

Sunday 17th March 2024



First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm:

A pure heart create for me, O God

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation

Gospel Acclamation:

If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

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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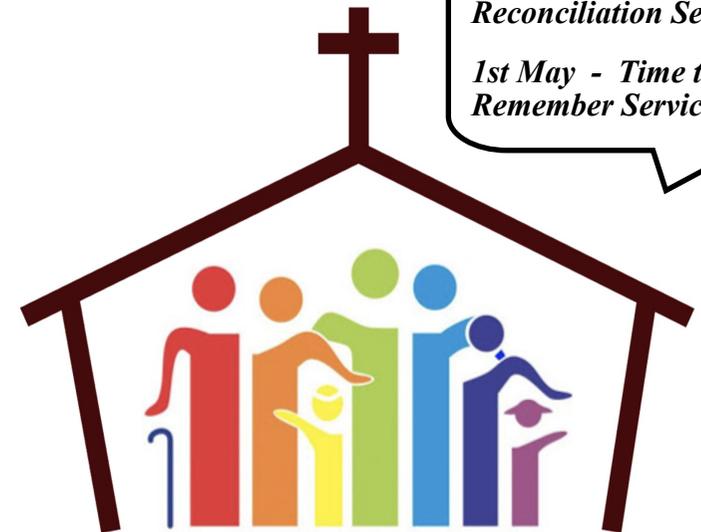
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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

*19th March - Lent
Reconciliation Service*

*1st May - Time to
Remember Service.*

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 17th March
Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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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 11am 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 16th March - Please collect the CAFOD Envelopes this weekend

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Michael and Desmond Head

Sunday 17th March - Fifth Sunday of Lent - St Patrick Bishop Patron of Ireland

Mass 9.30 am - Eileen Day, Brian Tyrer

Mass 11.00 am - Brian Wilson, Joan O'Keefe

Monday 18th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 19th March - Solemnity of St Josph, spouse of the blessed virgin

Service of Peace and Forgiveness

Reconciliation Service - 7.30 pm

Wednesday 20th March

Funeral Service 11.00am - Thomas Vincent Jackson

Mass 12.00 pm - David McMillan, Barry Watson

6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Friday 22nd March

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - John Redmond, Joe O'Donnell

Saturday 23rd March

Mass 5.30 pm - Richard Hesketh, Maria Walsh

Sunday 24th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

CAFOD SOUP DAY

Mass 10.30 am - Pat Coffey, Martin & Sarah Coffey, Michael McCloy



Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm (or by appointment)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



19th March - 7.30pm Reconciliation Service for Lent

1st May - Time to Remember Service

9th June - International Table (CARJ) @ St Agnes & St Aidan

14th July - BBQ and Fundraiser @ St Agnes & St Aidan

6th Sept - Main Fundraiser in St Aidan's Club

9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy

27th Oct - World Mission Sunday(CARJ)

CHRISM MASS 2024 - Wednesday 27 March

The Chrism Mass, which this year will take place on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral, is usually the largest annual gathering of archdiocesan clergy and faithful throughout the year. At the Mass, Archbishop Malcolm blesses the holy oils that are used throughout the archdiocese for celebrations of the sacraments in the next year.

ALTAR SERVERS REUNION

We would like to invite Altar Servers who have served for at least two years from 2005 to contact the parish office as soon as possible as we hope to have a get together for former Altar Servers at our parish barbecue

EASTER MASSES AND SERVICE TIMES

Palm Sunday

Sunday 24th March - 10.30 am - one mass only followed by CAFOD Soup day

Service of Peace and Forgiveness

Reconciliation Service - Tuesday 19th March: 7.30 pm

Holy Thursday / Maundy Thursday

Thursday 28th March : 7:30 pm followed by one hour Adoration

Good Friday

Friday 29th March - Good Friday Service : 3 pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil

Saturday 30th March: 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31st March: 9:30 am and 11.00 am

We Want to See Jesus

In today's gospel Jesus' disciples tell him that some Greeks wanted to see Him. [1] 'The word for "see" is derived from the Greek ὁρᾶω which means more than glancing at. They wanted to become acquainted with Jesus, to have a deeper experience of Him, to know Him more intimately.' [2] 'At first Jesus' response to their request sounds good: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified". But then as he goes on, we become uncomfortably aware he has a different definition of glory; his glory is all bound up with his suffering and death.' [1]

'Sometimes we want to see Jesus on our terms. However, seeing Jesus is a way to be followed, a truth to be embodied, a life to be lived. We all know that dying is about more than our physical death. We die a thousand deaths throughout our lifetime: the loss of a loved one, a relationship, health, opportunities, a dream; all deaths we didn't want or ask for. Other times we choose our losses and deaths. We give up parts of ourselves for another. We change our beliefs and values so that we can be more authentically ourselves. And sometimes there are things we need to let go of, things we cling to that deny us the fullness of life we want and God offers: fear, anger or resentment, regret and disappointment, guilt, the need to be right, approval. It's being a grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies so that it might bear much fruit. That's where we see him. It's the letting go, the emptying, the leaving behind, and the dying that makes space for new life to arise.' [3]

'The seed is in the ground.

Now may we rest in hope

While darkness does its work.

Often, I associate the idea of hope with light, and so the connection to darkness caught me off guard. But in the life of a seed, darkness is indeed the context of hope, where hope must be greatest, before the realisation of that hope opens into the first glimpses of light and bits of green.' [4]

*Adapted: [1] Tim Chesterton [2] Jim Holbeck [3] Michael Marsh
[4] Wendell Berry: Waiting in Hope*



Preparation for Easter Bringing to life that which is dead within us

Five one-hour sessions of silent reflection based on James Finley's insights and beautiful poetic imagery.

Venue: Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

Dates: Tuesday: March 19th

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am. Tea will be served after each session.

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, Jane Blakemore, George Boland, Katie Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holman, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Michael O'Brien, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Betty Savage, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Lately Deceased

Peter Markey, Paul Garrard, Eileen York, Teresa Colligan

Anniversaries

Kevin Edward Geraghty, Richard Hesketh

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 17th March: Church cleaners and volunteers

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.
Weekday Opening: The church is open daily (except on bank holidays) from 10am—1pm for quiet prayer and refecton.



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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 8th April

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.

BAPTISMS ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday 12 noon and 1 pm
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm
4th Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Can be obtained from the Parish Office. 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.**

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.



LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ

The next meeting is on Sunday 17th March

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'

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)



PIETY STALL

There are a varied range of cards and gifts on the piety stall at the back of church. We also have a variety of First Holy Communion cards, rosaries and candles. If you cannot find what you are looking for we will attempt to obtain them for you if possible

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month
8am to 12 noon



FIRST COMMUNION DATES

19th March OR 21st March
Third Children's session
6pm - 7pm in church.

Reconciliation dates and rehearsals dates to be confirmed.

11th May St. Aidan's First Communion
10 am

11th May St. Joseph's First Communion
12:30 pm

12th May All other schools
First Communion 1:30 pm

18th May St. Anne's First Communion
10 am & 12:30 pm

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

Any school forms for the children who attend church regularly (mass attendance for at least two years) should not be filled in by the parents/guardians and should be handed over to Fr. Anton in person.

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.
21st March

Music Group: Tuesday 19th March at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 19th March at 1-3pm. A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community. If you have a prayer intention, please complete a prayer slip (by St Martins or Our Lady statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.

SOUP CLUB

SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church
82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ

Wednesday 20th March at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Spring Crafts

Wednesday 17th April at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Easter Quiz

Wednesday 15th May at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Bingo

Sponsored by Livv Housing and Caring Connections



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 27th March

1pm until 3pm In the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

New Members always welcome

Mission Boxes

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month

Missio Novena to St Joseph
10th—18th March

Thank you for all your support