

Sunday 17th May 2026



**First Reading Acts 1:12-14**

*All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.**

**Second Reading Peter 4:13-16**

*If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

**I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you and your hearts will rejoice.**

**Gospel Reading John 17:1-11a**

*Father, glorify your Son.*

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

**OFFICE/CHURCH**

**Parish Office:**

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 10.00 am - 1.00 pm

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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](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)

Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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**Deacon:**

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**PARISH CLUB**

**St. Aidan:** 07932 404 521

**facebook**

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**The Parish of  
St. Agnes and St. Aidan**

*Please scan me*



**MISSIO**

In 2025 the Archdiocese of Liverpool raised £175,00 for Misso. Our Parish raised £3,797.19 through the Red Box, direct debits & cheques. Thank you for your generous support



NEWSLETTER



Sunday 17th May 2026

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Year A**

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 16th May**

Mass 5.30pm - Patricia Thompson, Paul Murrell

#### **Sunday 17th May - Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Mass 10.30 am - Lily Robson, Flory D'Souza

#### **Monday 18th May**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Wednesday 20th May - St Bernardine of Siena, Priest**

**Funeral Service 12 noon - Bernadette Eames**

7 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Friday 22nd May - St Rita of Cascia, Religious**

Mass 12 noon - Steven & Angela McEwan, Angela Fahy

#### **Saturday 23rd May - Day of Prayer for the Church**

Mass 5.30pm - Harry Thompson, Margaret Dwyer

#### **Sunday 24th May - Pentecost Sunday**

Mass 10.30 am - Florence Russel, Fred Phelan & Cec Roscoe

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



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



### First Communion Preparation

Children from St Aidan's and St. Joseph's have now made their First Reconciliation. Children from St. Anne's will make this sacrament on Tuesday 19th May in school.

Children from all other schools will make the sacrament of Reconciliation on Friday 12th June in the church after their First Communion rehearsal at 4 pm.

Letters have been sent out via schools. Please ensure all books are completed and handed in to school or the church office this Wednesday 20th May 2026.

St. Aidan's **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10:00 am**

St. Joseph's **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 12:30 pm**

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

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

All other schools **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 3:00 pm**

### 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 this date in their diaries.



### Invitation to Become an Altar Server

We invite young people in our parish to join the Altar Servers. It's a great way to take part in Mass and grow in faith - no experience needed, training provided.

If interested, please speak to the priest after Mass or contact the parish office.

### 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

### SRI LANKA

A trip to Sri Lanka is being planned for around 8 November 2026. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office for more details.(0151-489 3085)



This journey will be different from our previous trip to Sri Lanka, with a more flexible approach that allows travellers to adjust their plans and visit other places of personal interest if they wish.

Further information will be shared as arrangements develop.

### ***Knowing from Nearness or a Distance***

“This is eternal life, that they know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

‘What does it mean to know somebody? We can know from a distance, or we can know in person. We can gather information about a person, as we do in social media, or we can live with that person. Consider knowing from a distance. When we look through someone’s Facebook page, when we trace someone’s social media posts, we engage in a one-sided relationship. On the one hand, we see possible points of shared interests and places but, on the other hand, we have the freedom to stop whenever we want. We shape the person according to *our* interests, seeing what *we* want to see, ignoring what we do not want to see. In contrast, consider knowing from nearness. There is a deeper kind of knowing which happens in personal presence and shared lived experience. They make for a relationship where you know a person more fully even as you are more fully known.’ [1]

‘It is tempting to reduce knowing God to knowing information about God. Jesus came to reveal His Father to us. What Jesus revealed was not informational but relational. The Father sent His Son so that we may experience eternal life. Eternal life, for Jesus, is being in a relationship with God.’ [1] It is an awareness of our oneness with God. “May they be one as we are one.” ‘Oneness is less a goal toward which life is pressing, as it is a return to the truth in which we have always been held. We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. What we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are.’ [2] “We are already one with everything. All that is absent is awareness. Awareness allows us to know this reality, and our openness to the Spirit within us allows this awareness to become transformational. To be one with everything is to have overcome the fundamental illusion of our separateness.” [3] ‘Transformation comes by realising our union with God right here, right now—regardless of any performance or achievement on our part.’ [4] This is eternal life, experienced here, now.

*Adapted: [1] David Schmitt [2] Thomas Merton [3] Davis Benner [4] Richard Rohr*

### **INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN OF LIVERPOOL - PAST AND PRESENT HISTORY TALK** **Thursday 11th June 7-9pm in Sr Elizabeth Kelly Room**

From women’s suffrage to medicine, art and education, Liverpool’s inspirational women have shaped the history, heritage and culture of the city. Discover these unsung heroines on a guided talk that introduces people and places you won’t find in the guidebooks, from sculptors and medics to nurses and suffragettes.

Even if you know the city well, expect to leave with a fresh perspective

**Registration form is at the back of the church**

### **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.

Tom Addison, Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Doris Benette, Catherine Bennion, Shona Blackey, Marie Bowden, Trina Bromwell, Margaret & Gordon Caruthers, Violet Chadwick, Malinda Narth Asela Chandrarathne, 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, Ellis, Patricia Fisher, Brian Funnell, Dr Jeremy Gardener, Alison Hardman, Joseph Hill, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Barry James, Joelle, Kim Jackson, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Mary Lynch, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Dee McCloy, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Alan McKeown, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Cathy McMurrie, Tim Merritt, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O’Gorman, Louise Owens, Ged Privilege, Julie Quarless, Norman Reid, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Marie Sanbter, Sara, Betty Savage, Sister Amelita Ventic, Joan Smith, Donna Sothem, Alan Spain, Margaaret Sutton, 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**

Norman Reid, Madge Tatton, Mary Gallagher, Irene Wood, Elizabeth Eames, Lisa Caton

### **Anniversary:**

Anthony Okoye, John Sweeney, Francis Stephen Quinn, Winifred Rose Crawford, James Taylor, Catherine Burke

### **Sanctuary Lamp Week 17th May - CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)**

**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****

### **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**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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 JUNE**

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**  
**27th May 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 17th May**

**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 26th May**
- 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**  
**30th May 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, Prescot.

Please contact the Parish Office as soon as  
possible.

Please keep in your prayers the couples marrying this summer. We congratulate  
them and ask God to bless them and their families as they begin their married life.



Lisa Marie Mains and Ryan Bird  
Kira Patricia Henshaw and Conor Michael Rosato  
Laura Elizabeth Maher and Liam Powell  
Katie Sarah Jukka and Thomas Lovering



### **NEWCASTLE/LINDISFARNE**

The pilgrimage/ holiday, to Newcastle / Lindisfarne now has one hotel  
room available. We will be organising a meeting nearer the time to  
discuss further details.



### **Join our wonderful group of Volunteers**

- **Make a real difference** — use your gifts to serve others and strengthen our church  
community
- **Grow personally and spiritually** — build skills, confidence, and deepen your faith
- **Connect and belong** — meet new people, form friendships, and be part of  
something meaningful

There are lots of ways to be involved in Parish Life. If you're able to spare an hour or would  
like to do more, please contact the office to find out more. 0151 489 3085

### **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.

### **Mass Intentions**

When completing a Mass Intention envelope, please include your name and contact number.  
Occasionally, due to unforeseen circumstances, we may need to cancel a weekday Mass at  
short notice. Having your contact details allows us to inform you as soon as possible. If you  
are requesting a Mass for a specific date, please provide at least a few weeks' notice.

**We would also like to thank all those who make a donation for the Mass Intention.**  
**Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**