

Sunday 6th April 2025



First Reading **Isaiah 43: 16-21**

Behold I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my chosen people.

Responsorial Psalm

**What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Second Reading **Philippians 3: 8-14**

For the sake of Christ I have suffered the loss of all things, becoming like him in his death.

Gospel Acclamation

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful

Gospel Reading **John 8: 1-11**

Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.

The Order of Mass is printed 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

Email Address:
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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

SISTERS:

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Deacon:

Mike Whelan

PRIMARY SCHOOLS:

St. Aidan 0151 477 8370
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Fr. Anton Fernandopulle 0151 489 3085
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PARISH CLUB

St. Aidan: 07932 404 521

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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

Parish Council meeting
13th April at 1.30 pm in
the parish meeting room.



Sunday 6th April 2025
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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 5th April - St Vincent Ferrer, Priest

Mass 5.30 pm - Veronica Gregory, Daphne Flynn

Sunday 6th April - Fifth Sunday of Lent (CAFOD SOUP DAY)

Mass 9.00 am - Evelyn Carmichael, Pensioners Club

Mass 10.30 am - Patricia Lea, Those mentally & physically challenged

Monday 7th April - St John Baptist de la Salle

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Requiem Mass 12.30 - Michael Twigg

Tuesday 8th April

Funeral Service 2 pm - Kathleen Murphy

Service of Reconciliation 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9th April

6.30 pm Stations of the Cross (lead by the Phoebe Group)

Mass 7.30 pm - Sr Olinda Catarina, Sr Philomena Lauda



Thursday 10th April

Requiem Mass 11 am - John McClean

Friday 11th April - St Stanislaus

Requiem Mass 11.45 am - Lorraine Smith

Saturday 12th April

Mass 5.30 pm - Felix Doyle, Mary Hughes



Sunday 13th April - Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Palm Sunday)

Mass 10.30 am - Ann Shields, Eve Carmichael

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

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

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.



Lenten Appeal for CAFOD

Our parish Lenten Fast Day is on 6th April!

Join us for soup after Mass, with all donations supporting CAFOD's important work.

Please collect CAFOD envelopes this weekend for yourself, family, and friends, and return them by 6th April.

Thank you for your continued support!



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!

- **Women's Aid Domestic Violence Helpline: 0808 2000**
- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801**
- **Samaritans: 116 123** email: jo@samaritans.org
- **Childline: 0800 1111**
- **Mind, the mental health charity 0300 123 3393** Email: info@mind.org.uk.
- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0800 2000 247**

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.

Next Car boot sale on 26th April 2025.



Know that you are loved

Today's gospel is a story that begins with a deathly accusation but ends with divine mercy. It is a story that begins with exposing the sin of an individual but ends with exposing the sinfulness of all. It is a story that begins with human testing of the divine but ends with a divine invitation to acknowledge our human weakness and to experience divine love and mercy. [1]

'Mercy gives the sinner a future when there seems to be no future. Mercy looks at others with compassion; it understands, it does not condemn, it sets free and it enables. Mercy invites us to repentance, to a change of heart and to the experience of being God's beloved. [2]

'We can't seem to know the good news that we are God's beloved on our own. It has to be mirrored to us. Another has to tell us that we are beloved. Jesus looked at the woman and said, "I don't condemn you." Before this gaze of Love, we gradually disrobe and allow ourselves to be seen, to be known in every nook and cranny, nothing hidden, nothing denied, nothing disguised. Knowing our need for mercy opens us to receiving mercy and to be merciful in our relationship with others. [3] 'If you treat an individual as he is, he will remain as he is. But if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be.' [4]

The early Christian community understood this story to proclaim an intimate God, a God who puts people and their feelings above the law and the expectations of others, a God who ultimately loves, forgives and consistently calls us not to death, but to life - life now and life to come. As such, it is a story about a relationship so much bigger than that of one man and one woman. [5]

*Adapted: [1] Living Liturgy [2] galwaydiocese.ie/reflection [3] Richard Rohr
[4] Goethe [5] Fr Thomas Santa*

Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P. at Irenaeus Centre

COME AND SEE DAYS 10:30am - 4pm 5th April Fr Timothy Radcliffe O.P. and on the 3rd of May 3rd May 10:30am - 4pm Allegra Mutanda (Allegra is a lay woman in full time ministry in the Catholic Church. She is originally from the DR Congo and a native French speaker but has been living in the UK since 1995.)

[The Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road, Liverpool L22 1RD](http://www.irenaeus.co.uk)

For more information contact jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or Tel: 0151 949 1199

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, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Ray Lloyd, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Joe March, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Barbara Moran, Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Julie Quarless, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Clare Shields, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Alan Spain, John Sweeney, Billy Turner, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Molly Wallis, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe

Lately Deceased

Michael Twigg, Kathleen Murphy, John McClean, Lorraine Smith

Anniversary

Theresa Maloney

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 6th April— Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

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 7th April**

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 9th April 2025

1 pm until 3 pm in the parish meeting room (Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)

Craft Club

Craft Club has started again on Thursday **next date to be advised.** We will now have a subscription of £2 per session.

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 is on Sunday 20th 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'

Tuesday 15th April 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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Please be advised that a meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for **13th April at 1.30 pm** in the parish meeting room.

We kindly request the attendance of all Parish Council Members

PLEASE NOTE THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY, 18th APRIL AT 1pm AND WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, 28th APRIL AT 10am.

First Communion 2025

There are now **4** weekends left before the first deadline (28th April 2025) for St. Aidan's, St. Joseph and any one who attends a school not officially linked with the parish to hand in workbooks. If you have not yet started your workbook or attended Mass, it is not too late to be part of this year's preparation.

St. Aidan and St. Joseph pupils should bring their books **ONLY** - not the whole pack - to school on **Monday 28th April** and Christine will collect them from schools. All other schools, please hand your workbook to a catechist at the end of Mass on **Sunday 27th April** or drop in to the office on **Monday 28th April**.

Please continue to work on your workbooks and fill them in, in as much detail as possible. Having looked at some of the books, some children have really excelled themselves in making this a meaningful preparation process. If you are struggling with the answers or need any help please use the board at the back of the church or ask any of the catechists.

There will be an update for St. Anne's pupils closer to the deadline of 19th May 2025.

MASS AND SERVICE TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday Mass

Saturday 12th April 2025 5:30 pm

Sunday 13th April 2025 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday 17th April 2025 7:30 pm
followed by 1 hour's adoration

Good Friday

Friday 18th April 2025 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil

Saturday 19th April 2025 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday

Sunday 20th April 2025 9:00 am & 10:30 am

OFFERTORY ENVELOPE BOXES 2025 - 2026

Thank you to all those parishioners who have used **Offertory Envelopes** over the last year. New boxes, for the period commencing 6th April 2025, are now available at the back of the church. The boxes are set out in alphabetical order. Please don't forget to collect yours today. Please advise the office if the address shown is not correct. Many thanks for your support.