

Sunday 14th September 2025



First Reading Exodus 32: 7-11.13-14

The Lord relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

Responsorial Psalm

I will arise and go to my father

Second Reading Timothy 1: 12-17

Christ came to save sinners

Gospel Acclamation

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Gospel Reading Luke 15: 1-32

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.

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

OFFICE/CHURCH

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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
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PARISH CLUB

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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

WCMAD Fundraiser
(We Can Make A Difference)
17th October at 7.00 pm

Former Altar
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NEWSLETTER



Sunday 14th September 2025
Twenty Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year C

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 13th September - St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Teresa Roche, Carj Group



Sunday 14th September - Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass 9.00 am - Ann Jones, Those Effected by Global Warming

Mass 10.30 am - David Collins, Lillian McEvoy

Monday 15th September - Our Lady of Sorrows

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 17th September - St Hildegard of Bingen/St Robert Bellarmine

Mass 7.30 pm - Tea Club Volunteers, Clean drinking water (an estimated 785 million people around the world don't have access to basic drinking water)

Friday 19th September - St Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Mass 12 noon - Malcomb McMillan, Terminally ill Parishioners and their families

Saturday 20th September - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gön & Companions, Martyrs

Mass 5.30 pm - Chris McCormack, Jimmy & Ann O'Neill

Sunday 21st September - Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.00 am - Breastmates (Lyndale)

Mass 10.30 am - Gabriel Santer, Jimmy & Ella Watts



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

A Healing Gaze

'As well as commemorating the cross on which Jesus was crucified, today's feast also celebrates the finding of the true cross attributed to St Helena.' [1]

The gospel portrays Jesus as the "Lifted-Up One." This image is foreseen by the image of Moses making a bronze serpent, setting it on a pole and raising it up so that "anyone who has been bitten by a serpent and looks upon it will be healed." (Numbers 21:8). 'It is like a homeopathic symbol. The very thing that is killing the Children of Israel is the thing that will heal them! It is presented as a vaccine that will give you just enough of the disease so you can develop a resistance to it. The image of Jesus on the cross dramatically raises up the problem of ignorant hatred for all to see, hoping to inoculate us against doing the same thing by projecting our violence onward into history.' [2]

Common Hebrew words for "look" or "gaze" include *sha'ah*, a verb meaning to gaze at with interest or steady attention; and *rā'āh*, where the experience of seeing is connected with understanding. Jesus tells Nicodemus that when we gaze at and believe in the "Lifted-Up One" we will truly live.' [3] 'Those who gaze upon the Crucified long enough - with contemplative eyes - are always healed at deep levels of pain, unforgiveness, aggression and victimhood. Contemplative gazing demands no theological education, just an "inner exchange" by receiving the image within and offering one's soul back in safe return.' [2]

'Jesus invited people to "follow" him in lovingly bearing the mystery of human death and resurrection. It is not a requirement in order that we can go to heaven later, it is an invitation so that we can live an entirely full life now. Those who choose to carry and love what God loves, which is both the good and the bad of human history, and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves - these are the followers of Jesus. They keep the world from its path toward greed, violence and self-destruction. God is calling everyone and everything to God's self.' [2]

*Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world.
All things break. And all things can be mended.
Not with time, as they say, but with intention.
So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.*

[4]

Adapted: [1] Franciscan media [2] Richard Rohr [3] Beejai [4] L R Knost



The Parish of St Agnes & St Aidan, located in Huyton within the Archdiocese of Liverpool, has a group dedicated to racial justice, working in line with the guidelines and ethos of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ), based in London. Some members of this parish group are also involved with CARJ Liverpool. CARJ Liverpool, together with members of the CARJ group in the Parish of St Agnes & St Aidan, **have now merged and established CARJ, Merseyside.**

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination

Archbishop Sherrington will celebrate the anniversary of his episcopal ordination on 14 September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

To mark this occasion, he warmly invites clergy, religious, and the faithful to join him for Choral Evening Prayer at the Metropolitan Cathedral at 3:00 pm on 14 September.

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.

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



MISSION BOXES



Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. If anyone has a box which has not been emptied for over six months, please hand it in to either the church or Parish office. Similarly, those who have a new box following the appeal, please bring your box to either church or parish office. Please make sure your name and address is on the box. Thank you for all your support

The special Mass for Missio in the Liverpool Diocese will be on September 28th at 3 pm in Our Lady and All Saints, Parbold, WN8 7HS

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, 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, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Christine Malone, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Paddy Murphy, 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

Anniversary

Terry Morgan, Josephine Campbell, Lenny Scott, Elizabeth Mullin, Margaret Fairbrother

Sanctuary Lamp week 14th September - 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.

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 6th October

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 24th September 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 16th September**
- Music Group (7 pm)
- **Next meeting 7th October**

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 27th September



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.



17th October WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference)
7.00 pm St Aidan's Club (Parish Club)
19th October World Mission Sunday

Save the Date

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

Parish Bank Details

As requested by some parishioners below are full details of our bank

St Agnes Church (062) Account no. 81545035
Sort code 40-29-12
Bank name HSBC plc
Address 99-101-Lord Street
Liverpool L2 6PG

All cheques payable to : St Agnes Church
If you would like to pay by standing order please collect an envelope from the wall mounted letter caddy at the back of the church

Former Altar Servers Reunion

All those who served as altar servers in our parish (in either of the two churches) between 2005 and 2021 are warmly invited to get in touch with the parish office.

You may reach us by phone or through our parish social media pages, as we hope to organise a reunion in the near future.

Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you!



SUNDAY TEA CLUB

If anyone is interested in baking a cake, biscuits or any refreshments for the tea club after mass, please let one of the volunteers know.

We would be grateful for contributions.
This does not have to be every week but as and when you are able to help.

