

Sunday 12th April 2026



First Reading Acts 2:42-47

All who believed were together and had all things in common.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Second Reading Peter 1:3-9

He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

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

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The pilgrimage trip to Lindisfarne is now fully booked. We will be organising a meeting nearer the time to discuss.



NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 12th April 2026
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

(DIVINE MERCY)

Year A

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 11th April

Mass 5.30pm - Veronica Gregory, Stella O'Rourke

Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

Mass 10.30 am - Michael McCloy & Chris Pringle, Desmond Dourado

Monday 13th April

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 15th April

7.00 pm - Teresa Spires, Anne Clague

Friday 17th April

Mass 12 noon - Jimmy & Ella Watts, Martin & Sarah Coffey

Saturday 18th April

Mass 5.30pm - Mike Lyons, Josie Newport

Sunday 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 10.30 am - Clare Richards, Gerry Jones

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



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



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 - Celebration of Fr Richard Sloan's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

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.

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

SRI LANKA

A trip to Sri Lanka is being planned for around 8 November 2026.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details.

(0151-489 3085)



This journey will be different from our previous trip to Sri Lanka, with a more flexible approach that allows travellers to adjust their plans and visit other places of personal interest if they wish.

Further information will be shared as arrangements develop.

Living a Resurrected Life

Today's reading is taken from the final verses of John's gospel which ends by him telling us that he has not recorded all of Jesus' miracles but that he has chosen the signs that will help us believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing this we may have life. The apostles are behind locked doors, as they had been when Jesus had first appeared to them after his Resurrection. Thomas had been absent on that occasion and found it difficult to believe that it was Jesus who had appeared to the others. 'For John, the story of Thomas' unbelief was an essential one to help us come to believe. In Thomas we see a man who wouldn't settle for someone else's experience of resurrection, but hoped to have 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. [1]

'Thomas' doubt is just his starting point. We all have our starting places. The starting place for the story of our living a resurrected life is whatever our circumstances are now. If we're dealing with deep loneliness, sorrow and loss, that's our starting point. That's the room which Christ enters. If we are locked in a house of fear, confusion or darkness, that's the place in which Jesus stands. If illness, old age, disability or uncertainty are facts of our life, that's the place in which Jesus shows up. If we feel lost, betrayed, disappointed, overwhelmed, that's the house Jesus enters. If joy, gratitude and celebration are the facts of our life today, that's the starting point for our story of living a resurrected life.

Jesus is always entering the locked places of our lives. He comes unexpected, sometimes uninvited, and even unwanted into our closed hearts, our closed minds. Standing among us he offers peace and breathes new life into us. He doesn't open the door for us but he gives us all we need so that we might unlock our doors, step outside and fully live. 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: forgiving ourselves, forgiving others, forgiving reality.' [2]

'John chose an encounter between doubts and scars to help us come to believe. Though we are a resurrection people, we are also a people in pain. The world around us is wounded; the world is Jesus' scarred body.' [1] '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.' [3] Believing this, we can become wounded healers.

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2026/2027

Thank you to all those parishioners who have used Offertory envelopes over the last year. New boxes are now available at the back of the church. Boxes are set out in alphabetical order. Please collect your box as soon as possible. Please let the office know if the address is incorrect. Many thanks again for your support.

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, Kim Jackson, 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 McMurry, 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 Sothem, Alan Spain, 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

Billy Turner, Margaret Dwyer, Anthony Grady

Anniversary:

James Gary Aspinall & Graham John Wright (Hillsborough), Bella Kearns

Sanctuary Lamp Week 12th April - Carj (Catholic Association of Racial Justice)

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 **MONDAY 4th 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
22nd 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 14th April**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 5th May**

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
25th April 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, Prescot.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as
possible.



Catholic Association
for Racial Justice

The next meeting for the CARJ Group (Catholic
Association for Racial Justice) will take place at Bishop
Eton on **TUESDAY 14th April 7 pm.**

All Welcome

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

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.

GUITAR LESSONS

There is still some time to sign up for basic guitar lessons every other Tuesday in the
Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room

First session is on Tuesday 21st April at 6.30 pm

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.