

Sunday 9th February 2025



First Reading Isaiah 6: 1-2a, 3-8

Here I am! Send me.

Responsorial Psalm

**In the presence of the angels I praise you,
O Lord**

Second Reading Corinthians 15: 1-11

So we preach and so you believed

Gospel Acclamation

**Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make
you fishers of men.**

Gospel Reading Luke 5: 1-11

They left everything and followed him

**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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our Church may be shown on social media or
other publications. If you would prefer your
image not to be included please let us know.

The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

First Communion Programme has started.
Please keep updated with information via website,
Facebook and the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 9th February 2025

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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 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 8th February - Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

Mass 5.30 pm - Alice Reilly, Fran Haby

Sunday 9th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Maria Parker, Aninha Carvalho
(Remembering the life of Dinuk Shashendra Irosha Perera)

Monday 10th February - Memorial of St Scholastica

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 12th February

6.00 pm - Reception of the body and prayer vigil for Marie Keight

Mass 7.30 pm - Mary Murray, Peter & Letitia Davies

Thursday 13th February

Requiem Mass 12 noon - Marie Keight

Friday 14th February - Feast of Ss Cyril & Methodius

Funeral Service 11.15am - Valerie McKenna

Saturday 15th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Pauline Walsh, Kathleen Latham

Sunday 16th February - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Racial Justice Sunday

Mass 10.30 am - Cath Henry, Eileen Hope



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



Huyton Family of Parishes - Pulpit Sharing

The priests of our parishes will be moving around the family of parishes over various weekends during this year to celebrate the weekend Masses with you and this begins next weekend.

Please do make them welcome when they visit us.

It is hoped that by the end of the year each priest will have celebrated Mass in every church in our Family of Parishes.

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)



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.



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.



Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your **Confirmation** or Holy Communion - Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan & St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

Please make yourself known to Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

Another Day at the Office

An important key to the meaning of this Gospel story is the *movement* from shore to shallow water to deep water. If we think of Jesus' teaching from the solid ground of the shore as an introduction to the Gospel, then we might think of his teaching from the shallow waters as going a little deeper. We could liken the shore and the shallow water to the tip of the iceberg. But Jesus is about to call the first of his 12 disciples. If they are to truly become 'fishers of people,' Peter and the other disciples must come to know the 90% of the iceberg which is *below* the surface of the water. [1] Jesus' mentioning of the "deep water" implies that there may be unexplored areas of potential beyond our perceived limits of resources, knowledge and energy. Today's gospel invites us to dig deeply into our souls for parts of who we are that we don't know yet. [2]

We all know what it's like to pour ourselves into a job, a relationship, a ministry, a dream — and come away exhausted, frustrated, thwarted and feeling that we have nothing to show for our efforts. But if Simon's experience is representative, maybe Jesus has a penchant for 'showing up' at precisely such moments of loss and defeat. Maybe he has good reasons for asking us to return to old places of pain and failure. In any case, when he asks, he doesn't stand at the shore and wave us forward; he steps into the boat and ventures into the deep water with us.' [3] 'Miracles meet us at our point of need, but they don't leave us there. They call us to move from being recipients to being participants, to share in the ways that God pours out Godself for the life of the community and the healing of the world.' [2]

'Jesus met Simon where he worked. Simon, James and John were commercial fishermen. They were on this beach every morning, cleaning their nets. It was just another day at the office when Jesus showed up.' [4] 'We don't follow Jesus in the abstract. We don't heed his call in general, as if Christianity comes down to nothing more than attending church or being a nice person. If we're going to follow him at all, we do it in the particulars of the lives, communities, cultures, families and vocations in which we find ourselves. The story honours the 'same old same olds' of our individual lives and assures us that God blesses and multiplies the daily stuff of our lives for his purposes.' [3]

Adapted:[1] christchurchcanoncity [2] Sherry Deets [3] D.Thomas [4]Steve Thomason

We are starting to collect Palms for burning for Ash Wednesday. Can you please bring or drop them off at Church. Thanks



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, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Mary & Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Betty Savage, Donna Sothorn, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Lately Deceased

Catherine Gallagher, Harry O'Niel

Anniversaries

John Jones, Catherine Wood, Mary Murray, Kathleen Lathom, Peter Lynch

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 9th February - clean drinking water (an estimated 785 million people around the world don't have access to basic drinking water)

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 prayer and refectation.

**Racial Justice Sunday
16th of Feb 2025**

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 3rd March

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
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 12th February 2025

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

Craft Club

Date to be advised for the next craft meeting. We will now have a subscription of £2 per session next year.

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 16th February

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'



The next CARJ meeting will be held on 9th February at 12.15 in the Church.

**Tuesday 18th February 2025
In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room**

Community Prayer Circle at 1-3pm.

Our mission is to pray for the needs of our parish and local community and the needs of our world today. Come and see if God is calling you to take part in our parish prayer ministry.

Music Group: at 7pm

Previous experience not necessary. Why not start the new year off with something a bit different. Music ministry is an important part of the mass. Come and make some new friends. Looking forward to meeting you.

All are welcome

First Communion 2025

If you did not manage to attend, please ensure you have collected a pack from the back of church this weekend or from the office during office hours this week.

Please find the dates for First Communion 2025 as follows:

St. Aidan's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 10:00 am**
St. Joseph's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 12:30 pm**
All other schools - **Sunday 18th May 2025 1:30 pm**
St. Anne's - **Saturday 14th June 2025 10 am and 12:30 pm.**

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

The programme will be run slightly differently this 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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ONLINE PREPARATION SESSIONS

Join the Animate Team and special guests.

1 and 15 May 2025 at 4:30-6.00pm on Animate Youth YouTube.

Just go to the channel at those times and we will be live. No log in needed.

The session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit, Saints, Rite of Confirmation.

We will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese. This is to run alongside your Local Parish/ Deanery preparation.

Contemplative Prayer Mornings

The contemplative prayer mornings will begin again on Tuesday **11th February 2025**. We meet in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at 10:30 am for 1 hour followed by tea and coffee. All are welcome.

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.
Next Car boot sale on 22nd February 2025.

