

Sunday 21st September 2025



First Reading Amos 8: 4-7

Against those who 'buy the poor for silver'

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

Second Reading Timothy 2: 1-8

*Prayers should be made for all people to God,
who desires all people to be saved.*

Gospel Acclamation

**Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for
your sake he became poor, so that you by
his poverty might become rich.**

Gospel Reading Luke 16: 1-13

You cannot serve God and money.

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
parish office

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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

Former Altar
Servers Reunion
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NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 21st September 2025
Twenty Fifth 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 20th September - Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn & Companions, Martyrs

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

Sunday 21st September - Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - St Matthew

Mass 9.00 am - Breastmates (Lyndale), Sr Ursula Reynolds

Mass 10.30 am - Gabriel Santer, Jimmy & Ella Watts

Monday 22nd September

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Tuesday 23rd September - (Padre Pio) St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Mass 12 noon - For the Parishioners and their families and friends

Wednesday 24th September - Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham

Mass 7.30 pm - Srs Maria Luisa Gonzales, Luciana Suzuko

Friday 26th September - Sts Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

Mass 12 noon - Srs Gesualda Consuelo, Redenta Galliazzo

Saturday 27th September - Memorial of St Vincent de Paul

Mass 5.30 pm - Eric Morton, Bill O'Connor

Sunday 28th September - Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.00 am - Sr Emanuella Guiritti, Michael Bruder

Mass 10.30 am - Bill York, Paddy Murphy

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



Beyond ideas of right-doing and wrong-doing

"I think I can safely say that no parable of Jesus baffles me as thoroughly as the parable of the "shrewd" or "dishonest" manager. Why does the rich man commend his manager for dishonesty? Why does Jesus offer his followers such an apparently unsavoury character as a role model? [1]

There are various interpretations of today's gospel:

- The manager has chosen self-interest, self-loyalty, and self-serving over interest in, loyalty to, and service of his master;
- We are being called to account for our management of all that we are and all that we have. What if the accounting is not about finding wrongdoing but new life? That certainly changes our usual understanding of an accounting but isn't that what parables are supposed to do? They change the way we see and understand. If a parable makes sense we've probably missed the point. [2]
- 'You cannot serve God and wealth. We have to make a choice. Jesus seldom puts an absolute 'either/ or' in front of us, but in this case he does. The passage also tells us that friends are going to last us longer than money and in this way the dishonest servant is very shrewd. He sees the importance of relationship. [3]

'This might be a stretch, but what if the parable of the dishonest manager is a parable about forgiveness and love of the poor whose plight is referred to in the first reading and in the psalm? What if the manager's mismanagement – which the owner considers "squandering" – is actually the fruit of his compassion? We know nothing about the owner or the manager. How would the story read differently if we assumed that the manager spent years risking his job and his employer's displeasure to ease the financial struggles of the workers he managed? True, his methods are dishonest; Jesus makes that abundantly clear. But what if *even in his imperfection*, the manager embodies love? Even on his way out, he lessens the debts of those who can't pay off what they owe. He does so at the risk of further angering the boss he has already offended. When the owner is faced with the reckless generosity of his manager, he chooses to commend that generosity — even though the manager has lost him money. If the rich man loved and served his wealth over everything else, he wouldn't find it in his heart to extend forgiveness and approval to his manager. Perhaps the story offers us *glimpses* of the divine. Where there is forgiveness, there is God. Where there is crazy, radical generosity — there is God. Where there is love, there is God. And where God is? Well, that's where we should seek to be as well.' [1]

***"Out beyond ideas of right-doing and wrong-doing, there is a field.
I'll meet you there." [4]***

Adapted: [1] Debie Thomas [2] Michael Marsh [3] Richard Rohr [4] Rumi

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Catholic Association for
Racial Justice

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.**

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

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.

Jubilee of Social Justice – Saturday 20 September, 12.00pm

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) will be hosting the *Jubilee of Social Justice* at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, gathering all those involved in Catholic social action across England and Wales. Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP, Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool.

Some of our parishioners, as members of CARJ, will be running a stall at this event – please keep them in your prayers.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of parish life. If you would like to know more about how you can become involved, please send us an email or contact the parish office to see what opportunities there are.

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.

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, 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, 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

Kevin Joseph Crawford, Paddy Murphy, Kay Gillan

Anniversary

Terry Morgan, Elizabeth Bernadette Jones, Frank Smith

Sanctuary Lamp week 21st September - Those struggling with addiction & 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 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 30th 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) (Shared Table)
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.

