

**Sunday 5th May 2024**



**First Reading:** Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

*The Holy Spirit has been poured out on the pagans too*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations**

**Second Reading:** First letter of St John 4: 7-10

*God is Love*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'.**

**Gospel:** John 15: 9-17

*A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends*

### **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](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)**

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

### **PARISH CONTACTS**

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#### **Deacon:**

*Mike Whelan*

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*St. Aidan* 0151 477 8370

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#### **PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

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



**Sunday 5th May**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

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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 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 4th May - Feast of the English Martyrs**

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Paul Murrell

### **Sunday 5th May - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Mass 9.30 am - Tess Kitching, Gary Hughes

Mass 11.00 am - Anthony Bude Ojukwu, Mia Robinson

### **Tuesday 7th May**

**Funeral Service 10.30 am - Teresa Maloney**

### **Wednesday 8th May - Family of Parishes Meeting**

7pm - 9 pm St. Aidan's Club, Adswood Road

### **Thursday 9th May - Ascension of the Lord**

**Requiem 10.00 am - Josephine Cullen**

Mass 7.30 pm - Peter Markey, Sr Francesca Mariano

### **Friday 10th May - John of Avila**

Mass 12 noon - Sr Mercedes Mastrostafano, Sr Margarida Gallmari

### **Saturday 11th May**

Mass 5.30 pm - Stephen Mulvenna, Sr Augusta Baldini Josphine Basurto

### **Sunday 12th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Mass 9.30 am - Austin Riley, Sr Marina Mary and Sr Luisa Yamamoto

Mass 11.00 am - Teresa Maloney, Gary Hughes

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

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



### **Llysfas Residential Spirituality Workshop - 12-29 August**

Llysfas will be hosting a transformative workshop at the Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno from 12 - 29 Aug, 2024. This workshop offers a creative experiential journey rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participants will engage in prayer, personal reflection, contemplative listening, discernment, and retreat experiences, all aimed at deepening their spirituality and capacity for accompaniment. Spaces are limited, so apply soon by contacting Mary Rose Fitzsimmons HHS at [maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com](mailto:maryrosefitzsimmons@btinternet.com) or visit [llysfas-spirituality-workshop.org.uk](http://llysfas-spirituality-workshop.org.uk) for more information and application forms.

### **Introduction to Sight Loss Friendly Churches—Thursday 9 May at 2pm (45 minutes)**

**Registration Link** - [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcrd-CqpjsqGd0mlqz3tulkQAHmsgg\\_vBDU](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZcrd-CqpjsqGd0mlqz3tulkQAHmsgg_vBDU)

This session covers a brief overview of what it means to be a sight loss friendly church. There is an interactive element in the form of an informal quiz, personal stories and videos about sight loss and an overview of SLFC's services. Come along if you're thinking of signing up your church or if you'd like to refresh old knowledge. You can find out more at [www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk](http://www.sightlossfriendlychurch.org.uk)

### **Red Missio Boxes**

We need to update our Gift Aid information for the mission boxes. If you have a red box and are a UK taxpayer, please contact Jan Burrows (07708 567 257) to ensure all details are current.



### **Focolare Summer Gathering 25th-28th July 2024**

The Mariapolis, a summer gathering organised by Focolare for people of all backgrounds and ages, provides an opportunity to build a small, temporary society based on the life of the gospel, mutual respect and understanding. The programme will include moments of worship, reflection, workshops, games, outings and activities for all ages. Focolare is an international movement that seeks to bring about unity through putting the words of the Gospel into practice in daily life, drawing together people of all Christian traditions and many other religions. For more information, please contact [mariapolis@focolare.org.uk](mailto:mariapolis@focolare.org.uk), or see the posters in the porches.

### **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 07779328414. 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.

### ***Remain in My Love***

When reflecting on the readings every Sunday, we can feel overwhelmed by the many images presented to us. For many years the practice of *Lectio Divina* (Divine Reading) has been a recognised way of praying the Scriptures, where we read through a passage a few times and become sensitive to a word or phrase which speaks to us. It is less a practice of reading than one of listening to the inner message of the Scripture.

When reading today's gospel we could stay with the words 'Remain in My Love'. 'The word **remain** tells me that I am already *in* Love; that my DNA is divine; that I am already connected to all that Love has created.' [2]

We can stay with this reality for as long as we want and as often as we want. When we do so, we will come to realise that 'abiding in something is not the same as emulating it. We often treat Jesus as a role model, and then despair when we can't live up to his high standards. Jesus' love is not only our example; it is our *source*. It is where our love originates and deepens; where it replenishes itself. In other words, if we don't abide, we can't love. Jesus' commandment to us is not that we wear ourselves out, trying to conjure love from our own easily depleted resources. Rather, it's that we abide in the place where divine love becomes possible, that we make our home in Jesus' love.

Jesus' commandment leads us straight to paradox: we are called to action via rest. "Love one another." "Bear fruit." As we *abide* in love, we are called to *become* love. We will become what we attend to; we will give away what we take in. The commandment — or better yet, the invitation — is to drink our fill of the Source, which is Christ, spill over to bless the world, and then return to the Source for a fresh in-filling, over and over again.' [2] The more we experience that we remain in His Love, the more we will love others, the more we will bear fruit and the more our joy will be complete.

*Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Debbie Thomas*

### **ALTAR SERVERS REUNION**

We would like to invite Altar Servers who have served for at least two years from 2005 to contact the parish office as soon as possible as we hope to have a get together for former Altar Servers at our parish barbecue.

### **PIETY STALL**

There are a varied range of cards and gifts on the piety stall at the back of church.  
We also have a variety of First Holy Communion cards, rosaries and candles.  
If you cannot find what you are looking for we will attempt to obtain them for you if possible

### **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, Jane Blakemore, George Boland, Katie Brown, Violet Chadwick, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holman, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Michael O'Brien, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Betty Savage, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,



### **Lately Deceased**

Josephine Cullen, Teresa Maloney

### **Anniversaries**

Gerry Ball, Connie Smith, Francis McComish, Brenda Brogan

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 5th May: Clean drinking water** (an estimated 785 million people around the world don't have access to basic drinking water)

**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**

## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:**  
**First Monday of each month at**  
**7:30pm. The next meeting will be on**  
**Monday 13th May**

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.

### **BAPTISMS ARE HELD ON:**

1st Saturday 12 noon and 1.00 pm  
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm  
4th Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

### **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.**

### **PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB**

**Next meeting on 8th May**  
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



## **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 19th May**

**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'

### **Monthly Craft Group**

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room on 23rd May

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Next parish council meeting will be on Monday the **24th June at 7pm.** All the members of the parish council are kindly asked to attend this important meeting.

Many Thanks, Fr. Anton

**Music Group: Tuesday 14th May at 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

**Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 14th May 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.



## **FIRST COMMUNION DATES**

**11th May St. Aidan's First Communion**  
10 am (9th May—Reconciliation and Rehearsal)  
**11th May St. Joseph's First Communion**  
12:30 pm (10th May—Reconciliation and Rehearsal)  
**12th May All other schools**  
First Communion 1:30 pm (10th May—Reconciliation and Rehearsal 4 pm)  
**18th May St. Anne's First Communion** 10 am & 12:30 pm (17th May—Reconciliation and Rehearsal)

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

8th May - Family of Parishes meeting in St. Aidan's Club 7pm—9 pm  
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)

Wishing Fr Anton a very Happy Birthday on Sunday and also welcome him home from his travels

### **SOUP CLUB**

**SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church**  
**82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

**Wednesday 15th May at 12.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 19th June at 12.30 pm.**  
**Wednesday 17th July at 12.30 pm.**  
**Wednesday 21st August at 12.30 pm.**  
**Wednesday 18th September at 12.30 pm.**  
**Wednesday 16th October at 12.30 pm.**  
**Wednesday 20th November at 12.30 pm.**  
**Wednesday 18th December at 12.30 pm.**

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### **Contemplative Prayer Session: Preparation for Pentecost**

Venue: Sister Elizabeth Kelly Community Room  
Date: Tuesday 14th May Time: 10.30am – 11.30am.  
Tea will be served after the session.  
Contact: Parish Office 0151 489 3085 or [cathmyork@gmail.com](mailto:cathmyork@gmail.com)



### **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME**

The balance for the trip to Rome is due by 1st June  
People sharing a twin room - balance £930 per person  
People with a single room - balance £1,380 per person  
Everyone needs to be aware that due to new EU Regulations the inception date on all passports needs to be checked as passports which have a life of more than ten years may not be valid. Your passport needs to be valid for at least six months on your return.