

Sunday 27th April 2025



First Reading Acts 5: 12-16

More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women

Responsorial Psalm

Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Second Reading Revelation 1: 9-11, 12-13, 17-19

I died, and behold I am alive for evermore

Gospel Acclamation

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed

Gospel Reading John 20: 19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came

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

OFFICE/CHURCH

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Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

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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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Mike Whelan

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PARISH CLUB

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 27th April 2025

Second 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 26th April

Mass 5.30pm - Jimmy & Ella Watts, James & Sarah Watts

Sunday 27th April - Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy

Mass 9.00 am - Frances Deary, Florence Russell

Mass 10.30 am - Kay Murphy, Diane Morris

Monday 28th April - St George, Martyr, Patron of England

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 30th April - St Pius V, Pope

7.30 pm - Gerry Ball, Tommy Smith

Friday 2nd May - St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Mass 12 noon - Louise Colgan, Peter Markey

Saturday 3rd May - Sts Philip and James, Apostles

Mass 5.30pm - Peter and Hugh Reilly, Pat Barry

Sunday 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.00 am - Teresa, Nora & John Fleming, Martin & Sarah Coffey

Mass 10.30 am - Joseph Patrick O'Donnell, Kay Murphy



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



V E DAY CELEBRATION

A fun packed afternoon at St Aidan's parish club on Thursday 8th May at 2pm—6pm.

Tickets £5

Entertainment and food

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)

Allegra Mutanda at Irenaeus Centre

COME AND SEE DAY - 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

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

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.



We are both wounded and resurrected

A week ago we celebrated the Resurrection. There comes a time, however, when we must **live** the resurrection. Living the Resurrection is difficult. For most of us it is a process, something we grow into over time. Resurrection does not undo our past, fix our problems or change the circumstances of our lives. It changes *us*, enables us to live through our circumstances and leads us into the future, inviting us to unlock the doors in our lives. [1]

God cannot lead us into the future until we are ready to let go of the past. That is why forgiveness is so central to the Easter mystery. If we don't forgive others, they can't forgive themselves. People normally cannot find a place in their hearts to forgive themselves unless at least one other person breathes on them with a tender love and says, in one way or another, "I forgive you." Can we also forgive reality, accepting reality for being what it is? [2]

Can we also accept and forgive ourselves, accept our doubts and fears? 'Today's gospel invites us to face our doubts, speak our fears, and yearn for *more* — more intimacy, more encounter, more experience of the living Christ. In Thomas we see a man who wouldn't settle for someone else's experience of resurrection, but stuck around in the hope of having his own; a man who dared to confess uncertainty in the midst of those who were certain; a man who recognised his Lord in scars, not in wonders. What is striking about Thomas' story is not that he doubted, but that he did so publicly, without shame or guilt, and that his faith community allowed him to do so. And Jesus' response was that he met Thomas right where he was, freely offering the disciple the testimony of his own scars, his own pain. We're not all that different from Thomas. We each live with at least one "unless clause." Unless I see, unless I touch, unless I feel, unless I experience, I will not believe. It reveals our struggle and desire to believe.' [3]

John's desire for his readers was that they would *come* to believe, that they would consent to the process, the path. Belief is not instantaneous. Conversion is a lifelong process. Maybe this is why the earliest Christians referred to their new faith as "The Way." A 'way' is not a destination. It's a road to walk. It's an invitation to journey. Jesus opened a way for Thomas *through* the marks of his own suffering and trauma, sharing his broken body so that Thomas could find his way to wholeness by accepting his own woundedness.' [3]

'The encounter between Thomas and the Risen Jesus is not only a story about believing in the fact of the resurrection but it is a story about believing that we are *wounded and also resurrected at the same time*.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr [3] Debie Thomas

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, 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, Julie Quarless, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Clare Shields, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, John Sweeney, 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

Agnes O'Donnell

Anniversary

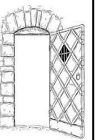
Josephine Cullen, Annette Devine

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 27th April - Malcomb McMillan

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 12th May**

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 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 27th 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'

Tuesday 29th 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

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 26th April 2025.



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

This is the last weekend 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, it is not too late to be part of this year's preparation.

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.

7th May	Time to Remember Service
(5th, 12th, 19th 26th June)	<i>Workshops on the origins and continuing work of the Religious (Sisters) in our parish</i>
6th July	Parish BBQ
14th September	International Table organised by CARJ (<i>Catholic Association for Racial Justice</i>)
17th October	WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference) St Aidan's Club (Parish Club)
19th October	World Mission Sunday

*Save
the
Date*

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.

