

**Sunday 22nd December 2024**



**First Reading:** Micah 5: 2-5a

*From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Bring us back O God; let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved.**

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10: 5-10

*Behold I have come to do your will.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord let it be to me according to your word.**

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-45

*Why is this granted to me that the mother of the Lord should come to me?*

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

**Email Address:**  
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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

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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



NEWSLETTER

**22nd December – 27th December  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT —  
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
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 21st December

Mass 5.30 pm - David Hussey, Ann Gillan

### Sunday 22nd December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass 10.30 am - David Collins, Margaret Moss

### Monday 23rd December

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

### Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

5.30 pm - Parishioners of St Agnes & St Aidan

8.30 pm - Church cleaners, gardeners and volunteers

### Wednesday 25th December - Nativity of the Lord

Mass 10.30 am - Christmas Day Family Mass

### Thursday 26th December - St Stephen, First Martyr

Mass 12 noon - Tony Wernham, Sr Luisa Marcolin

### Friday 27th December - St John, Apostle and Evangelist

Mass 12 Noon - Sr Maria Bazzuchi, Sr Paula Aragon

### Saturday 28th December - Holy Innocents

Mass 5.30 pm - Sandra Nelson, Theresa Henry

### Sunday 29th December - Holy Family

Mass 10.30 am - Gerry Ball & Francis Brannon, Patrick & Mary McLindon

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



## Standing Order Mandate

Name of parish

St Agnes, Huyton 062

Name and address of your own bank

To

The Manager

Address

Please pay to

Bank name

HSBC plc

Address

99-101 Lord Street  
LIVERPOOL  
L2 6PG

Sort code

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St Agnes Church (062)

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## CARJ (CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR RACIAL JUSTICE)

CARJ is an independent charity, established in 1984 in London. Here in our parish, we have an active CARJ group, and we would like you to consider joining us in our effort to promote racial justice in the church and the wider society. Here is some of the work CARJ is involved in the UK?



### CARJ works to support people from diverse backgrounds

- Empowerment of black and minority & to give them an effective voice in the Church and in the wider society. We support people from diverse backgrounds in the struggle for a more just and cohesive society.

### Awareness raising and education for racial justice

- To campaign for awareness raising and education for racial justice to be an integral part of training in Seminaries, Colleges, Schools, Parishes, and Catholic organisations.

### Promotion of spiritual growth and development

- To facilitate the integration of the spiritual, liturgical and theological with the moral and political struggle for justice and cohesion.
- To develop ecumenical links and links with other faith communities.

### Advocacy

- To respond to requests for advice and support from those who are victims of prejudice, discrimination, and injustice.

## 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.

## 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, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, Tony Ferguson, 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

Peter Baccino, George Boland

### Anniversaries

Mary McLindon

### **BEREAVEMENT CARE TEAM**

The first Wednesday in January is New Year's Day so the next drop-in session will be 5th February 2025.

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 22nd December - Tea Club**

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**

**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.

**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**  
**8th January 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 19th January**

**Instagram:** St.Agnes\_St.Aidan\_LGBTQ & on  
**Facebook**

[https://www.facebook.com/  
groups/580539512933145/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share)

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's  
LGBTQ+ Social Group'



**Thank you to all those who supported us**  
**this last year. Our next meeting is on**  
**Sunday 5th January at 12.15 p.m.**

**Tuesday 7th January 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**

Dear Parish Family,

As we approach Christmas and the New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your invaluable contributions to our parish community over the past year.

To our dedicated parishioners and volunteers, thank you for your unwavering commitment and tireless work. Whether through your active involvement in our ministries, your support of our missions in Romania and Suriname, or your work with SHARE Knowsley to help asylum seekers and refugees, your generosity and compassion continue to inspire us all.

A special thanks to the members of our Parish Council for their wisdom and leadership, and for challenging us to always strive to make things better. Your resilience, especially in these difficult times, is truly appreciated. I also want to thank you for your constant encouragement, which has been a source of strength for all of us.

To those who are housebound, your prayers and presence are felt and deeply appreciated. You may not be with us physically, but you remain an integral part of our community.

I am so grateful to our Eucharistic Ministers for their faithful ministry; to the office staff; the hospitality team; the gardeners; to all who help maintain and tidy our church, making it a welcoming space for all, and to those who ensure that we are aware of the needs of our parish family, especially those who are struggling or missing. Your care for one another is a testament to the love we share in Christ.

Together, we continue to walk as a family of parishes, with many meetings and discussions, always working to strengthen our bonds and bring hope to those in need.

May God bless you all with peace, joy, and good health this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Thank you for making our parish a place of love, faith, and hope.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a joyful 2025!

With gratitude and blessings,  
Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

*peace  
love  
joy*



## **WCMAD (SURINAME AND ROMANIA)**

On behalf of the parish family as we come to the end of this year, we are grateful to all those who have supported us in many different ways and continue to support our parish missions in Suriname and Romania. As you are aware, we continue to financially support Fr Toon's work in the Amazon rainforest (Suriname) especially in training the lay leaders in his 32 church communities. They are grateful to all the work our parishioners have done during their visits in building and renovating their churches/community centres and helping with the sanitary facilities in Apoera and Washabo villages in the rain forest. Our contributions have made a huge difference in spreading the good news mainly among the Maroon (formerly known as "bush" negroes) and Arawak (native Indians) people. Please continue to remember Fr Toon and his lay leaders (catechists) in your prayers.

### **Romania ( Petrosani)**

We are grateful to all the parishioners who returned from a successful mission (summer camp) Petrosani, Romania in August 2024. Their work was greatly appreciated by the members (employees) of Caritas, who were very impressed with the commitment and generosity of our parishioners. We are looking forward to yet another mission to Petrosani in 2025. Thanks to all those who have helped us through out 2023. We will remember you and your families at Mass here in our parish.

Maria Stein and the whole Caritas Team in Petrosani, Romania wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2025

### **Our Parish supports Nugent care.**

Nugent care is a registered charity, well known for the work they do caring for, educating, and protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults through their schools, care homes, and community and social work services. As well as this, they provide general housing advice and support to people who are homeless, vulnerable to homelessness, or vulnerable. Many people will not realise the full extent of what Nugent Care do, as their work is extensive in meeting the many needs of people in Liverpool.

For many years we have been collecting second hand clothing and donating them to the Nugent Care charity shop on Allerton Road in Liverpool. These donations have raised and continue to raise a significant amount of finance for the Nugent Care charity which in turn makes a huge difference in the lives of many people. As we continue to support this charity here at home in Liverpool, we would like to encourage you to be part of this project by bringing your second hand clothes to the church during the office hours or whenever you come to worship.

## **Christmas Mass Times**

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

9.30 am

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

### ***Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord***

5:30 pm and 8:30 pm

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

***Christmas Day Family Mass 10.30 am***

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

12 noon

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

12 noon

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

5.30 pm

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

10.30 am

### **Wednesday 1st January 2025**

***Solemnity of Mary Mother of God***

*Service 12 noon*

## **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.



## **SHARe Knowsley - THANK YOU!**

We wanted to extend our thanks from SHARe Knowsley to the parishioners of St Agnes and St Aidan for your generosity and support for our work in helping Asylum Seekers and Refugees. Your purchases of the items sold from the Christmas stall at the back of the church and donations of £400 by cash will be of great help to those in need of English classes, toiletries and clothing, especially at this time of year with the cold weather. Your support is greatly appreciated. We couldn't do what we do without your help. So, thank you and have a happy and Holy Christmas.

Mrs Margaret Roche Manager

## **Car Boot Sale**

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

**Next Car boot sale on 25th January 2025.**



## Believing

'What if we really believed God is uniquely present and active in the circumstances of each of our lives? What if instead of allowing our circumstances to determine what we believe, we allowed our believing to reinterpret the circumstances? That would be blessed believing, Elizabeth and Mary type of believing, the kind of believing that gives birth to new life. That believing is at the heart of today's gospel reading. Two pregnant women, neither of whom, according to their circumstances, should be or could be pregnant. One is too old. One is too young. One is barren. One is a virgin. Yet, both are pregnant.

Neither Elizabeth nor Mary allowed the circumstances of their lives to define who they were or limit who they might become. Believing for them was not so much about **what** they see but **how** they see. Each one believed she was more than the circumstances of her life. Both women saw, hidden within their particular situation, a deeper meaning and a new life. Each one trusted that the God of the impossible was somehow in the circumstances reshaping, transforming, and fulfilling her very existence. God was at work within these two women changing **them**, not their circumstances. So it is for each one of us.'

*Michael Marsh*

'The story of the visitation is not only about pregnancy and physical birth. For Mary and Elizabeth the massive change within them is linked to a radical transformation beyond them. There is a harmony between what God has stirred within them and what God is stirring in the world. Regardless of whether we're called to give birth to physical children, God challenges us to cultivate an interior spirit that is intimately linked with the world beyond us. In this Advent season, what's stirring inside me that connects me with the world around me? What is God seeking to bring forth in my life that enables me to participate in the transformation that God is working in all creation?'

*Jan Richardson*

### 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.

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



## 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.

## 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/>

## 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.

## 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.

There are many different ways you can help:

- Helping staff at the drop-ins
- Supporting in the English classes
- Sorting donations
- Working 1:1 with a client
- Helping with casework



If interested please contact us

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

We are also collecting prizes for our Christmas Fayre for tombolas and our raffle. If you have any donations, please bring them to the Old School House or to the back of church.

Thank you so much

Margaret Roche, **Chief Executive Officer**