

Sunday 16th August 2026



First Reading Revelation

11:19a;12:1.6a,10ab

A woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet.

Responsorial Psalm

On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir

Second Reading Corinthians 15:20-27
Christ the first fruits then those who belong to Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Mary has been taken up into heaven; the host of angels rejoice.

Gospel Reading Luke 1:39-56
He who is mighty has done great things for me, he has exalted those of humble estate.

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

OFFICE/CHURCH

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

Please scan me



Please read the information about the pilgrimage to Lindisfarne and the RCIC Programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) in this weekend's newsletter. Please feel free to take a copy of the newsletter for yourself and a few extra copies for your neighbours.



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**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Year A**

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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.

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 15th August-

Mass 5.30 pm—Gerard Taylor, Sr Auxiliadora

Sunday 16th August—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 10.30 am - Michael Twanley, Irene Jackson

Monday 17th August

9.30 am—Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 18th August

Requiem Mass 11am—Irene Jackson

Wednesday 19th August—St John Eudes, Priest

7 pm—Celebration of the Word and Communion

Friday 21st August—St Pius X, Pope

Mass 12 noon— Alicia Bowden, Sr Lourdes Guartiero

Saturday 22nd August—the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass 5.30 pm—Felicia Bowden, Dave Micklewright

Sunday 23rd—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Richard Noblett, Ernest Eaton

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*



RCIC Programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

Wednesday 23rd September at 5.30pm

We are delighted that many children and young people have expressed a desire to join the Church. This is a wonderful sign of faith, and we warmly welcome this interest. The first step is simple and important: to come and be part of our parish family. By joining us at Mass and in parish life, children begin to grow in faith within a loving and supportive community.

We are pleased to announce that our **RCIC Programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)** for children aged **8–14** who are not yet baptised and wish to become Catholic will begin on **Wednesday 23rd September at 5.30pm**.

This programme will help prepare children to receive the sacraments and become fully part of the Church. Parents and guardians who would like their child to take part are asked to register their interest with the parish office.

We look forward to accompanying your children on this special journey of faith and welcoming them more deeply into the life of the Church. *Thank you.*

Young Adult Mass with Archbishop John Sherrington

Saturday 3 October at 5.00pm at St Philip Neri Church, Liverpool, L8 7NL

If you're aged 18–35, you're warmly invited to join Archbishop John Sherrington for Mass, followed by dinner at Blackburne House.

Everyone is welcome, and there is no charge to attend.

If you'd like to stay for dinner, please book your place at: archdioceseofliverpool.org/youngadultmass.

For more information, contact Moses at m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

Men's Clothing Appeal

Can You Help? SHARe Knowsley is seeking donations of clean, good-quality men's clothing to support people seeking asylum who are rebuilding their lives with dignity. We particularly need everyday clothing, coats, shoes and trainers in all sizes. We also welcome toiletries and women's clothes.

Please bring them to SHARe at the The Old School House, St John's Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 0UX (open Mon-Fri 9-5) or call 07915 252300.

Many thanks in advance,

INTERNATIONAL COSTUMES

We would be grateful to receive any donations of international costumes to be used at our International Table Celebrations. These can be for men, women or children.

If you're holidaying abroad this year and see any suitable clothing then we would be happy to reimburse you provided you have a receipt. We have some funds for this, although they are limited.. Many thanks—Ann Malone on behalf of **CARJ Merseyside**.

Mary, the Representative of Humanity

‘Jesus is the representative of the Divine, the Gift, the total givenness of God to His creation. Mary is the representative of humanity, the ‘stand-in’ for all of us. She is how the Gift is received.’ [1] Mary’s words, “He has looked upon his servant in her lowliness,” show how she responds to God’s gift. Her acceptance of her nothingness enables her to recognise that “He who is mighty has done great things for me.” Mary knew that ‘although we are absolutely nothing apart from God, yet in our very nothingness without God, our very presence is the presence of God.’ [2]

‘Mary therefore accepts that God can do what God can do. Neither she nor Elizabeth, according to their circumstances, should be or could be pregnant. One is too old. One is too young. One is barren. One is a virgin. Yet, both are pregnant. However, they do not allow the circumstances of their lives to influence their belief, but they allow their belief to reinterpret their circumstances. Their type of believing is the kind of believing that gives birth to new life. They both trust that the God of the impossible is somehow in their circumstances reshaping, transforming and fulfilling their very existence, changing them not their circumstances. So it is for each one of us.’ [3]

Mary’s response to Elizabeth is the canticle which we call the Magnificat, a song of praise of God’s loving, merciful presence in our lives. ‘The Magnificat speaks of the already and the not yet. It testifies to God’s work to reconcile all creation, work that has already begun and will continue forever. Like Mary, we are invited to be intimately involved in this work. Mary was carrying the hope of the world inside her. What is God seeking to bring forth in our lives that will enable us to participate in the transformation that God is working in all creation?’ [4]

Adapted: [1]Richard Rohr [2] James Finley [3]Michael Marsh [4] Julie Clawson

Food and Toiletries

When you go shopping, may I kindly ask anyone who is able to bring a few extra items this weekend, such as fruit, vegetables, or toiletries, and leave them at the back of the church. These donations will be given directly to Share Knowsley and will help support local people in need. Thank you for your generosity and support.

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.

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.

Tom Addison, Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, Trina Bromwell, 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, Dr Jeremy Gardener, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Christina Hill, Victoria Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Kim Jackson, Peggy Kane, Brian Keogh, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Alan McKeown, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O’Gorman, Louise Owens, Clare Pendleton 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, Margaret Sutton, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Emma Williamson, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Recently Deceased

Brian Wareing, Chrissy Pearson

Anniversary:

Patrick Courtney, Sarah Langan, Jacqueline Collins

Sanctuary Lamp Week 16th August —LGBTQ +

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 **MONDAY 7th September**

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
26th August 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 16th August

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'

CARBOOT SALE

Please join us Saturday the 29th August . We
invite more parish volunteers to help with our
monthly carboot sale, which supports our
overseas mission projects through WCMAD-in
Romania & Sri Lanka .This small act
of service makes a real difference.



Music and Prayer Groups

The Prayer Group will resume on 1 September
at 1.00pm, and the *Music Group* will meet
again on 8 September at 7.30pm.
If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument
and would like to join our parish music group,
please contact the parish office or speak to
Von.

Parish WhatsApp Group

To join please contact Brian Roberts on
07779 328414 or speak to the parish office. The
group is open to all parishioners. It's a quick and
effective way to receive updates on Mass times,
events, and important parish notices. We
encourage you to join and stay connected.



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

Invitation to Become an Altar Server

We invite young people in our parish to join the Altar Servers. It's a great way to take part in Mass and grow in faith - no experience needed, training provided. If interested, please speak to the priest after Mass or contact the parish office.

Next meeting Sunday 30th at 12.15pm

Harry's Hub

Harry's Hub offers men a safe, friendly place to chat, connect, and find support over a brew and a bite to eat. Join us every Monday, 11am-1pm, at the Old School House, St John's Road, Huyton (L36 0UX). No pressure, just good company and a welcoming space.

Parish Meeting Room Hire

Our Parish Meeting Room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly) is available for hire. It is a bright, welcoming space with French doors leading directly into our lovely garden, making it ideal for small gatherings, community groups, and meetings.

Payment is negotiable, and we are happy to discuss arrangements that suit your needs. For enquiries or bookings, please contact the Parish Office. (0151 489 3085)



LINDISFARNE-NEWCASTLE

Please arrive at Sts Agnes and Aidan Church, in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room, by 8.30am on **Monday 17th August**. We will be departing promptly at 8.45am. You are welcome to bring a packed lunch, a bottle of water, and a hat or umbrella* for protection from the heat. We hope to make a short stop on our way to the hotel in Newcastle.

Thanks

