

Sunday 11th January 2026



First Reading Isaiah 42: 1-4. 6-7

Behold my servant in whom my soul delights

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Second Reading Acts 10: 34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit

Gospel Acclamation

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered; 'This is my beloved Son; listen to him.'

Gospel Reading Matthew 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised he saw the Spirit of God coming to rest on him.

The Order of Mass 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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Mike Whelan

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**First Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Leo XIV -
On love for the poor (DILEXI TE)**

Group Reading – All Welcome!

Join us at 6:30 pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly-room on these Saturdays:

• 10, 17 & 24 January 2026

All are welcome



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**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Year A**

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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 10th January

Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen & James Sexton, Joan Boardman

Sunday 11th January - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - Norah Glavisky, Agnes Quinn

Monday 12th January - St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 14th January - Memorial of St Kentigern

Mass 7.00 pm - Bernard Weston, Ena Walsh

Thursday 15th January

Requiem Mass - 12 noon - Andrew McDonald

Friday 16th January

Requiem Mass 10 am - Veronica McClean

Saturday 17th January - St Anthony, Abbot

Mass 5.30 pm - George Harper, Special Intention Our Lady & St Jude

Sunday 18th January - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace Sunday (Day of Prayer for Christian Unity)

Mass 10.30 am - Steve Sheridan, James Taylor

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



First Communion Preparation

Letters have been sent via schools regarding the First Communion Dates for 2026.

Due to a number of different commitments in the church diary, the dates for next year's First Communion are as follows:

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**

The programme will be run as it did last 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.

There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 14th January 2026** for all parents at **6pm**.

Reminders about this will be sent out in the new year.

Parish Volunteers

We continue to look for volunteers to support the many activities in our parish. We are especially seeking new people who can take on roles that have been faithfully carried out by long-standing volunteers over the years.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. As we know, many hands make light work, and together we can ensure the smooth running of parish life.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our volunteers - past and present - for their generous service and ongoing support. Please encourage your family and friends to get involved too!

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 and St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

Please make yourself known to Christine Ball

or 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.

One of us

On Tuesday we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. The word "epiphany" comes from the Greek, "*epiphaneia*," meaning "appearing" or "revealing." During this brief liturgical season between Christmas and Lent, we are invited to leave miraculous births and angel choirs behind, and seek the love, majesty and power of God in seemingly mundane things: rivers, voices, doves, clouds. In the Gospel stories we read during this season, God parts the curtain for brief, shimmering moments, allowing us to look beneath and beyond the ordinary surfaces of our lives and catch glimpses of the extraordinary.

Whatever else Jesus' baptism story is, it is first and foremost a story of the sacred ordinary, a story of profound humility. The holy child conceived of the Holy Spirit, celebrated by angels, worshipped by shepherds and feared by Herod, stands in the same muddy water we stand in. The Messiah's first public act is a declaration of solidarity. God is *one of us*. Unbelievable as it seems, Jesus' first public act is an act of alignment, of radical and humble *joining*. His first step is a step towards us. When John protests about Jesus being baptised by him, Jesus says: "Let it be so." Let it be so at the hands of another, he decides, indicating that his power lies in his capacity to surrender, to share and to submit. Jesus steps into the common and inescapable experience of living in a broken, sin-soaked world, and hungering for righteousness, redemption and restoration within that world. To embrace Christ's baptism story is to embrace the core truth that we are all united, interdependent, connected, one. Our baptisms bind us to all of humanity. Baptism asks that we bear all the risks of belonging: the risk that others might hurt us; the risk that others will change; the risk that they will change *us*. We are called into radical solidarity, not radical separateness. In baptism, we are freed up to touch, embrace and love all that is broken within and around us, precisely because we are already and always will be God's Beloved. We're beloved not because we've done anything to earn it, but because God's very nature, inclination and desire is to love - and to birth that love in us.

Baptism is about finding the holy in the course of our ordinary, mundane lives within the family of God. Listen to the ordinary, and know that it is infused with divine mystery. There is *one* baptism, *one* common hope for all of us. Stand in the dirty water with the people we'd rather not stand next to, skin to skin, fates knitted together - because holiness is in the spaces we'll create together. Listen - so that we might hear the only Voice that will tell us who we are and whose we are. Listen. We are God's chosen, God's children, God's own. Even in the deepest, darkest water, we are the Beloved.

Adapted: Debie Thomas

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, Ann Clague, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Collette Davies, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, 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, Christine Malone, Dr Deograttius Mwanje, 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, Christabelle Silva, 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, Mary & John Wrigley.

Recently Deceased

Veronica McClean, Frances McGrail

Anniversary

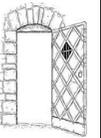
John Speakman, Terry Morgan

Sanctuary Lamp Week 11th January - Pensioners Club

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 2nd 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. 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 14th January 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 18th January

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 20th January**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 3rd February**

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 31st January 2026

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.

Archbishop's Pastoral Visit to the Pastoral Area / Deanery

We are pleased to share that Archbishop John Sherrington will be visiting our pastoral area.

A joint Mass for all parishioners from all our parishes will be celebrated here at Sts Agnes & Aidan on Friday, 30th January at 7:00 pm followed by light refreshments.

We warmly encourage everyone to make a special effort to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for our whole pastoral area to come together, to meet parishioners from across our communities, and to welcome the Archbishop during his pastoral visit.

Friday 9th May at 12 noon

Mass will be followed by an enhanced Tea Club gathering. Additional information will be issued shortly.

Saturday 11th July at 12 noon

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.

*Save
the
Date*

Parish WhatsApp Group

Its wonderful to see so many parishioners connecting via the parish WhatsApp group. All those who worship here and their families are invited to be part of this link.

If you are interested please contact Brian Roberts on 07779 328 414.

This is a great tool to keep everyone informed of important events/services. Our hope is that this will bring more positive energy to our vibrant parish community.



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.