2]

Adapted: [1] Veritas [2] Richard Rohr

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.



Holiday to Sri Lanka: 2nd – 13th February 2026 (12 days)

We are excited to announce a special holiday to Sri Lanka, taking place from 2nd to 13th February 2026, led by Fr Anton, a native of Sri Lanka who lived there until his mid-20s.

This unforgettable cultural tour offers a wonderful opportunity to discover the beauty, history, and traditions of Sri Lanka. Highlights include visits to sites of historical and cultural importance, a wildlife safari, and a hands-on Sri Lankan culinary experience. The trip will be on a full-board basis.

Cost should not be a concern – a flexible instalment plan will be available, allowing you to spread payments across the year.

If you're interested or would like more information, including a copy of the itinerary, please contact:

Honor Ambrose – Tel: 0151 480 5608 / Email: honoraambrose@hotmail.co.uk
or Parish Office – Tel: 0151 489 3085

Please note: Places are strictly limited to 25 participants, so we encourage early registration.

An information meeting for all those travelling will be held on Monday 19th May at 12:30pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Meeting Room, with the option to join remotely via Zoom or WhatsApp Video.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room 7pm - 9pm on the following dates

Thursday	5th June	- St Mary of Namur
Thursday	12th June	- Daughters of St Paul
Thursday	19th June	- Helpers of the Holy Souls

Religious sisters are living and working in our local community, dedicating their lives to prayer and public service. Their important and profound work is often unseen and unheard.

Please join us to reveal their different ministries and to discover more about their formation and faith.

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, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Barbara Moran, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, 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 Deceased

Derek McEgan, Maureen Grimwood, Bridgett Scott, John Sweeney

Anniversary

Mary Rowley, Thomas Till

Sanctuary Lamp week 18th May - Those struggling with addiction & their families.

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.

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 2nd June

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 28th May 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, which will be open, is on Sunday 18th May

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'

Tuesday 27th May 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

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 31st May .



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)

First Communion 2025

The deadline for books from all schools apart from St. Anne's has now passed. The books are beautiful and it's been a pleasure to go through them and see the time and thought that has gone into supporting your child in making their First Communion.

St. Anne's children, please continue with work books and coming to Mass. Your deadline of 19th May 2025 is fast approaching.

Join Our Parish Racial Justice Group (CARJ)

If you're passionate about racial justice - regardless of your faith or background - you are warmly invited to join our Parish Racial Justice Group. To learn more, please visit the CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) notice board by the statue of St. Martin de Porres, or speak with a member of the Parish CARJ Team. We'd love to welcome you!

Ann Malone (Chair of the Parish CARJ)

(5th, 12th, 19th June)	Workshops on the origins and continuing work of the Religious (Sisters) in our parish (see notice in the porches)
6th July	Parish BBQ
10th August	International Table
17th October	WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference) St Aidan's Club (Parish Club)
19th October	World Mission Sunday

Save the Date

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



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.

