

**Sunday 28th December**



**First Reading 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 Reading Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

Take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt

The Order of Mass 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](http://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

**First Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Leo XIV -  
On love for the poor (DILEXI TE)**

Group Reading - All Welcome!

Join us at 6:30 pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly-room on these Saturdays:

- 10, 17 & 24 January 2026

All are welcome



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**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
& Holy Innocents  
Year A**

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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 27th December - Feast of Saint John**

Mass 5.30 pm - *Felicia & Charles Roberts, Tony Roberts*

#### **Sunday 28th December - Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Mass 10.30 am - *McCloy & Foley Families, Mary & Patrick McLindon*

#### **Monday 29th December—St Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Wednesday 31st December—St Sylvester, Pope**

7 pm New Years Eve—Mass of Thanksgiving

*Deceased Members of the Donnelly and Shields Family*



#### **Thursday 1st January—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Service 12 noon—*Embracing the New Year in a Spirit of trust.*

#### **Friday 2nd January—St Basil the Great, St Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop/Doctors**

Mass 12 noon—*St Anthony- prayers answered, Mary Kilburn*

#### **Saturday 3rd January –The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

Mass 5.30 pm - *Betty Mooney, Agnes Bennet*

#### **Sunday 4th January - Second Sunday after the Nativity**

Mass 10.30 am - *Cathy Tinsley, Patricia Leight*



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

### **First Communion Preparation**

Letters have been sent via schools regarding the First Communion Dates for 2026.

Due to a number of different commitments in the church diary, the dates for next year's First Communion are as follows:

St. Aidan's **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 12:30 pm**

St. Anne's **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10 am and 12:30 pm.**

(Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

All other schools **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 3:00 pm**

The programme will be run as it did last 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.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 14th January 2026** for all parents at **6pm**.

Reminders about this will be sent out in the new year.

### **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!

### **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 and St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

*Please make yourself known to Christine Ball  
or Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).*

## Flight



Migration has been with us since the dawn of time. Migration is in the Bible right from the start. In story after story the bible introduces us to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Some have fled, others are forced to leave by circumstances and still others choose to leave in search of better lives.

Before he was even born, Jesus' life began with a journey. After his birth, instead of returning home, Mary, Joseph and Jesus began another arduous journey, fleeing to Egypt for protection until it was safe to go back to Nazareth which was not their planned destination. The gospel narrative doesn't give us any indication of how their forced migration affected them physically, emotionally or psychologically.

When we listen to the news – and study history – we are faced with the fear, anxiety and despair of so many migrants and refugees. The physical consequences of their situation are obvious: they need food, shelter, health care, transport and an opportunity to provide for their families. The emotional and psychological consequences are not so obvious. We can't imagine the pain: of having to make an impossible choice between the lesser of two evils; of losing the comfort of the sense of belonging – to family, friends and place; of losing the sense of identity; of losing a sense of worth.

We can only wonder if Mary and Joseph experienced similar pain. However, we do know that they experienced the excruciating pain of not being known. There was no room for them in the inn. Little did the unsuspecting innkeepers know the untold Gift these strangers were carrying. Today's gospel invites us to open our arms to those we do not know. It implores us to soften our hearts. It entreats us to pause and reflect, to remember that behind every statistic there is an individual, a family, children with their own joys and sorrows, hopes and dreams.

Valerie Kaur invites us to see no stranger, but to see everyone as 'a part of me I do not yet know.' Above all, we are invited to experience the reality of the words of St. John: "The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. Through him all things have their being."

*The reflection is mainly adapted passages from: 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Guli Francis Dehquani*

## 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, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, 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, Collette Davies, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Christine Malone, Dr Deograttius Mwanje, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Louise Owens, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Christabelle Silva, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Emma Williamson, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe, Mary & John Wrigley.

### Recently Deceased

Andrew McDonald.

### Anniversary

Isobella Seddon

### Sanctuary Lamp Week 28th December - Families in our Parish

**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 & hristmas 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 5th January

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 14th January 2026**

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 18th 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'

### **Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room**

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- **Next meeting 6th January**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 6th January**

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 January 2026**

### **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.

## **Parish Music Ministry**



Enjoy singing or playing music? Join our *parish music group*—even once a month makes a difference!  
Contact the parish office or speak to Von. Thank you.



## **Empire by David Olusoga**

If you haven't yet seen **Empire by David Olusoga**, make it a priority - watch it however you can.

This gripping series offers a clear, honest, and accessible look at what **really** happened during the era of empire - revealing stories often left out of traditional history lessons. David Olusoga brings these forgotten stories to light, helping us understand the forces that shaped the world we live in today.

Watching Empire isn't just about learning history - it's about gaining perspective. It highlights experiences we must never forget, lessons that should be shared, and truths that can guide us toward a fairer, more inclusive society. Encourage your children and grandchildren to watch too, so these stories and lessons are passed on to the next generation.

You can watch Empire anytime on BBC iPlayer if you're in the UK. Don't just watch it - share it, talk about it, and pass it on. This is history that matters, for all of us.



## **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.

## **Mass Intentions**

When completing a Mass Intention envelope, please include your name and contact number. Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, we may need to cancel a weekday Mass at short notice. Having your contact details allows us to inform you as soon as possible. If you are requesting a Mass for a specific date, please provide at least a few weeks' notice.