

Sunday 8th March 2026



First Reading Exodus 17: 3-7

Give us water to drink

Responsorial Psalm

**O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8

*Love has been poured into our hearts through
the Spirit who has been given to us*

Gospel Acclamation

**Lord you are indeed the Saviour of the
world; give me living water, so that I will not
be thirsty.**

Gospel Reading John 4: 5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

The Order of Mass can be found on page 4 of the
Hymn Book.

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**(Please note the parish office is located
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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

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As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we
invite you to explore the
Lenten activities and retreat
featured within this
newsletter. May these
offerings enrich your spiritual
journey.



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 8th March 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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 7th March - Sts Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Mass 5.30 pm - Betty Gannon, Mike Lyons

Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday in Lent (Prayer for the candidates for the sacraments/penitents & wanderers)

Mass 10.30 am - Mary & Owen McDonnell, Nina Warchalowski

Monday 9th March - St Francis of Rome

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

9.15 am - Mass in St Aidan's School.

Wednesday 11th March

7.00 pm Celebration of Word & Communion

Friday 13th March

Mass 12 noon - B O'Rourke, Sr Maria Rosa Jacob

7.00pm - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 14th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Hilary & Colin Rick, Mary Kilroy

Sunday 15th March - Fourth Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - Joan O'Keefe, Sheila Whitehead

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



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

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.



MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. If anyone has a box which has not been emptied for sometime, please hand it in at the sacristy, the Parish Office or one of the collectors - Janice Burrow's, Margaret Oakley, Vera Kelly or Philomena McLindon



Thank you for your support

Upcoming Pilgrimage and Travel

A three-night pilgrimage and short holiday to Lindisfarne is being planned for mid-August 2026

A trip to Sri Lanka is also expected around 8 November 2026
Both plans are still being finalised.

Please contact the parish office by Wednesday 18th March if you are interested in travelling to Lindisfarne



If we only knew what God has already given us

'There's a great deal we don't know about the Samaritan woman's history. What we can infer, though, is that she prefers to be invisible; for whatever reason, she goes out of her way to avoid the other women in her town. So she heads to the well in the scorching heat of the day, instead of in the cool of the morning. She hopes to come and go undetected, carrying around in isolation whatever trauma, wound, sin, fear or desperation her complicated history has left her with. Jesus is at the well and sees her. He sees the whole of her: past, present and future; who she has been; what she yearns for; how she hurts; all that she might become. And he names it all. But he names it all *without shaming, castigating or condemning her*. He sees and names the woman in a way that makes her feel not judged, but loved; not exposed, but shielded; not diminished, but restored. He doesn't shy away from the painful, broken stuff in her life. Instead he allows the truth of who she is to come to the surface. If we were to paraphrase Jesus' words, perhaps we would hear him say: "I see you for who you are, and I love you. *Now see who I am*, the Messiah, the one in whom you can find freedom, love, healing and transformation, Spirit and Truth, Eternal Life, Living Water. Drink of me, and live.'" [1]

'At first the Samaritan woman misunderstood the relationship between the water in the well and living water. She referred to all the mechanisms that we associate with water: buckets, wells, physical thirst, the labour that human beings must exert in order to meet their needs. For her, the basic fact of the human need for water had become entangled in social, political and even theological conditions: who could offer water to whom and who could accept. Jesus offered her freedom from these conditions. He said to her that the distinctions we make - between Samaritan and Jew, between male and female, between those with power and privilege and those without - are meaningless. The hour is coming, he says, when all of that will be replaced by a realm of love, abundance and spiritual power, "when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth." The Samaritan woman then understood *that* time to be now and believed the living water, "welling up to eternal life," was in her.' [2] 'The 'fountain within us' is the awareness that from all eternity we are God's beloved. If we only knew what God has already given us.' [3]

'The Samaritan woman left her jar behind, that water-bearing vessel on which she depended for her very life. She abandoned it at the well. *She* had become the vessel. Filled with the living water that she found in the midst of her repetitive daily tasks, the woman goes to spill forth what she has found. She became a vessel of living, liberating, life-giving water.' [4]

Adapted: [1] Debbie Thomas [2] Amy Frykholm [3] Richard Rohr [4] Jan Richardson

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, 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, 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 McMurrie, 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 Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, 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

Delia Murray

Anniversary

Mary Muldoon, Michael Twigg

Sanctuary Lamp Week 8th March - 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 **TUESDAY 7TH APRIL** (Because of the Bank Holiday)

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 11th March 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 15th 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'

Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- **Next meeting 3rd March**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 3rd March**

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 28th March 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, Prescott.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Lenten Retreat led by Sr MaryRose

Thursdays: 12th, 19th and 26th of March from 7-9pm
(this includes time for a cup of tea) at 168 Tarbock Road, The Convent.
'Life is a pilgrimage ... let's take time to see where we are on that pilgrimage now ... and to rest along the way'.

Spaces will be limited for this, so if you are interested, please sign up to the sheet at the back of church or call the parish office: 0151 489 3085

Lenten Reflection Mornings

Tuesday March 10th and Tuesday March 24th 10.30 – 11.30am
(followed by tea and coffee) in Sr Elizabeth Kelly Meeting Room

'Lent offers us an opportunity to place the mystery of God back at the centre of our lives.' (Pope Leo)
Please join us for a time of quiet reflection with readings, music and PowerPoint centred on the spirituality of St Francis who found God in everyone and in all Creation.

Lenten activities

Every weekday 10.00 am to 1.00pm church is open for anyone wishing to have a quiet moment, say a prayer or light a candle.

Every Friday during Lent 7pm — Stations of the Cross

8th March	Children's Lenten crafts and activities (during Mass)
10th March	10.30 am Lenten preparation session: theme of Fr. Richard Rohr's 'The Franciscan Way' to commemorate St Francis' 800th anniversary
22nd March	CAFOD Soup Day Children's Lenten crafts and activities (during Mass)
24th March	10.30 am Lenten preparation session: theme of Fr. Richard Rohr's 'The Franciscan Way' to commemorate St Francis' 800th anniversary

WCMAD Meetings:

Interested in our projects, traveling to Romania or helping with fundraising?
Join us on March 8th and July 2nd 2026 at 12.30pm after the tea club to learn more and get involved!

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.