

Sunday 19th October 2025



First Reading Exodus 17: 8-13

Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed

Responsorial Psalm

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth

Second Reading Timothy 3:14-4:2

That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia //

Speak Lord, your servant is listening, you have the words of everlasting life

Gospel Reading Luke 18:1-8

God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.

The Order of Mass on page 4 of the Hymn Book.

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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

As part of the celebration and commemoration of the Jubilee Year 2025, *Pilgrims of Hope*, CAFOD has commissioned a special icon created by Ethiopian artist **Mulugeta Araya** for the Catholic Church in England and Wales. This beautiful icon will be **on display in our church on 2nd November from 9am-12noon**. All are warmly invited to come and spend some time in prayer and reflection.



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World Mission Sunday

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

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.

WORLD MISSION WEEKEND

Saturday 18th October - Feast of St Luke

Mass 5.30 pm - Kay Gillan, Michael John Twigg

Sunday 19th October - Twenty Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time **World Mission Sunday**

Mass 10.30 am - Jean Blakemore, Margaret Richards

Monday 20th October

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 22nd October - St John Paul II, Pope

10.15 am - Funeral Service - Patricia English

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Saturday 25th October

- Mass 5.30 pm - Barbara Wain, Paddy Murphy

Sunday 26th October - Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 10.30 am - Louise Anderson, Aninha Carvalho

Confessions: Saturday 5.00 pm - 5.20 pm (or by appointment)



First Communion Preparation

As we prepare for the children's First Holy Communion, we kindly remind parents to encourage them to **attend the 10:30am Sunday Mass regularly**. Being present at Mass helps the children to become familiar with the prayers and responses, take part in the Little Church, and grow in their sense of belonging to our parish community.

Parish Volunteers

We continue to look for volunteers to support the many activities in our parish. We are especially seeking new people who can take on roles that have been faithfully carried out by long-standing volunteers over the years.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office. As we know, many hands make light work, and together we can ensure the smooth running of parish life.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank all our volunteers - past and present - for their generous service and ongoing support. Please encourage your family and friends to get involved too!

Holy Communion for the Housebound

If you, or someone you know, are genuinely housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact the parish office. Kindly provide your full address and clear contact details so that we can make the necessary arrangements.

Supporting Share Knowsley

On behalf of Share Knowsley, we would like to thank all those who continue to support our brothers and sisters in need by donating a variety of items, including toiletries, which can be left at the back of the church. Please think twice before discarding something - an item no longer needed by you may be of great use to someone else. If you are unsure about what can be donated, please contact the Parish Office or reach out via the Parish WhatsApp group.

We also extend our gratitude to everyone who has been so generous, and to all parish volunteers involved in supporting asylum seekers—whether through drop-ins in Prescott and Kirkby or by helping at the Old Schoolhouse with English lessons and guidance on life in the UK.

Thank you for your ongoing kindness and commitment.

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



We do not wait for God. We wait with God.' [1]

Faith is a strong theme in the gospel of Luke and this is the third week in succession that the Sunday Gospel readings have emphasised the power of faith. The widow in the Gospel wanted something badly and she had faith in her perseverance to get what she wanted. We're told that 'she kept going' to the judge. All three readings today emphasise persistence.

We have reflected on faith as having confidence in our *experience* of the presence of God within us. Prayer is our response to that experience. When we want to continually grow in awareness of God's presence we will find ways to make that happen. We will surrender to transformation in ourselves and in whoever and whatever we bring to God in prayer.

We all have our own understanding of prayer. Our prayer can sometimes resemble the negotiation of a transaction. We make our repeated requests for help but we have our own preconceived ideas about what that help should look like. Another misconception of prayer is that our persistent requests could change God. 'Prayer is meant to be an interior practice *to change the one who is praying*. Prayer does not change God. Prayer changes us.' [2] 'If we always keep open that channel of surrender to transformation, then we are always praying.' [3]

And there are 'all ways' of praying. Throughout the course of our lives we may make several changes to the way in which we surrender to God's transforming love. 'Our task is to find the way which moves us to love and to give ourselves to it in love.' [4]

"I have come to realise more and more that prayer is just being in the presence of one who loves you deeply, who loves with a love that will not let you go. And so when I get up in the morning I try to spend as much time as I can being quiet in the presence of this love. It's like I'm sitting in front of a warm fire on a cold day. I don't have to do anything. All I have to do is be there. And after a while, the qualities of the fire may change me: I may have the warmth of the fire; I may have the glow of the fire. So it is also with me and God. I just have to be there, quiet. [5]

'It is not that God answers our prayer, but that God **is** the answer.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] Richard Rohr [3] Fr. John Shea
[4] James Finley [5] Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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.

Ivan, Asanta Alwis, Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Shona Blackley, John Bradshaw, Trina Bromwell, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, Ann Clague, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, 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, Marie Sanbter, 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

Jeanette Dooley (Emanuel), Rose Johnston, Hilda Williams, Patricia English

Anniversary

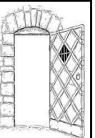
Irene Bannister, Alan McAleny, Agnes Wilson, Terrence McCormick

Sanctuary Lamp Week 19th October - We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)

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 & 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 3rd November

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 22nd October 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 19th October.

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 28th October**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 3rd November**

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 26th October



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.



Invitation to Read the First Papal Exhortation by Pope Leo XIV

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us as we **read and reflect on the First Papal Exhortation by Pope Leo XIV.**

- **Date:** Saturday, 1st December
- **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room

Let us come together in faith and fellowship to explore this important document in full.
All are welcome!

You can find the PDF of Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te* — which focuses on **love for the poor** — at irp.cdn-website.com.
The **Vatican News** and other trusted sources also provide the full text in various formats.

19th October World Mission Sunday

2nd November Jubilee 2025 icon by Mulugeta Araya, commissioned by CAFOD, will be displayed in our church 2nd November 9am-12 noon.

12th November Remembrance Service for the Faithful Departed

WCMAD Meetings:

Interested in our projects, traveling to Romania or helping with fundraising? Join us on November 9th 2025, March 8th, July 12th 2026 at 12.30pm after the tea club to learn more and get involved!

Save the Date

ONE SUNDAY MASS

On Sunday, 19th October (World Mission Sunday) there will be one Mass only at 10.30am.

From the following weekend (25th–26th October), we will continue with a single Sunday Mass, coinciding with the clocks going back on Sunday, 26th October.



Reminder – Welcoming Prison Leavers

Join us to learn how to welcome prison leavers into our community.

Date: Monday, 20 October

Time: 7:30 pm

Venue: St John Fisher Church, 37 Tithebarn Rd, Knowsley, Prescot L34 0EU