

Sunday 20th July 2025



First Reading **Genesis 18: 1-10**

O Lord do not pass by your servant

Responsorial Psalm

O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Second Reading **Colossians 1: 24.28**

The mystery hidden for ages but now revealed to his saints

Gospel Acclamation

Blessed are those who hold fast to the word of God in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience

Gospel Reading **Luke 10: 38-42**

Martha welcomed him, Mary has chosen the good portion.

The Order of Mass is printed 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

PARISH CONTACTS

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Deacon:

Mike Whelan

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PARISH CLUB

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Images taken during services and events in 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

10th August - International
Table. There will be no
9 o'clock Mass that Sunday

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 20th July 2025
Sixteenth 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 19th July

Mass 5.30pm - Peter & Nellie Lynch, Keith James

Sunday 20th July - Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.00 am - Michael Bruder, Susan Jagot

Mass 10.30 am - John Kane, Parish Volunteers running summer camp in Romania

Monday 21st July - St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor

9.30 a.m. Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 23rd July - Feast of St Bridget

7.30 pm Celebration of the Word and Communion

Saturday 26th July - Memorial of Sts Joachim and Anne

Mass 5.30pm - Theresa Greenland, Sr Loredana Fabbri

Sunday 27th July - Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.00 am - Cathy Burke, Sr Alice D'Souza

Mass 10.30 am - Brenda Cubells, Ian Donnelly

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm (or by appointment)



Martha and Mary is within each one of us

'Unfortunately, today's gospel story has often suffered from dubious interpretations, with Martha becoming the poster child for all that is imperfect with the life of busyness, the implication being that this life is inferior to a perfect life of contemplation.' [1] 'It is significant that this passage about the sisters of service and contemplation are sandwiched in between passages which emphasise the importance of both. It is preceded by the Good Samaritan story and it is followed by Jesus spending time in prayer, after which he teaches the disciples how to pray the Our Father.' [2]

There is a Martha and a Mary within each one of us. 'We see that in Jesus' own life. Sometimes Jesus went off by himself to be alone, silent, to pray, to be present to his Father. At other times Jesus was active, on the move, in the midst of people, and busy teaching, healing, feeding 5000. [3]

'Perhaps today's gospel is not focusing on what we do but rather on why we do what we do and the attitude we have while doing it.' [3] Jesus tells Martha that she is anxious and troubled. 'The Greek word that Luke uses to describe Martha's distraction is perispauamai. This word literally means "to be pulled away or to be pulled apart." That's what distractions do. They pull us apart and they pull us away from what really matters.' [4] 'If we, too, find our inner life fragmented then perhaps we can hear Jesus' words to Martha, and to us, not as a criticism, but as an invitation to choose to be present to Him.' [5] 'When we are present to Him, we will experience the divine Presence that is already and always before us. We will experience God who is Love. We will also experience our true selves. Since we are created in the image and likeness of God, Love is what and who we are in our deepest essence.' [6]

Is what I am doing at the present moment helping me to grow in love, helping me to show love, helping me to be love? If we can sincerely answer 'Yes' to these questions then we have chosen the one thing necessary 'whether we are sitting at the feet of Jesus or engaged in service in the kitchen, or wherever we find ourselves.' [2]

Adapted: [1] Theology of work project [2] Joel Osteen [3] Michael Marsh
[4] James Laurence [5] Debbie Thomas [6] Richard Rohr

Join Our Parish Racial Justice Group (CARJ)

If you're passionate about racial justice - regardless of your faith or background - you are warmly invited to join our Parish Racial Justice Group. To learn more, please visit the CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) notice board by the statue of St. Martin de Porres, or speak with a member of the Parish CARJ Team. We'd love to welcome you!

Ann Malone (Chair of the Parish CARJ)

IMPORTANT HELPLINES

These times are very difficult. There is help available. This list is not extensive, but here are some numbers. Please don't struggle alone!

Domestic violence or abuse

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247**
- **The First Step: 0151 548 3333**
- **Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000 247** Free 24-hour national helpline run by Women's Aid and Refuge.
- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327** Confidential helpline for male victims of domestic abuse.
Samaritans: 116 123
Call us any time, day or night. Whatever you're going through, you can call from any phone, at any time for free or email: jo@samaritans.org
- **Shout:** offers assistance by text 24 hours a day. Text 85258 to speak to a trained volunteer.
- **Childline: 0800 1111** If you're aged under 19, you can contact Childline for advice and mental health support.
- **Drinkline: 0300 123 1110** is the national alcohol helpline, which can be contacted confidentially
- **Action Fraud: 0300 123 2040**
- **Mind, the mental health charity 0300 123 3393** Email: info@mind.org.uk.

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

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



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.

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, Anita Campbell, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, Ann Clague, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, 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, 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

Catherine Catling

Anniversary

Thomas Jockins

Sanctuary Lamp week 20th July - Parish Volunteers running summer camp in Romania

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 4th August

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
23rd July 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 20th July

Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ & on
Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/580539512933145/?ref=share](https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share)

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's
LGBTQ+ Social Group'

Tuesday 22nd July 2025 **In the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room**

- Community Prayer Circle (1-3pm)
- Music Group (7 pm)

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 July



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.

10th August

International Table

17th October

WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference)
St Aidan's Club (Parish Club)

19th October

World Mission Sunday

*Save
the
Date*

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic - or if you were baptised a Catholic but never
made your Confirmation or Holy Communion. Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan and
St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

*Please make yourself known to Christine Ball
or Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).*

Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be
baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.

St Agnes Little Church and Welcoming Group

We are looking for new volunteers to be part of our Children's Liturgy Team. This
would only mean a commitment of 20 minutes every six weeks, which equates to
about 8 times a year. We would really welcome your help.

The only criteria: DBS check for safeguarding as required by the Archdiocese of Liv-
erpool. Please ring the office for more information.

We are also looking for new members for our 'Welcoming' group to meet and greet
people (and to hand over hymn books and Newsletters) as they come into the
church.

If you are interested please contact the parish office or speak to a member of the
welcoming group today. Many Thanks .

Parish WhatsApp Group

Its 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.

