

Sunday 7th December



**First Reading** Isaiah 11: 1-10

*With righteousness he shall judge the poor*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**In his days shall justice flourish and great peace forever**

**Second Reading** Romans 15: 4-9

*Christ saves humanity*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God**

**Gospel Reading** Matthew 3: 1-12

*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*

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!

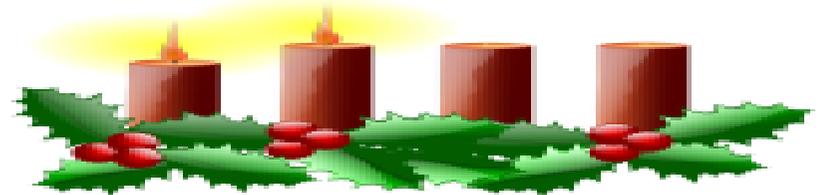
Join us at 6:30 pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's room on these Saturdays:

- 6 & 13 December 2025
- 10, 17 & 24 January 2026

All are welcome



NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 7th December 2025**

**Second Week of Advent**

**Year A**

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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 6th December

Mass 5.30 pm - Raymond Graham, Sandra Nelson



### Sunday 7th December - Second Sunday in Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Rose Mountain, Alice O'Brien & Maureen Renwick

### Monday 8th December - Immaculate Conception

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Requiem Mass 10.30 am - Bernard Louis Weston

Mass 7.00 pm - Agnes and Joe O'Donnell, The Kelly Family (Australia)

### Wednesday 10th December - Our Lady of Loreto

Mass 7.00 pm - Bernard Weston, Susie McNally

### Thursday 11th December - St Damasus I, Pope

Requiem Mass 10.30 am - Agnes Quinn

### Friday 12th December - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Mass 12 noon - Sr Ines Rodrigues, Sr Renata Stefani

### Saturday 13th December - St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

Mass 5.30 pm - Bob Latham, Felix Doyle

### Sunday 14th December - Third Sunday in Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Maureen Hamilton, Albert John Haynes



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

## First Communion Preparation

Letters have been sent via schools this week 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.

## Christmas Mass Times

### St. Agnes & St. Aidan 2025

*Wishing you and your families Christmas joy and peace and a very happy New Year,*

**Fr. Anton**

#### Wednesday 17th December

**Reconciliation Service**

7:00 pm

#### Saturday 20th December

5:30 pm

#### Sunday 21st December

10:30 am

#### Wednesday 24th December

**Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

5:30 pm (Children's Nativity)

8:30 pm

#### Thursday 25th December

**Christmas Day Family Mass**

10:30 am

#### Saturday 27th December

5:30 pm

#### Sunday 28th December

10:30 am

#### Wednesday 31st December

**New Year's Eve Mass of**

**Thanksgiving**

7:00 pm

#### Thursday 1st January 2026

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**Service**

12 noon

## Renewed vision

When we hear the word 'repent' we think of the definition which says 'to express [sincere](#) regret or [remorse](#) about one's [wrongdoing](#).' However, in the original Greek, the word which we have interpreted as 'repent' is *metanoia*, which is translated as 'change of heart,' or 'change of mind': to *expand* our mind in such a way as to have a new perspective on the world or one's self.

'Advent is a time of pilgrimage, a call to embark on a journey of reclaiming ourselves and our relationship to God. Like John's call, it often comes to us from the wilderness.' [1] 'It seems that time in the wilderness is the norm for God's people. After the Israelites left Egypt they went to the wilderness. It was their preparation for the promised land. After Jesus was baptised he went to the wilderness. It was his preparation for his public ministry. And in today's gospel John the Baptist appears in the wilderness helping "the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem prepare for the coming of "the one who is more powerful." That's what time in the wilderness does. It prepares the way of the Lord.' [2]

'Sometimes we go to the wilderness, other times it comes to us.' [2] 'Wilderness describes a place and time where our usual ways of being and our ordinary coping mechanisms are stripped away.' [1] Like the Israelites,

*'You might have to wait. You might have to pray more than you usually do  
You may be afraid. You may have lost your faith in all you ever knew  
But God won't lead you where He won't keep you.  
And He'll be with you in the wilderness.'* [3]

Even our moments of profound sorrow can lead us to renewed vision and life. We are being invited to embrace our vulnerable, wilderness encounters which are also opportunities for us to venture into a deeper way of being in relationship with ourselves and with God. [1]

'Advent is a time to find those people, places and activities that help deepen our awareness of who we truly are. In those moments when we are gifted with an understanding of who we are, we will never be the same again.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Sharon Grussendorff [2] Michael Marsh  
[3] Song: 'The Wilderness': Artists – The Isaacs [4] Anthony de Mello

## Contemplative Prayer Sessions

Our Contemplative Prayer Sessions have started again in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room. The meeting will be Tuesday 9th December 10:30 am - 11:30 am.

This month's theme will be: Advent.

All are welcome.

## 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, 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, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe, Mary & John Wrigley.

### Recently Deceased

Owen Jenkinson, Ann Shields

### Anniversary

Agnes Muraski, Sally and Albertt Jukka

### Sanctuary Lamp Week 7th December - For the young people 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 & 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

**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**  
**10th December 2025**

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 14th of December**

**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 9th December**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 9th December**

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.



**6th & 7th December**  
**3pm to 6pm**

Heaven Sent - free live Nativity, Christian Fellowship  
Church, Old Rough Road, Kirby

*Save  
the  
Date*

### **WCMAD Meetings:**

Interested in our projects, traveling to Romania or helping with fundraising? Join us on  
March 8th 2026 July 12th 2026 at 12.30pm after the tea club to learn more and get involved!

### **Marriage Preparation Course 2026**

Are you planning to get married in a Catholic Church? Are you looking for some time  
out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an  
opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other?  
The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for  
engaged couples. The course will involve 4 sessions in a group with other couples.  
To be lead by trained lay facilitators. The course will help the couples to develop  
skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an  
understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic Faith.

The next course will be available in April 2026. Dates are 30 April, 7 May, 14 May  
and 21 May (Thursdays) 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

The course will be held here in the Church of St Agnes & St Aidan.  
Please ring the office if you wish to be added to the list.

### **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.

### **Mission Boxes**



Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. If anyone has a box which  
has not been emptied for sometime or a new box please hand it in at the sacristy or  
parish office. Alternatively, hand it to one of the collectors.  
The collectors are Janice Burrows, Margaret Oakley, Vera Kelly and Phil McLindon  
Thank you again for your support.