

Sunday 26th April 2026



First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

God has made him both Lord and Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want

Second Reading Peter 2:20b-25

You have returned to the Shepherd of your souls

Gospel Acclamation

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me.

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

I am the door of the sheep

The Order of Mass can be found 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

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH CLUB

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

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CONFIRMATION

There will be a meeting on the 10th May at 12:15 for all who are being confirmed this year. This is a compulsory meeting and it is important that you attend.



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year A

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.

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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.

NEWSLETTER

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 25th April - St Mark, Evangelist

(World day of prayer for Vocations)

Mass 5.30pm - Eric Morton, Tommy Smith

Sunday 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9-10am *Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Praying for our Parish and Family of Parishes.*

Mass 10.30 am - Delia Murray, John Newton

Monday 27th April

9.15am: Mass at St. Aidan primary school

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 11.15 am - William (Bill) Turner

Wednesday 29th April - St Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe

Mass 7.00 pm - Lawrence Ambrose, Dr Jeremy Gardener

Friday 1st May - St Joseph The Worker

Requiem Mass 10 am - Mary Diane Bruder

Saturday 2nd May - St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor

Mass 5.30pm - Sheila Gavy, Maureen Swift

Sunday 3rd May - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass 10.30 am - Robert Carney, Joey Cain

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 deadline for handing in completed books is **Wednesday 20th May 2026**. These will be collected from school on this date or you can hand in the book to church from **17th May 2026**. Those who do not attend one of the three linked schools, please ensure your book is handed in to the office or to a catechist by the above dates. Dates for rehearsals and Reconciliation will be printed in the newsletter from next week.

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.

Love is Our Vocation

Today is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is also called Vocations Sunday. 'Love is the fundamental and innate vocation of every human being.' (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2392). In today's gospel, we see that it's about the loving relationship between the shepherd and the sheep. It is about knowing each one by name, knowing who we truly are. Whatever our life circumstances, love is our vocation. 'Whether we shepherd one other individual, a small group or a large community, 'we are called to be a reminder for others of their divine loveliness. Our calling is not to introduce something new, but to reveal what is already there.'

[Daniel O' Leary]

A shepherd is a common image of leadership in Hebrew scripture. John O' Donohue offers a blessing on our vocation to loving leadership. The beauty of a blessing, he says, is the belief that it can affect what it unfolds.

*May the gift of leadership awaken in you as a vocation,
Keep you mindful of the providence that calls you to serve.*

*May you never put yourself at the centre of things.
May you act not from arrogance but out of service.*

May those who meet you know that you see and respect them.

*May you learn to cultivate the art of presence
in order to engage with those who meet you.*

*May you know the wisdom of deep listening, the healing of wholesome words,
May you have the wisdom to read time clearly
And know when the seed of change will flourish.*

*May your work be infused with passion and creativity
And have the wisdom to balance compassion and challenge.*

*May integrity of soul be your first ideal.
The source that will guide and bless your work.*

In your heart may there be a sanctuary for the stillness where clarity is born.

'The place God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meets.'
[Frederick Buechner]

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, , Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Malinda North Asela Chandrarathne, 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, Ellis, 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, Norman Reid, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Sister Amelita Ventic, Joan Smith, Donna Sothorn, 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

Marjorie Clutton,

Anniversary:

Florence Russel,

Sanctuary Lamp Week 26th April - Deceased Members of the Pensioners

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 5th 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 29th of 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 17th May

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 28th 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 30th May 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.

TIME TO REMEMBER

There will be a service on Wednesday 6th May at 7.00 pm

This is an opportunity to remember loved ones no matter what the circumstances or whether it is recent or many years ago. There is no set time to grieve
You are welcome to bring along a picture of your loved ones to be placed on the altar during the service. All are welcome

NEWCASTLE/LINDISFARNE

The pilgrimage/ holiday, to Newcastle / Lindisfarne now has one hotel room available. We will be organising a meeting nearer the time to discuss further details.



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.

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.