

Sunday 2nd November



First Reading Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages.

Responsorial Psalm

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord

Second Reading John 3: 1-3

We shall see God as he is

Gospel Acclamation

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest

Gospel Reading Matthew 5: 1-2a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven

The Order of Mass 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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www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

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NEWSLETTER

The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

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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Solemnity of All Saint
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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.

Friday 31st October - Vigil for Solemnity of All Saints

Mass 7.30 pm - Sacristans & their families, Tea Club Volunteers

Saturday 1st November - Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass 5.30 pm - Elizabeth Head, Margaret Richards

Sunday 2nd November - Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass 10.30 am - Les Bonney, Peter Shanahan

Jubilee Icon to be displayed in the Church from 9 am to 12 noon

Monday 3rd November - All Souls' Day - Feast of St Martin de Porres

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

7.30 pm - All the faithful departed, All Advocates of Racial Justice

Tuesday 4th November - Memorial of St Charles Borromeo

Funeral Service 9.45 am - Kathleen (Pat) Robertson

Wednesday 5th November

Funeral Service 11.00 am - Margaret Bordessa

Mass 7.30 pm - Stephen Tohill, Special Intention to St Jude & Our Lady

Thursday 6th November 6.30pm

Reception of the body of Josephine Keight into the church followed by the Rosary .

Friday 7th November

Requiem Mass 11.30 am - Josephine Keight

Saturday 8th November - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Mass 5.30 pm - Bill Nolan, Jean & Tommy McNally

Sunday 9th November - Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Mass 10.30 am - Jeanette Dooley (Emanuel), Ann Glavisky

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.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Martin de Porres – November 3rd

On November 3rd, the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Martin de Porres, a humble Dominican lay brother from Peru who has become a powerful symbol of compassion, humility, and justice.

Born in 1579 in Lima, Peru, to a Spanish father and an African mother, Martin de Porres faced the challenges of racism and social exclusion from a young age. Despite these obstacles, he devoted his life to serving the poor, the sick, and the marginalized—treating every person with deep dignity and love. His kindness extended even to animals, and many stories speak of his miraculous healing gifts and care for all of God's creatures.

St. Martin is the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony, and people of mixed race, as well as barbers and healthcare workers. His life reminds us that true holiness is found not in status or appearance, but in humble service and love for all.

As we celebrate his feast, may we be inspired by his example to work for unity, justice, and mercy in our own communities.

Seeing the Divine Spark

The Beatitudes are the core of the Christian way of life. They are not commandments. One can never say about the Beatitudes what the rich man said to Jesus, namely that he had kept all the commandments since he was young. The Beatitudes are not so much things to be done or rules to be kept, as deep-down attitudes of mind. They can never be kept fully; they are goals that are always calling us further. Their observance is only possible with a deep love of God and of other people, which comes from knowing and trusting ourselves to have already been blessed by God.' [1] We live the beatitudes in response to our awareness of who we are in God. We then see God in every person and in all that has been created.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'In wisdom teaching, purity means *singleness*, and the proper translation of this beatitude is "Blessed are those whose heart is not divided." Somehow when the heart becomes single, the rest will follow. According to ancient sacred traditions the heart has a very specific and perhaps surprising meaning. It is not the seat of our personal emotions but it is an organ for the perception of divine purpose and beauty. It is our antenna, so to speak, given to us to orient us toward the divine. The heart is not for personal expression but for divine perception.' [2] When the distorted instrument of the mind is made clear, we see the divine spark at the centre of our very being; and we see simultaneously that spark in the heart of every other human being.' [3]

Today is the feast of All Saints, a day when we celebrate all whose lives reflect the spirit of the Beatitudes, because of an awareness of that divine spark within all of us. 'For me, to be a saint is to be myself.' [4] The Feast of All Saints is closely linked to the feast of All Souls. 'If you have Celtic sensibilities especially at this time of year there is a heightened recognition of this time being a *thin place* where the veil is parted between heaven and earth, between the divine and the human, between matter and spirit, between the eternal and the temporal. Thin places invite us to step outside what we know, what we can understand and explain. In the thin places we know that we not only stand in the presence of the holy but we experience our own holiness, our union with God.' [5] Our response will then be to live the beatitudes, to be involved in the building up of the world we live in, helping to make it a place of truth, love, compassion, justice, freedom and peace.

*Adapted: [1] Living Space / Sacred Space [2] Cynthia Bourgeault
[3] Eknath Easwaran [4] Thomas Merton [5] Michael Marsh*

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, Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, John Bradshaw, Trina Bromwell, Diane Bruder, 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 OGorman, 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

Asanta Alwis, Sr Rosetta Mignolli, Kathleen (Pat) Robertson, Margaret Bordessa, Josephine Keight, Marian Donnelley

Anniversary

Alice Stevenson, Terence McCormick

Sanctuary Lamp Week 1st November - Deceased parishioners & their families

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
12th November 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 16th November

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 11th November**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting 4th 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
29th November



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.



Contemplative Prayer Sessions

Our Contemplative Prayer Sessions start again on 11th November 2025 at 10:30 am
- 11:30 am in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.

All are welcome.

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*

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, 22nd November
- **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.

ONE SUNDAY MASS

There will be one Sunday Mass only at
10.30 a.m. until the Spring 2026.

