

**Sunday 2nd February 2025**



**First Reading Malachi 3: 1-4**

*The Lord whom you seek will come to his Temple*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory**

**Second Reading Hebrews 2: 14-18**

*He had to be made like his brothers in every respect*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel**

**Gospel Reading Luke 2:22-32**

*My eyes have seen your salvation*

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

**OFFICE/CHURCH**

**Parish Office:**  
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Tel: 0151 489 3085

**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm**

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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

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Deacon:**

*Mike Whelan*

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**Parish Priest**

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**PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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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

First Communion Programme has started.  
Please keep updated with information via website,  
Facebook and the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER



## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

**SUNDAY 2 February 2025**

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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 1st February

Mass 5.30 pm - John Gregory, Marilyn Davies

#### Sunday 2nd February - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Racial Justice Day

Mass 10.30 am - James Taylor, Joe O'Donnell

#### Monday 3rd February

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 11 am - Margaret Garvey

#### Wednesday 5th February - Memorial of St Agatha

Requiem Mass 12 noon - John Speakman

Mass 7.30 pm - John Hughes, Peter Baccino

#### Friday 7th February

Mass 12 noon - Betty Moyes, Patricia Hughes

#### Saturday 8th February

Mass 5.30 pm - Alice Reilly, Fran Haby

#### Sunday 9th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Maria Parker, Aninha Carvalho

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



### Huyton Family of Parishes - Exploring the Future

The full version of this update is on the Notice Board in the porches. It will be posted on the parish Whatsapp. It can also be accessed via the link below:

<https://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

#### 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.



#### 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.



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

**Please make yourself known to 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.

#### SHARE KNOWSLEY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Want to make a difference to people's lives and do something rewarding? Come and join us. Share Knowsley is looking for volunteers.

If interested please contact us

The [admin@shareknowsley.org.uk](mailto:admin@shareknowsley.org.uk) and the phone number is: 07915 252300

Thank you so much

Margaret Roche, Chief Executive Officer

### ***Meeting and Presenting***

'The Feast of the Presentation is sometimes called the Feast of Meeting. Mary, called *Theotokos* in Greek, which means God-bearer or God-birther, would place her son in the hands of the old man Simeon. In that presentation and in that holding, Simeon would be *Theodochos, the God receiver*. He had been promised that he would see the Messiah, the Christ, the one whose name means salvation, and that promise was made many years before it was fulfilled. Simeon must have lived those days, years and decades with hope, trust and a deep longing.

Who among us has not had his or her life characterised by waiting, longing and anticipation? We all know what it's like to wait – waiting for life to change, for the grief to go away, for a prayer to be answered, for joy to return, for forgiveness and reconciliation, for clarity about a decision, for meaning and purpose, for healing and new life. We wait and hope for all sorts of things.' [1] 'Waiting is the passionate and contemplative crucible in which new life and spiritual wholeness can be birthed.' [2]

'During his many years of waiting, Simeon continued to show up. He continued to be vigilant and attentive. He continued to trust the promise. He continued to wait with hope and expectation. Sometimes showing up is the most difficult work we do and it takes all we have to just show up.' [1] That 'showing up' is our daily meeting with God in whatever way brings us to 'the temple', when we may be presented with experiences of meeting with a presence greater than ourselves, experiences of Christ's presence in ourselves, in others and in creation. Like Simeon, each one of us is a '*God receiver*.'

'Holding the child Jesus in his arms, Simeon offers praise for the 'light for revelation to the Gentiles. Taking a cue from Simeon, some churches began to mark this day with a celebration of light: the Candle Mass, during which priests would bless the candles to be used in the year to come. Coinciding with the turn toward spring and lengthening of light in the Northern Hemisphere, Candlemas offers a liturgical celebration of the renewing of light and life that comes to us in the natural world at this time of year. As we emerge from the deep of winter, the feast reminds us of the perpetual presence of Christ our Light in every season.[4]

*Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Sue Monk Kidd [3] John Piper [4] Jan Richardson*

### **Lindisfarne Pilgrimage**

We are planning a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne (St Aidan) in the summer of 2025, date to be confirmed. If you are interested please contact the parish office.

### **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, Trina Bromwell, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Mary & Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

### **Lately Deceased**

Valerie McKenna, Marie Keight, Harry O'Neill, Marjorie Sparks, Suzanne Ellison

### **Anniversaries**

John Jones, Joseph Patrick O'Donnell, May Ann Malone

### **Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 2nd February - Asylum Seekers & Refugees**

**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 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 3rd 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  
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 12th February 2025**

1 pm until 3 pm in the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

### **Craft Club**

Date to be advised for the next craft meeting. We will now have a subscription of £2 per session next year.

## **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 16th 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'



**The next CARJ meeting will be held on 2nd February at 12.15 a.m. in the Church.**

**Tuesday 4th February 2025  
In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room**

**Community Prayer Circle at 1-3pm.**

Our mission is to pray for the needs of our parish and local community and the needs of our world today. Come and see if God is calling you to take part in our parish prayer ministry.

**Music Group: at 7pm**

Previous experience not necessary. Why not start the new year off with something a bit different. Music ministry is an important part of the mass. Come and make some new friends. Looking forward to meeting you.

**All are welcome**

## **First Communion 2025**

The Parents' meeting took place last week Wednesday. If you did not manage to attend, please ensure you have collected a pack from the back of church this weekend or from the office during office hours this week.

Please find the dates for First Communion 2025 as follows:

St. Aidan's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's - **Saturday 17th May 2025 12:30 pm**

All other schools - **Sunday 18th May 2025 1:30 pm**

St. Anne's - **Saturday 14th June 2025 10 am and 12:30 pm.**

(Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

The programme will be run slightly differently this 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. Application forms have been emailed out through school and printed copies are available at the back of church.

## **Contemplative Prayer Mornings**

The contemplative prayer mornings will begin again on Tuesday **11th February 2025**. We meet in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at 10:30 am for 1 hour followed by tea and coffee. All are welcome.

## **Parish WhatsApp Group**

It's 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.

## **Car Boot Sale**

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

**Next Car boot sale on 22nd February 2025.**

