

**Sunday 8th September 2024**



**First Reading:** Isaiah 35: 4-7

*The ears of the deaf shall be unsealed and the tongues of the dumb shall be loosed.*

**Responsorial Psalm**

**My soul, give praise to the Lord.**

**Second Reading:** St James 2: 1-5

*God chose the poor to be the heirs to the kingdom.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Speak, Lord, our servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.**

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

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

**OFFICE/CHURCH**

**Parish Office:**  
82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ  
Tel: 0151 489 3085

**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**

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(Resident in parish)  
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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 8th September 2024**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

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 11am 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 7th September**

Mass 5.30 pm - Teresa McCormick, Chris McCormack

#### **Sunday 8th September -Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time - Education Day**

Mass 9.30 am - Patricia Roberts, Paul Murrell

Mass 11.00 am - Jaqueline Bannister, Caroline Foy

#### **Monday 9th September**

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Wednesday 11th September**

**Funeral Service 11 am - William Jarvis**

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Saturday 14th September - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Mass 5.30 pm - David Collins, Sandra & Ray Nelson

#### **Sunday 15th September -Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

##### **Home Mission Sunday**

Mass 9.30 am - Molly & Trevor Kennedy, Josie & Jimmy Campbell

Mass 11.00 am - Joseph Fortune, Ann Jones

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

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



### **Our Parish supports Nugent Care**

Nugent care is a registered charity, well known for the work they do caring for, educating, and protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults through their schools, care homes, and community and social work services. As well as this, they provide general housing advice and support to people who are homeless, vulnerable to homelessness, or vulnerable. Many people will not realise the full extent of what Nugent Care do, as their work is extensive in meeting the many needs of people in Liverpool.

For many years we have been collecting second hand clothing and donating them to the Nugent Care charity shop on Allerton Road in Liverpool. These donations have raised and continue to raise a significant amount of finance for the Nugent Care charity which in turn makes a huge difference in the lives of many people. As we continue to support this charity here at home in Liverpool, we would like to encourage you to be part of this project by bringing your second hand clothes to the church during the office hours or whenever you come to worship.

#### **Mission boxes—**

Boxes are due to be emptied this month.

Thank you for your continued support



#### **PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE CHANGE IN MASS TIME**

With effect from **Sunday 27th October 2024** we will be changing the time of our Sunday Mass to 10.30 a.m.



**There will be one Sunday Mass only during the Winter Months.**

Saturday Mass at 5.30 p.m. will remain the same.

#### **Church security is everybody's responsibility**

May I ask all those who go for walks in the area to spend a few minutes checking around the church grounds and report any vandalism or anti-social behaviour. We need to be alert to any people loitering around the property.

We appreciate everyone looking out for our church property.

Many Thanks, Fr. Anton

## ***The Reverence of Approach***

“Ephphatha.” That’s what Jesus tells the deaf man. He doesn’t say, “Now hear!” He says, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” He says the same thing to you and me. Jesus is always speaking, “Ephphatha,” to the closed parts of our lives. The openness to which Christ calls us transforms and heals us. It reconnects us to God and one another, offering new life, new beginnings, new hope and new possibilities.’ [1]

In today’s second reading James speaks about partiality, ‘the result of approaching people and life situations with an eye toward evaluation and critique. We look for flaws and defects, casting about for evidence of failure.’ [2] When we accept the Gospel’s invitation to surrender to openness, we experience the gift of reverence. ‘When we approach life with reverence, great things decide to approach us. What we encounter, recognise or discover, depends on the quality of our approach. An approach of reverence invites revelation.’ [3] ‘From this way of seeing, we recognise that everyone and everything possesses a measure of the sacred. When we suspend our preconceptions and static stories of who we are, or who others are; when we let go of our predetermined expectations of how it all should be, then we come into a place of reverence, of deep respect and the freshness of the encounter is once again available to us. Reverence, rather than expectation or entitlement, acknowledges that what we are seeing is holy.’ [2]

‘Reverence requires a rhythm akin to prayer. We are asked to slow down and rest in the space of silence and deep listening. It is a stance of humility, recognising that the otherness that surround us—that infuses the world—is vast and powerful and yet curiously open for connection. We are designed for encounter, How deeply we experience this encounter, what we come to recognise and discover, depends on our approach of presence, of reverence.[2] We may express our experience by saying, “You are the part of me I do not yet know.” [4] We then honour our encounter with a Namaste bow: “The divine in me bows to the divine in you.”

*Adapted: [1] Michael Marsh [2] [wisdombridge.net](http://wisdombridge.net) [3] John O’Donohue [4] quoted by Valarie Kaur*

## **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



## **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, George Boland, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D’arcy, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, John Ging, Claire Hindley, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael and Lawrence McClintock, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O’Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Betty Savage, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Tony Wernham, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

### **Lately Deceased**

William Jarvis, Pat Rose

### **Anniversaries**

Joseph Fortune, James Tohill

**Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 8th September - Malcomb McMillan**

**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. **Weekday Opening: The church is open daily (except on bank holidays) from 10am—1pm for quiet prayer and refecton.****

## **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.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:**  
**First Monday of each month at 7:30pm.** The next meeting will be on **Monday 7th October**

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.

### BAPTISMS ARE HELD ON:

1st Saturday 12 noon and 1.00 pm  
1st Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm  
4th Sunday 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm

### BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

Can be obtained from the Parish Office. 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 on 25th September which will be combined with the Luncheon Club**  
12.30 pm until 2.30 pm in the parish meeting room  
(Sr Elizabeth Kelly room)  
New Members always welcome



## LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GROUP

Will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6 p.m. in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room in the church of SS. Agnes and Aidan, Huyton, L36 5SQ

**The next meeting is on Sunday 15th September**

**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'

**Fr Peter Morgan**, a truly inspirational speaker, will be giving a talk on 24th September at 7.30 pm in The Refresh Café, Sts Peter and Paul's Church in Kirby.

Fr Peter has done incredible work with those on the margins, especially Refugees and Asylum Seekers

### **Tuesday, 17th September**

#### **Community Prayer Circle at 1-3pm.**

A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community. If you have a prayer intention, please complete a prayer slip (by St Martins or Our Lady statues) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.



**Music Group: at 7pm** in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy  
27th Oct - World Mission Sunday (CARJ)



## Craft Club

The next craft meeting will on **Thursday 26th September 2024**  
11 am—1 pm

## Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic - Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan & St. Agnes. You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

**Please make yourself known to 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.

## CARJ (Catholic Association for Racial Justice)

As part of their 40th Anniversary Celebration, CARJ is delivering a second conference on its "Agenda for Change".

Keynote Speakers: Alison Lowe and Fr Phil Sumner

Our parish CARJ group will be running a workshop/ presentation at this celebration.

Date: Saturday 21st September 2024 at 10.30 am for arrivals concluding with Mass at 3.15pm

Venue: @ St Patrick's Church, Foundry Str4eet, Oldham OL8 1FR

Free Event - All Are Welcome - Lunch provided

If you are planning attend please let us know ASAP.

## LUNCHEON CLUB

**SS Agnes and Aidan Catholic Church**  
**82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

**Wednesday 25th September at 12.30 pm**

**Wednesday 16th October at 12.30 pm**

**Wednesday 20th November at 12.30 pm**

**Wednesday 11th December at 12.30 pm**

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