

Sunday 10th August 2025



First Reading Wisdom 18: 6-9

By the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us.

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

He was looking forward to the city whose designer and builder is God.

Gospel Acclamation

Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-48

You also must be ready

The Order of Mass is printed on page 4 of the Hymn Book

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image not to be included please let us know.

The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan



10th August - International
Table organised by CARJ.

10.30 a.m. Mass only today

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 10th August 2025
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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.

Saturday 9th August - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Mass 5.30pm - Sacristans & their families, Tea Club Volunteers

Sunday 10th August - Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time **(INTERNATIONAL TABLE)**

Please note there is only one Mass today.

Mass 10.30 am - Angela Wood, CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

Monday 11th August - Memorial of St Clare

9.30 a.m. Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 13th August

Mass 7.30 pm - Sr Anna Maria Diaz, Sr Lilia Malloru

Thursday 14th August - Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr, Priest **(Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)**

Mass 7.30 pm - Christine Malone, Sr Angelica Deminina

Friday 15th August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday)

Mass 9.30 am - Sr Dolores Genovera, Sr Oliva Provenzano

Saturday 16th August - St Stephen of Hungary

Mass 5.30pm - George & Colette Harper, Alicia Boloden

Sunday 17th August - Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9 am— We can make a difference (WCMAD) Pensioners Club

Mass 10.30 am - Michael O'Brien, Alicia Bowden

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



Waiting: 'in-betweenness'

Last week's theme of restlessness is continued in today's gospel as we reflect on the restlessness of 'in-betweenness' – of waiting. "Be like those who are waiting for their master to return." In today's gospel Jesus is teaching us how to wait:

- "Do not be afraid, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." The kingdom is God's life within us.
- "Be ready; be awake; be aware." 'We are not waiting until we die to enter the kingdom. We don't **die** into it. We **awaken** into it. Jesus is inviting us to be present to the One who is always already present.' [1] 'He is inviting us to become aware that 'there is no part of life when the master is away.' [2] 'If we allow *our waiting to be a time of growing awareness of the reality of God within us, within each other, within creation and within the circumstances of our lives, then it will be a time of transformation, a time when we discover the inexhaustible treasure within us, a treasure which no 'thief' can take from us* [3]

Perhaps today's gospel is describing some of our experiences as we grow in awareness of the reality of God's presence within us. At one end of this spectrum of awareness we have the image of the slave who is completely unaware of the master's presence and because his lifestyle lacks love for himself and for others, he will be 'cut in pieces'. 'The cultural lens through which we read Scripture is completely foreign to the cultural lens in which Scripture was originally written or read.' [4] In Jesus' parables, he often used exaggerated or vivid imagery to make a serious point. 'To cut in pieces' in parabolic language means a total severing from the community or from an awareness of God's presence. We do that to ourselves when our lifestyle is lacking in love for ourselves and others. At the other end of the awareness spectrum we have the image of the 'alert slave', the slave who is growing in awareness. He experiences being nourished by the loving presence of his Master, even if it be only a fleeting experience.

Throughout our lives, our position on the awareness spectrum fluctuates as we wait, trusting that we will infinitely experience infinite Love who is always with us in our waiting. This is the faith St Paul speaks of in the second reading: 'Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.'

*Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] William Barclay [3] Cynthia Bourgeault
[4] Jeremy Myers*



We are delighted to be holding our annual International Table this weekend. As a parish community together with our CARJ group (Catholic Association for Racial Justice) we have always recognised the importance of understanding and celebrating our rich diversity.

It is particularly poignant that we have this celebration so near to the 20th Anniversary of the racially motivated murder of Anthony Walker.

Sadly, the fight for racial justice and equality continues.

We would be delighted to welcome new member to our CARJ Group to enhance the work we have already done.

So if you are passionate about racial justice – regardless of your faith or background – then please join us. We aim to meet on a quarterly basis to discuss ways in which we can make a difference both personally and as a group.

To find out more about CARJ take a look at our noticeboard (situated by the statue of St Martin de Porres) speak to a member of the CARJ Team or call the office and leave your details and we will get back to you.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Ann Malone (Chair of the Parish CARJ)

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, Ray and Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, 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, 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

Mary Watterson, Mary Johnson

Anniversary

Jacqueline Bannister, Lenny Scott

Sanctuary Lamp week 10th August - Victims of racial, ethnic, sexual and religious discrimination.

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 1st September

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 13th August 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 2nd September
- Music Group (7 pm)
- Next meeting 9th September

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 30th August



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 (organised by CARJ)

17th October

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

19th October

World Mission Sunday

*Save
the
Date*

Invitation to WCMAD Gathering

We warmly invite everyone who has participated in any of the overseas projects through We Can Make a Difference (WCMAD) to a special social gathering with a SHARED TABLE.

Date: Thursday, 14th August Time: 4:00 PM Location: Sister Elizabeth Kelly Room

This will be an opportunity to catch up, share experiences, brainstorm ideas, and enjoy some drinks and a meal together.

Please RSVP by contacting the Parish Office as soon as possible to confirm your attendance.

We're looking forward to hearing your feedback and stories from past trips — especially since our first journey to Suriname in 2010!

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.

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.

