

Sunday 15th February 2026



First Reading Sirach 15:15 - 20

He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6 – 10

A wisdom God decreed before the ages for our glory.

Gospel Acclamation

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.

Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-16

It was said to those of old... but I say to you...
The Order of Mass can be found on page 4 of the Hymn Book.

OFFICE/CHURCH

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(Please note the parish office is located beside the church, entrance via the church car park - green door)

For your information:

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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

Ash Wednesday

Join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday at either
12 noon or
7:00 pm

Please scan me



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 15th February 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

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 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 14th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Louise Hopley, Kathleen Latham

Sunday 15th February - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Andrew McDonald, Raymond Walters

Monday 16th February

Requiem Mass 10.00 am - Shirley Tasker

Requiem Mass 2 pm - Ann Clague

Tuesday 17th February

Funeral Service 10.30 am - Edith Maria Jackson

Wednesday 18th February– Ash Wednesday

12 noon

7.00 pm

Thursday 19th February

Funeral Service 10.30 am - Frederick (Freddy) Walsh

Friday 20th February

Funeral Service 10 am - Margaret Stonely

Funeral Service 2 pm - Angela Dacey

Saturday 21st February

Mass 5.30 pm - Matthew Robson, Josie Guy

Sunday 22nd February - 1st Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - Peggy Coyne, Beryl Jones

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



First Communion Preparation

The application deadline for First Communion this year has now passed. Please make sure, if you haven't yet collected your child's pack, you do so as soon as possible and start attending Mass as often as possible.

We look forward to getting to know you over the coming months in Mass, Little Church and in the tea club.

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**

Marriage Preparation Course 2026

Are you planning to get married in a Catholic Church? Are you looking for some time out from the busy wedding planning, providing you and your partner with an opportunity to focus on your relationship and to learn more about each other? The Liverpool Archdiocese is now offering a marriage preparation course for engaged couples. The course will involve 4 sessions in a group with other couples. To be lead by trained lay facilitators. The course will help the couples to develop skills which could facilitate good communication within their relationship and an understanding of unconditional love set within a Catholic Faith.

The next course will be available in April 2026. Dates are 30 April, 7 May, 14 May and 21 May (Thursdays) 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

The course will be held here in the Church of St Agnes & St Aidan.

Please ring the office if you wish to be added to the list.

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

Living from the heart

'Today's Gospel quotes the final verses of Matthew 5: 17- 37, a passage which can appear at first glance to be a series of moral statements and rules from Jesus. On closer reflection we can see that Jesus' message is the call for each of us to 'go deeper'. The Scribes and the Pharisees followed the letter of the law but without depth. Jesus is clear that he has not come to demolish the law, rather calls us to a more profound reflection on our lives; not ticking boxes but moving towards a deeper change of heart. And so we read today's passage with our hearts, not our heads. [1]

'When telling his Jewish followers to be faithful to their own tradition Jesus strongly distinguished between essentials and non-essentials, and then pushed it even further. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, Jesus uses six repetitions of the same phrase: "You have heard it said . . . but I say. . ." I call this the "yes/and" approach: yes the law, and there is something more, which is the real and deep purpose of that very law. For Jesus, law is never an end in itself. He broadens the message, always in the direction of mercy and inclusivity, and disconnects it from any tribal thinking whatsoever. That's what the Spirit teaches us to do, too. Only people of the Spirit actually change things. The rest of us just rearrange them.' [2] Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing, there is a field. I'll meet you there. [3]

'We can too easily forget that the law is more about relationships than it is about rules. When that happens we're in grave danger of keeping the rules and losing the relationship.' [4] 'Juridically, law is an end in itself, absolutely good and necessary for social order. Spiritually, law is a means, not an end. What is the law really for? It's not to make God love us. He does love us and we are powerless to change that one way or another. The purpose of spiritual law is simply to sharpen our awareness of who we are and who God is, so that we can name our insufficiency and, in that same movement, find God's fullness. Spiritual power is the ability to influence others and events through our very being. Spirituality is a concern for our real inner Source, as opposed to any primary concern for our 'doing'. Doing will always take care of itself when our being is right.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Jane Mellet [2] Richard Rohr [3] Rumi [4] Michael Marsh

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, 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, 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, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Joan Smith, 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,

Recently Deceased

Ann Clague, Edith Jackson, Freddy Walsh, Kevin O'Mara, Margaret Stonely, Angela Dacey, Arthur Jones

Anniversary

Valerie Malone

Sanctuary Lamp Week 15th February—Terminally ill parishioners & their families

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 March

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
25th February 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 15th 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'

Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- **Next meeting 17th February**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting to be advised**

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
28th February 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.

Parish Music Ministry

Enjoy singing or playing music? Join our *parish music group*—even once a month
makes a difference!

Contact the parish office or speak to Von. Thank you.

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. Please contact the office if you are
interested.

Plates and Dishes

Thank you to everyone who brought cakes and biscuits for the Archbishop's visit at the end of
January. We were, as always, in awe of your generosity! Any plates and dishes to be collected
are in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room if you can arrange to collect them as soon as possible.
Many thanks.

Saturday 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.



Helpers of the Holy Souls

Dear St. Agnes & St. Aidan Parishioners

*I would like to thank all those who donated wool for the Refugee Blankets. We have all
we need now.*

Thank you so much - Sr. Maggy Ann

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.