

Sunday 29th March 2026



First Reading Isaiah 50: 4-7

I hid my face from disgrace and I know that I shall not be put to shame

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Second Reading Philippians 2: 6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God has highly exalted him

Gospel Acclamation

Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name

Gospel Reading Matthew 26: 1-4

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Order of Mass can be found 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 CLUB

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**The Parish of
St. Agnes and St. Aidan**

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THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday 2nd April

Mass 7.30 pm - Sacristans and their families
Followed by one hour of Adoration

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord - 3rd April

3.00 PM - Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil 4th April

Mass 8.30pm - Asylum Seekers & Refugees



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**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
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 28th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Ann Clague, Rosie Clarke

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

Mass 10.30 am - Baby Abigail, Michael J Twigg

Monday 30th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Funeral Service 10.30 am - Marie Hughes

Wednesday 1st April

7.00 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

7.30 pm - Chrism mass at the Cathedral

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Easter Sunday 5th April - Resurrection of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan



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



First Communion Preparation

The application deadline for First Communion this year has now passed. Please make sure, if you haven't yet collected your child's pack, you do so as soon as possible and start attending Mass as often as possible.

We look forward to getting to know you over the coming months in Mass, Little Church and in the tea club.

St. Aidan's **Saturday 13th June 2026 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's **Saturday 13th June 2026 12:30 pm**

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

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

All other schools **Saturday 20th June 2026 3:00 pm**

Saturday 9th May at 11 am

Mass will be followed by an enhanced Tea Club gathering.

Additional information will be issued shortly.

Saturday 11th July at 11 am

Mass will be followed by our Parish Special BBQ and Social Gathering.

Further details will be provided in due course.

Parishioners are kindly asked to record these dates in their diaries.



MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. If anyone has a box which has not been emptied for sometime, please hand it in at the sacristy, the Parish Office or to one of the collectors - Janice Burrows, Margaret Oakley, Vera Kelly or Philomena McLindon.

Thank you for your support



Upcoming Pilgrimage and Travel

A three night pilgrimage and short holiday to Lindisfarne is being planned for mid August 2026. As soon as prices are confirmed we will let you know.

Once all arrangements are confirmed, the final price will be communicated.

A trip to **Sri Lanka** is also expected around 8 November 2026

Both plans are still being finalised.

Please contact the parish office by Wednesday 25th March if you are interested in travelling to Lindisfarne



Palms and Passion

A class of 11 years olds were taken to see the film 'Jesus Christ Superstar'. The children, who were very streetwise, loved the film but one boy, with a puzzled look on his face and an equally puzzled tone in his voice said to his teacher, "Miss, those people who waved the palms to welcome Jesus were the same people who killed him days later." It wasn't a question. That young boy, now in his 50s, was already showing signs of touching the depths of reality. We can never underestimate that capability in everyone. Maybe his unspoken question was, "What's going on?"

In his reflection on the first day of Passion Week, Michael Marsh echoes that young boy's sentiments. 'In some ways today feels like one of confusion and contradiction. What begins as a victory parade ends as a funeral procession. There's a disconnection that makes us uncomfortable. It should. On the one hand we wave our palms and celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On the other hand the gospel paints a picture of Jesus' passion and death. There's a part of us that wants to say, "Well which is it? Palms or passion?" The answer is, "Yes." Every year this day reminds us that this is the reality of our lives. It is both palms and passion. Each one of us can name our palms and our passion. We want the palms, but the passion? Not so much. So we try to make our little world safe. We insulate and isolate in an attempt to make ourselves invulnerable. Every day Jesus lived in the tension of the palms and the passion. He knew that it is not about choosing between life **or** death, palms **or** passion; but about choosing life **and** death, palms **and** passion. That's the tension of this day. That tension is always a place of vulnerability and insecurity.' [1]

'During Holy Week, the liturgy invites us to surrender to the mystery of the cross which teaches us that the price we pay for holding together the contradictions within ourselves, others and the world is always some form of crucifixion which always leads to new life. [2]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr

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

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, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, Sr Mary Connell, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Collette Davies, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, Dr Jeremy Gardener, 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, Alan McKeown, Christine Malone, 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, Joan Smith, 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,

Recently Deceased

Anniversary

Margaret Murphy, Esther McGurk

Sanctuary Lamp Week 28th March - Those who struggle 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 & 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 TUESDAY 7TH APRIL
(Because of the Bank Holiday)

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
8th April 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 19th April

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 31st March**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting to be confirmed**

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
28th March 2026



Confirmation 2026

All those from St Agnes & St Aidan and St Aloysius who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to note that the celebration will take place on **3 July 2026** at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Prescott.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

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. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Holy Communion for the Housebound

If you, or someone you know, are genuinely housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. Kindly provide your full address and clear contact details so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

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.

Join our wonderful group of Volunteers

- **Make a real difference** — use your gifts to serve others and strengthen our church community
- **Grow personally and spiritually** — build skills, confidence, and deepen your faith
- **Connect and belong** — meet new people, form friendships, and be part of something meaningful

There are lots of ways to be involved in Parish Life. If you're able to spare an hour or would like to do more, please contact the office to find out more.
0151 489 3085

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.

We would also like to thank all those who make a donation for the Mass Intention.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.