

Sunday 22nd March 2026



First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

I will put my spirit within you and you shall live

Responsorial Psalm

With the Lord there is mercy, in him is plentiful redemption

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

The spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the Resurrection and the life says the Lord. Everyone who believes in me shall never die.

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life

The Order of Mass can be found on page 4 of the Hymn Book.

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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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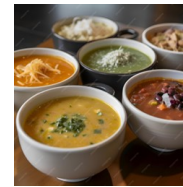
PARISH CLUB

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**'Lenten soup Fundraiser' Sunday
22nd March in aid of CAFOD -
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development**



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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

There will be one hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with intermittent prayer and silence, here on Wednesday the 25th, immediately after the 7.00pm Mass.

This holy hour will be offered for peace in our world, especially in the Middle East, where so many continue to suffer the consequences of conflict and instability.



**British
Summer Time
begins
29th March**



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Year A

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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.

NEWSLETTER

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 21st March

Mass 5.30 pm - Arthur & Sally Jones, Robert & Kathleen Latham

Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday in Lent

Mass 10.30 am - John Devine Snr, Brian Tyrer

Lenten soup Fundraiser' after Mass in aid of CAFOD



Monday 23rd March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 25th March - Annunciation of the Lord

12 noon - Holy Rosary for peace in our world

Mass 7.00 pm - Sr Maria Clelia Vietti Secondina, Sr Guisepina La Mendola
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for peace in the world

Friday 27th March

Requiem Mass 9.45 - Maureen Swift

7.00pm - Stations of the Cross



Saturday 28th March

Mass 5.30 pm - Ann Clague, Rosie Clarke

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

Mass 10.30 am - Baby Abigail, Michael J Twigg



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

First Communion Preparation

The application deadline for First Communion this year has now passed. Please make sure, if you haven't yet collected your child's pack, you do so as soon as possible and start attending Mass as often as possible.

We look forward to getting to know you over the coming months in Mass, Little Church and in the tea club.

St. Aidan's **Saturday 13th June 2026 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's **Saturday 13th June 2026 12:30 pm**

St. Anne's **Saturday 20th June 2026 10 am and 12:30 pm.**

(Times will be allocated by a draw once we have confirmed numbers)

All other schools **Saturday 20th June 2026 3:00 pm**

Saturday 9th May at 11 am

Mass will be followed by an enhanced Tea Club gathering.

Additional information will be issued shortly.

Saturday 11th July at 11 am

Mass will be followed by our Parish Special BBQ
and Social Gathering.

Further details will be provided in due course.

Parishioners are kindly asked to record these dates in their diaries.



MISSION BOXES

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. If anyone has a box which has not been emptied for sometime, please hand it in at the sacristy, the Parish Office or to one of the collectors - Janice Burrows, Margaret Oakley, Vera Kelly or Philomena McLindon. Thank you for your support



Upcoming Pilgrimage and Travel

A three night pilgrimage and short holiday to Lindisfarne is being planned for mid August 2026. The present estimate is £123.20 per night for a single room and £134.20 per night for a twin/double room. If we have at least 50 pilgrims, the cost per person for the coach will be less than £60.

Once all arrangements are confirmed, the final price will be communicated.

A trip to **Sri Lanka** is also expected around 8 November 2026

Both plans are still being finalised.

Please contact the parish office by Wednesday 25th March if you are interested in travelling to Lindisfarne



Unbinding

'In his Spiritual Exercises St Ignatius Loyola suggests that when reading a particular Gospel passage we should put ourselves in the place of each character in turn and use our imagination to see how we would feel in those circumstances. While attempting to put ourselves imaginatively in Lazarus' place we might become aware of how tomb-like our present way of life is, and we might rekindle a longing for freedom which has perhaps been buried for years.' [1]

We are called to wrestle with the very details that shape our lives together so that new life may emerge. In our daily living, what patterns are life-giving and help us be aware of the presence of God? Which habits keep us bound? [2] We each garb ourselves in routines and practices that carry us through our work, our relationships, our hungers, our lives. Those routines and practices influence how we receive and respond to God's call. We may be swathed in layers of habits that may have once fitted us, habits we may once have found beautiful, habits we may yet be attached to long past their usefulness but which now insulate and shroud us from the presence of God. [3] What helps us hear the voice of Christ who stands at the threshold between death and life? What will help us choose to come forth? [2] We do not reject the past, throw it away or deny its value and importance to us. Instead, we free it to be made new, to be given new life. [3]

Jesus invites the onlookers to join him in bringing Lazarus back to life. "Move the stone away! . . . Unbind him, and let him go free!" 'Are there people who can help with our unbinding? Are there people we can help with their unbinding?' [3]

Jesus does not rush to Bethany when he heard that Lazarus was ill. To our human instincts, this feels wrong. Love should hurry. Healing should be immediate. 'God works beyond our need for control and resolution. The delay is not absence - it is invitation, an invitation to move beyond a transactional faith ("if you love me, you will fix this") into a deeper trust in the unfolding of God.' [4] We are invited to sit in the unresolved until God "puts a new spirit within us. And we shall live." (Ezekiel 37: 14 Today's first reading.)

Adapted: [1] Association of Catholic priests [2] Jan Richardson [3] Michael Marsh [4] Richard Rohr

GARDENER'S CLUB

The Parish Gardeners Club is looking for more volunteers to help maintain the Parish Garden. They meet every Monday morning to tidy up the garden, followed by a social gathering with a bite to eat. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in gardening and socializing. Whether you are a parishioner or not, all are welcome to join the group. Please feel free to reach out to your extended family and friends who may be interested in getting involved.

For more details contact Bryan Blois 077725097814

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, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, John Bradshaw, Trina Bromwell, Diane Bruder, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, Victoria Coffey, Sr Mary Connell, James Corbett, Janet, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Collette Davies, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, Dr Jeremy Gardener, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Alan McKeown, Christine Malone, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Louise Owens, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Joan Smith, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Dylan Watson, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Emma Williamson, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Recently Deceased

Maureen (Mo) Margaret Wilson

Anniversary

Kathleen Murphy, John McLean, Lorraine Smith

Sanctuary Lamp Week 22nd March - Breastmates (Lydiate)

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 **TUESDAY 7TH APRIL** (Because of the Bank Holiday)

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 25th March 2026

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 April

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 31st March**
- Music Group (7.30 pm)
- **Next meeting to be confirmed**

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 28th March 2026



Confirmation 2026

All those from St Agnes & St Aidan and St Aloysius who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to note that the celebration will take place on **3 July 2026** at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Prescott.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Lenten Retreat led by Sr MaryRose

Thursdays: 26th March from 7-9pm

(this includes time for a cup of tea) at 168 Tarbock Road, The Convent.

'Life is a pilgrimage ... let's take time to see where we are on that pilgrimage now ... and to rest along the way'.

Spaces will be limited for this, so please call the parish office: 0151 489 3085

Lenten Reflection Mornings

Tuesday March 24th 10.30 – 11.30am

(followed by tea and coffee) in Sr Elizabeth Kelly Meeting Room

'Lent offers us an opportunity to place the mystery of God back at the centre of our lives.' (Pope Leo)
Please join us for a time of quiet reflection with readings, music and PowerPoint centred on the spirituality of St Francis who found God in everyone and in all Creation.

Lenten activities

Every weekday 10.00 am to 1.00pm church is open for anyone wishing to have a quiet moment, say a prayer or light a candle.

Every Friday during Lent 7pm — Stations of the Cross

22nd March CAFOD Soup Day

24th March 10.30 am Lenten preparation session: theme of Fr. Richard Rohr's 'The Franciscan Way' to commemorate St Francis' 800th anniversary

CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) – Merseyside Update

A big thank you to Bill Chambers and Brendan Schmack for the wonderful work they have carried out over many years in keeping CARJ alive in the North West. Their dedication has been invaluable.

Members of CARJ Merseyside met at Bishop Eton Church on Wednesday evening. During the meeting we elected our new team who will help guide our work in the year ahead:

- Ann Malone – Chairperson
- Helen Cibinda Ntale – Vice Chair
- Von Corner – Secretary /Social Media
- Honor Ambrose – Treasurer

If you would like to learn more about racial justice and the work of CARJ Merseyside, please speak to one of our members or contact us by email.

This work is vital as we continue to look around our communities and recognise the real experiences of racial injustice that many still face.

Thank you to everyone who attended Wednesday's meeting and for your ongoing commitment.

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