

Sunday 4th February 2024



First Reading: Job 7:1 -4, 6-7

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls

Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 9: 16-19, 22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the gospel

Gospel Acclamation:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another

NEW OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ

Tel: 0151 489 3085

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

Email Address:

agnesaidan@rcaol.org.uk

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

SISTERS:

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Sr. Mary Rose 07770 830 290

Daughters of St. Paul 0151 487 8550

St. Mary of Namur 0151 489 1302

Deacon:

Mike Whelan

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

St. Aidan 0151 477 8370

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Parish Priest

Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

(Resident in parish)

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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**Becoming a
Welcoming Church
11th February.**

Shared Table



NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 4th February
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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 3rd February

Mass 5.30 pm - Letitia, Peter & Hannah Davies, Patsy Smith

Sunday 4th February - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 9.30 am - Les Wilson, Michael Davies

Mass 11.00 am - Mary Christopher, Terminally ill Parishioners & their families

Monday 5th February - Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 7th February

Requiem Mass 1 pm - Mary Johnston

Mass 7.30 pm - Maurice O'Gorman, Margaret Markey

Friday 9th February

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Sacristans & Their families, Pensioners Club

Saturday 10th February - St Scholastica, Virgin

Mass 5.30 pm - Bernie Fisher, Kathleen Latham

Sunday 11th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - World Day for the Sick

Mass 9.30 am - Nora & John Fleming, Johnny Kennedy

Mass 11.00 am - Peggy Coyne, Crilly, Flanagan & Cahill Families

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 11th Feb - Becoming a Welcoming Church (CARJ)
- 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)

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.



Preparation for Easter

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

Venue: Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

Dates: Tuesdays February 20th and 27th; March 5th, 12th, 19th

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

Since handouts will be given out, it will be helpful to know how many to prepare. Please email Cathy York. Contact: cathmyork@gmail.com

If the dates and times suggested are not suitable, alternatives could be offered, again contact Cathy, to see what can be arranged.

THE BELLE VALE PASSION.

Holy Saturday 12noon Belle Vale Shopping Centre: What are you doing for Lent? This project promises to be a great way to prepare for Easter. It will offer the opportunity to nurture new friendships, contribute towards a community project, and above all, bring the Easter story to the local community.

There are many roles, tasks, and voluntary jobs. We would like to get 100 people signed up by Ash Wednesday (14th Feb) and there is a role for everyone. Please visit the website bellevalepassion.co.uk to watch a short film and find out how you can get involved.

Healing

This week we again see Jesus healing those who were sick or possessed with demons, in the grip of a destructive spirit. In his book 'The Healing Habit', Daniel O'Leary writes about how we can become possessed by the 'demons of the mind'. 'Deep in everyone's thinking there is a drive, a fatal addiction to negative, anxious or fearful thinking which devours our creative energy. It steals our strength and lessens our purpose and power. How we think is the key to our happiness.' [1]

'For us to receive the gift of divine healing we are not required to belong to a specific group or to adhere to a specific lifestyle.' [2] However, an essential ingredient in the healing process is awareness. 'What we are not aware of, we cannot heal.' [1] 'When the recognised need of the individual coincides with the incoming force of the blessing, great change can begin. Divine healing—the blessing that comes when facing the chaos rather than turning away from it—makes way for the wholeness we crave. It brings release to what has been bound; it invites and enables and calls us to move with the freedom for which God made us.' [3] 'We need to believe in another gracious, healing context for our mind's safe thinking, another way of finding a new depths within us and around us. We need to acknowledge our powerful 'hidden self', the presence of an unspoiled and invincible sacred space in the depths of our being.' [1]

Another essential requirement for divine healing is desire. There must be the wanting and that is symbolised by Mary's "Let it be." We always have to state our "Let it be," or 'I don't think it happens.' [2] "The human heart continues to dream of a state of wholeness, a place where everything comes together, where loss will be made good, where blindness will transform into vision, where damage will be made whole, where the travails of a life's journey will enjoy a homecoming. [4] When we say our "Let it be", we experience that wholeness, we experience **who** we are, not **how** we are. [5]

*Adapted: [1] Daniel O'Leary [2] Richard Rohr [3] Jan Richardson
[4] John O' Donohue [5] Anthony de Mello*

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)



LOURDES WATER

If anyone would like some Lourdes water for their homes there is a supply in the sacristy. Either bring your own container or there are some small bottles for sale on the Piety Stall

Prayer Requests

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. All names from last year have been removed.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Jane Blakemore, George Boland, Katie Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Ted Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holman, Sue Hughes, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Peter Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,



Lately Deceased

Fran Huby, Johnny Kennedy, Linda Murray, Joseph O' Donnell, Vincent Barrington

Anniversaries

Mary Bennett, Malcolm McMillan, Kathleen Latham

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 4th February: Breastmates

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

Monthly Craft Group

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

22 February 2024 11 am—1 pm



**Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at
7:30pm. The next meeting will be
on Monday 5th February**

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.

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 18th 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'

BECOMING A WELCOMING PARISH

Everyone is invited to a table fellowship to begin a conversation/discussion about what a welcoming church means.

Please invite your friends from different ethnic backgrounds/nationalities

**Sunday 11th February after 11am Mass
From 12.30pm**

Parking

We would discourage inconsiderate parking in the church car parks where only one space should be used.

Please pay attention when parking on the edge of the pavements as it sometimes makes it impossible for wheelchair users and prams to pass safely.

Please note: Residents also need to access their driveways with ease.

Thank you for your consideration

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

20th Feb OR 22nd Feb
Second Children's session
6pm - 7pm in St. Aidan's Club

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 the priest in person.

Music Group: Tuesday 6th February at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 6th February 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 21st February

Soup and a roll and Tea Dance

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

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PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 14th February

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

New Members always welcome

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each
month
8am to 12 noon

