

**Sunday 27th July 2025**



**First Reading Genesis 18: 20-32**

*Oh let not the Lord be angry and I will speak*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord**

**Second Reading Colossians 2: 12-14**

*God made you alive together with him, having forgiven all trespasses.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**You have received the Spirit of adoption as children, by whom we cry, Abba Father!**

**Gospel Reading Luke 11: 1-13**

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

**The Order of Mass is printed on page 4 of the Hymn Book**

**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:**

**Helpers of the Holy Souls**

*Sr. Elizabeth* 0151 480 7904  
*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  
*St. Joseph* 0151 477 8990  
*St. Anne's* 0151 477 8260

**Parish Priest**

*Fr. Anton Fernandopulle* 0151 489 3085  
(Resident in parish)  
*Fr. Richard Sloan* 0151 449 0214

**Pastoral Assistant:**

*Christine Ball* - christinewball@gmail.com

**Safeguarding Representatives**

*Cath Golding* - safeguarding062b@rcaol.co.uk  
*Honor Ambrose* - safeguarding062@rcaol.co.uk

**PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

**facebook**

Images taken during services and events in our Church may be shown on social media or other publications. If you would prefer your image not to be included please let us know.

# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

10th August - International  
Table. There will be no  
9 o'clock Mass that Sunday

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 27th July 2025**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year C**

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.  
Reg. Charity No. 1199714

**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 26th July - Memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne**

Mass 5.30pm - Theresa Greenland, Sr Loredana Fabbri

#### **Sunday 27th July - Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (World Grandparents & Elderly Day)**

Mass 9.00 am - Cathy Burke, Sr Alice D'Souza

Mass 10.30 am - Brenda Cubells, Ian Donnelly

#### **Monday 28th July**

9.30 a.m. Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Wednesday 30th July - St Peter Chrysologus**

**Funeral Service 12.30 am - Joan Morris**

Mass 7.30 pm - Anthony Walker (20th Anniversary)

#### **Thursday 31st July - Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola**

**Requiem Mass 10.30 am - Catherine Catling**

#### **Friday 1st August - Memorial of St Alphonsus Liguori**

Mass 12 noon - Joseph Evans, Richard Charles Wain

#### **Saturday 2nd August**

Mass 5.30pm - Those mentally & Physically challenged, Special Intention

#### **Sunday 3rd August - Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Mass 9.00 am - Kath Almond, Tom McGuinness

Mass 10.30 am - Antonio Carvalho, William Blunsum

**Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm (or by appointment)**



### **God gives God's self as the answer to our every prayer**

Today's gospel reading is one of those passages that needs an explanation because if you take it as it is, it sounds as if God can be talked into things. This also seems to be the message in the first reading. [1] What can we honestly make of Jesus' teaching in this Gospel passage? What can we carry away that might still feel authentic and life-giving? [2]

'The reading begins with a disciple approaching Jesus and asking "Lord, teach us to pray." The disciples were not ignorant or inexperienced when it comes to prayer; they were devout Jews who had most likely grown up attending Sabbath services. They knew how to pray. They were not seeking better technique. So what was it? What did they observe in Jesus when he prayed? We can't know for sure, but I'll hazard some guesses: intimacy, belonging, trust, peace and a closeness that was transformative and nourishing.' [2]

'Ask, seek, knock. What if we use possible synonyms for Jesus' famous ask-seek-knock trifecta? What about, "yearn" or hunger, or want?' [2] We are reminded of those other words of Jesus: "Blessed are those who are beggars for the things of the spirit."

Today's first reading and the gospel reading emphasise persistence in prayer. Often our prayer is that God will change our circumstances. Sometimes that does happen. 'However, in the Gospel only one promise is made: "If you know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" What Jesus promises us in answer to our prayers is the Holy Spirit.' [2] 'God gives God's self as the answer to our every prayer.' [1]

'There is no other promise or guarantee. It's hard to accept the Holy Spirit as God's perfect gift. The truth is, it's hard to persist in prayer and not receive the answers we're hoping for; when we'd rather receive healing for our sick loved ones, or an end to the toxicity that now pervades world politics, or some reliable hope in the face of global climate change.' [2]

'God's love protects us from nothing; but God's love sustains us in all things. We need a daily rendezvous with God, with nothing on our agenda but love. There we will be taken to the deeper place where we discover the spark of the divine that is in our hearts. If we are absolutely grounded in the absolute love of God that protects us from nothing even as it sustains us in all things, then we can face all things with courage and tenderness and touch the hurting places in others and in ourselves with love.' [3]

*Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Debie Thomas [3] James Finley*

### Remembering Anthony Walker Commemorating His Life and Legacy – July 30

On July 30, we mark the anniversary of the tragic and racially motivated attack that claimed the life of Anthony Walker in 2005 in Huyton, Liverpool. Anthony was just 18 years old - a bright, kind and ambitious young man with dreams of becoming a lawyer. His life was brutally cut short in an unprovoked attack that shocked the nation and exposed the deep wounds of racial hatred that still persist in our society.

Anthony's memory lives on through the work of the Anthony Walker Foundation, which was established by his family to tackle racism, hate crime and discrimination through education, support and community outreach. The Foundation continues to inspire change, empower young people and promote a more just and inclusive society.

As we remember Anthony, we also recommit ourselves to standing against racism in all its forms. Let this anniversary be not only a time of reflection but also a call to action - to build communities rooted in dignity, equality and peace.

Rest in power, Anthony Walker.

### Join Our Parish Racial Justice Group (CARJ)

If you're passionate about racial justice - regardless of your faith or background - you are warmly invited to join our Parish Racial Justice Group. To learn more, please visit the CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) notice board by the statue of St. Martin de Porres, or speak with a member of the Parish CARJ Team. We'd love to welcome you!

*Ann Malone (Chair of the Parish CARJ)*

Please be considerate when parking as residents also need to access their driveways with ease.  
Thank you



### Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of parish life. If you would like to know more about how you can become involved, please send us an email or contact the parish office to see what opportunities there are.

### 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, Sheila Birch, Trina Bromwell, Anita Campbell, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, Ann Clague, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Christine Malone, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe

### Lately Dead

Irene Canavan

### Anniversary

Anthony Walker, Bill May

### Sanctuary Lamp week 27th July - Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)

**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.**

### 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 4th August**

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**  
**13th August 2025**

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 21st September.**  
**There is no meeting in 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'

### **Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room**

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- Next meeting 2nd September
- Music Group (7 pm)
- Next meeting 9th September

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 August**



### **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.



10th August

International Table

17th October

WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference)  
St Aidan's Club (Parish Club)

19th October

World Mission Sunday

*Save  
the  
Date*

### **Invitation to WCMAD Gathering**

We warmly invite everyone who has participated in any of the overseas projects through We Can Make a Difference (WCMAD) to a special social gathering with a SHARED TABLE.

Date: Thursday, 14th August Time: 4:00 PM Location: Sister Elizabeth Kelly Room

This will be an opportunity to catch up, share experiences, brainstorm ideas, and enjoy some drinks and a meal together.

Please RSVP by contacting the Parish Office as soon as possible to confirm your attendance.

We're looking forward to hearing your feedback and stories from past trips — especially since our first journey to Suriname in 2010!

### **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.

### **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.

