

Sunday 3rd August 2025



First Reading Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 2: 21-23

What has a man from all his toil?

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation

Second Reading Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Gospel Reading Luke 12: 13-21

The things you have prepared, whose will they be?

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

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

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Parish Newsletters are posted on
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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk
Newsletter items by Thursday morning to
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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



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

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 3rd August 2025
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

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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 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

Monday 4th August - Memorial of St John Vianney

9.30 a.m. Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 6th August - Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass 7.30 pm - Terminally ill parishioners ,

Friday 8th August - Memorial of St Dominic

Mass 12 noon - Jospeh Evans, Special Intention

Saturday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Mass 5.30pm - Sacristans & their families, Tea Club Volunteers

Sunday 10th August - Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (INTERNATIONAL TABLE)

Please note there is only one Mass today.

Mass 10.30 am - Angela Wood, CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

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



Our hearts are restless until they rest in God

'In today's gospel Jesus tells us that there are many kinds of greed. Greed deceives and convinces us that if we just have more of something then we will be more complete. For example:

- If I have more money then I will have a more secure future.
- If I can get more of your time and attention then I'll feel accepted and relevant.
- If I can gain more power and control then I'll be safe and respected. [1]

Whatever it is that we want to possess, Jesus reminds us that "Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." That doesn't mean that possessions are inherently bad or wrong or that we shouldn't allow them to bring us pleasure. The problem is when we give our possessions the power to bring us lasting happiness. 'The pursuit of possessions as a means to happiness is often misguided. While attaining a desired possession might bring a fleeting moment of pleasure, it ultimately doesn't lead to lasting contentment and can be followed by anxiety about losing it.' [2]

'Everything we possess and long to possess is infinitely less than what will put to rest the restlessness of our heart. St. Augustine said, "You made our hearts for you oh Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." God created us this way. God made our hearts in such a way that nothing less than the infinity of God will ever be enough for us. It's an arranged situation. It's a setup. Thomas Merton once said, "Anytime I want something very, very badly and I finally get it, it burns me. It's just one more thing that's infinitely not enough for me." But in the 'not-enoughness' of everything, we can see the divinity of everything.' [3] The true love of our loved ones and the life-giving pleasures of our possessions are manifestations of God's infinite love.

'Ultimately greed is a symptom or pointer to a deeper issue. Greed is really just a way of dealing with our own feelings of deficit and emptiness. It's not so much about *having* enough but about *being* enough. When we believe ourselves to be deficient, when we lose belief in ourselves, when we feel we are not enough, then we get greedy. We use things and other people to fill the hole inside us.' [1] That 'hole', which is the restlessness we experience, is not an indication that something is wrong with us; it is 'the bottomless abyss of God's love which is infinitely more than the sum total of all we can possess. Falling into the abyss of God's love – falling in Love – will always lead to *letting go* of 'possessions' which prevent us from experiencing the infinite love that is transforming us into itself - which is our destiny.' [3]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Anthony de Mello [3] James Finley

PAX CHRISTI

Pax Christi invite people to join in the commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, when the world witnessed the horrors of nuclear weapons. On the 80th anniversary of this nuclear catastrophe, there will be a service with CND in St John's Gardens on Wednesday 6th August at 10.30 am and a Mass for Peace at St Vincent de Paul's church, St James Street, L1 5JN on Saturday 9th August at 6.00 pm. For further details contact: janharper20211@outlook.com

St Agnes Little Church and Welcoming Group

We are looking for new volunteers to be part of our Children's Liturgy Team. This would only mean a commitment of 20 minutes every six weeks, which equates to about 8 times a year. We would really welcome your help.

The only criteria: DBS check for safeguarding as required by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Please ring the office for more information.

We are also looking for new members for our 'Welcoming' group to meet and greet people (and to hand over hymn books and Newsletters) as they come into the church. If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak to a member of the welcoming group today. Many Thanks .

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

Jim Phillips, John Quirk, John Fisher

Sanctuary Lamp week 3rd August - Victims of racial, ethnic, sexual and religious discrimination.

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

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 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.

