

Sunday 23rd February 2025



**First Reading** Samuel 26:2 7-9, 12-13,22-23

*The Lord gave you into my hand today and I would not put out my hand against the Lord's anointed*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**The Lord is compassionate and gracious**

**Second Reading** Corinthians 15:45-49

*Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**

**Gospel Reading** Luke 6:27-38

*Be merciful even as your Father is merciful*

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

### OFFICE/CHURCH

#### Parish Office:

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

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

### PARISH CONTACTS

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#### **Deacon:**

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

[facebook](https://www.facebook.com/parishofstagnesstaidan)

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# 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



Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 23rd 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 22nd February - Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle**

Mass 5.30 pm - Kevin Gallagher, Margaret Garvey

#### **Sunday 23rd February - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - St Polycarp**

Mass 10.30 am - Dougie Maylor, Mary McDonnell

#### **Monday 24th February**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Wednesday 26th February**

Mass 7.30 pm - Peggy Coyne, Betty Callaghan

#### **Friday 28th February**

Mass 12 noon - Neville & Bhuvaneshuari Fernandes, Elizabeth Roberts

#### **Saturday 1st March - Feast of St David, Patron Saint of Wales**

Mass 5.30 pm - Joe O'Donnell, Joe Morgan

#### **Sunday 2nd March - Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Day for the unemployed**

Mass 10.30 am - Eric Morton, Margaret Bowden

**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



### **NUGENT CARE**

Dear Parishioners,

For many years, we have proudly supported Nugent Care through donations of second-hand clothing and bedding etc for homeless individuals. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, Nugent Care is no longer able to accept these items.

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Liverpool. This Parish works tirelessly to support homeless people and asylum seekers in the area.

We encourage you to continue your generous support as we work together with St. Vincent de Paul Parish to assist those in need.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness and compassion.

Fr Anton

### **WELCOMING GROUP**

Could all the welcoming group members meet at the back of church after Mass on Sunday 9th March 2025 please. Many thanks

Veronica

### **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.

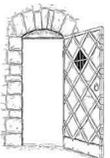
This is a great tool to keep everyone informed of important events/services

Our hope is that this will bring more positive energy to our vibrant parish community.



### **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.



We are starting to collect Palms for burning for Ash Wednesday. Can you please bring or drop them off at Church. Thanks



### ***Do we respond or react?***

'It is worth noting that today's gospel passage begins by Jesus saying: *I say to you who hear*. In some translations, Jesus' words are: *I say to you who are listening*. In order to understand what Jesus is really saying to us, we have to put aside our prejudices and assumptions and really listen to what he is saying. This passage, in particular, is one where we are likely to react emotionally.' [1]

'Victor Frankl was a Jewish psychiatrist from Vienna who was imprisoned in a Nazi death camp. He wrote about the last of human freedoms as being the ability 'to choose one's attitude to a given set of circumstances'. In that situation of terrible confinement, almost every human freedom had been taken away, but not that final freedom, the freedom to choose one's attitude to that degrading situation. It was this final freedom which, Frankl said, helped himself and others to survive even the most inhuman of situations. To love and not to hate; to bless and not to curse; to be merciful and not to be bitter - the choice is always there. There is a difference between reacting to something and responding to it. The easiest thing in the world is to react. Reaction is automatic, but responding takes thought and strength and control. We find an example of this in the first reading. Abishai **reacted** by wanting to kill Saul on the spot, whereas David **responded**, recognising that Saul was the Lord's anointed as the legitimate king of Israel. **Reacting** almost bypasses choice, whereas we have to choose how to **respond**. Choosing to respond in a loving way to someone who hates us is the ultimate expression of Christian freedom, the freedom of the Spirit.' [2]

'This final freedom to choose to love those who have given us no reason to love them is rooted in a deeply rooted faith in God's unconditional love for all of humanity.' [2] 'The beginning of the fight against hatred, the basic Christian answer to hatred, is not the commandment to love, but what must necessarily come before in order to make the commandment bearable and comprehensible. The root of Christian love is not the will to love, but the faith that we are loved'. [3] 'God is compassionate towards each one of us. That faith conviction empowers us to be compassionate as God is compassionate.' [2]

'In order to feel compassion for other people, we have to feel compassion for ourselves. [4] When we respond to all the wounded parts of ourselves, rather than react to them, we will learn to have compassion for ourselves and then the circle of compassion for others becomes wider. Compassion is the love that recognises and goes forth to identify with the preciousness of all that is lost and broken within ourselves and others.' [5]

*Adapted: [1] Living Space / Sacred Space [2] Fr. Martin Hogan [3] Thomas Merton [4] Pema Chodron [5] James Finley*

### **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, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Barbara Moran, Mary & Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Julie Quarless, 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**

Rita Doyle, Elizabeth Caslin

#### **Anniversaries**

Joseph Patrick O'Donnell, John Jones, Fr Peter Fox, Dougie Maylor, Sheila Whitehead, Joan O'Keefe, Peggy Coyne, Dougie Maylor, Thomas Jackson

#### **Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 23rd February - Staff in our Primary Schools**

**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 refectio***.**

### **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 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  
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  
26th February 2025**

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

### **Craft Club**

Craft Club will start again on Thursday  
**6th March 2025**. We will now have a  
subscription of £2 per session.

## **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 March**

**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'



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

**Tuesday 4th March 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**

Letters have been sent out via schools and packs have been available to be collected since  
29th January 2025. Please ensure you are keeping yourself up to date with all information.

Booklet deadline dates are: **28th April 2025** for St. Aidan's St. Joseph's and all other schools  
and **19th May 2025** for St. Anne's

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.

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ONLINE PREPARATION SESSIONS**

Join the Animate Team and special guests.

**1 and 15 May 2025 at 4:30-6.00pm on Animate Youth YouTube.**  
Just go to the channel at those times and we will be live. No log in needed.

The session will offer a reminder of some of the work done in schools on Gifts of the Spirit,  
Saints, Rite of Confirmation.

We will also hear how Confirmation has affected different people in the Archdiocese.  
This is to run alongside your Local Parish/ Deanery preparation.

## **Contemplative Prayer Mornings**

The next session will be on Tuesday 11th March 2025. We meet in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly  
Room at 10:30 am for 1 hour followed by tea and coffee. All are welcome.

## **Car Boot Sale**

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.  
**Next Car boot sale on 29th March 2025.**

