

Sunday 24th August 2025



First Reading **Isaiah 66: 18-21**

They shall bring all your brothers from all the nations

Responsorial Psalm

Go into the world and proclaim the good news

Second Reading **Hebrews 12 :5-7.11-13**

The Lord disciplines the one he loves

Gospel Acclamation

I am the way, and the truth and the life says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Gospel Reading **Luke 13: 22-30**

People will come from east and west and recline at table in the kingdom of God

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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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

Next Carj Meeting to be held in
Liverpool
Monday, 1st September 7 p.m



Sunday 24th August 2025
Twentieth First Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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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.

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 23rd August - St Rose of Lima, Virgin

Mass 5.30 pm - Joseph Davies, Jennifer Kazandjian

Sunday 24th August - Twentieth-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.00 am - Anne Maciver, Rita Carr

Mass 10.30 am - Rod & Maureen Clarke, Sr Maria Giampaola

Tuesday 26th August - St Bartholomew, Apostle

Requiem Mass 2.00 pm - Patrick Courtney

Wednesday 27th August - St Monica

7.30 pm - James Shannon, Sr Maria Giampaola

Friday 29th August - The Passion of St John the Baptist, Martyr

Funeral Service 10.30 am - Jacqueline Ann Collins

Saturday 30th August - Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line, Margret Ward, Martyrs

Mass 5.30 pm - Sr Caterina Zoila, Sr Dolce Heineck

Sunday 31st August - Twentieth-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9.00 am - Victims of domestic violence, Pensioners Club

Mass 10.30 am - Steve Sheridan, Diane Hemlin

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



Wholeness

Today's Gospel is a patchwork quilt of images: ***who will be saved ... narrow door ... closed door ... the master of the house refusing entry ... the kingdom of God ... being outside the kingdom ... weeping and grinding of teeth ... people coming from East and West ... being first ... being last.*** Perhaps this passage doesn't fit in with our concept of a God who loves unconditionally. The temptation may be to file this gospel passage under 'Remind me later' or we may want to press the delete button! We may also try to unravel only one image and focus on that. How can we bring these images, these 'patches' together to create a beautiful work of art and then wrap this 'quilt' around us so that once more we experience the reassuring warmth of God's eternal and unconditional love?

Perhaps the thread that joins the patches together is an understanding of what it means to be saved. The word 'saved' is from the Greek *sozo* meaning true wellness, complete wholeness. How can we experience wholeness? Jesus tells us to try our best to enter by *the narrow door*. Jesus' listeners would have known he was referring to the small 'Eye of the Needle Gate' in Jerusalem. Since camels were heavily laden with goods and riders, they would need to be unloaded in order to pass through. We all have baggage which prevents us from experiencing wholeness. We identify ourselves with our possessions, such as wealth, esteem, power, security, achievements and good health. To let go of that baggage will bring times of *weeping and grinding of teeth*. We will *enter by that narrow door* when we realise that what we have considered to be most important is actually the least important: *being first... being last*.

When we experience wholeness, we experience the *kingdom of God* within us. 'The "kingdom of God" and the "kingdom of heaven" are Jesus' primary metaphors for the Eternal Now.' [1] 'The kingdom of God is the awareness of who we really are. Can I join God in seeing who God sees me to be? Can I join God in seeing everyone as God sees them to be? This is wholeness. This is salvation.' [2] 'When we know where we come from, we become the master /mistress of our home, closing the door and refusing entry to all that is not whole.' [3] We are then able to *take our places at the feast in the kingdom of God*, the feast of the Eternal Now.

Adapted: [1] Cynthia Bourgeault [2] James Finley [3] Richard Rohr

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.



Please join us at our next meeting on
Monday, 1st September at 7 p.m.

The meeting will be held in the Hughes Room
(accessible from the carpark) at Bishop Eaton,
Our Lady of the Annunciation Church,
Woolton Road,
Liverpool L16 8NQ

Thank you for your support

Ann Malone (Chair of the Parish CARJ)

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.

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



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.

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, Alison Hardman, 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

Sarah Langan

Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp week 24th August - Those mentally & physically challenged

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 27th 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.



17th October WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference)
St Aidan's Club (Parish Club)

19th October World Mission Sunday

*Save
the
Date*

WCMAD Meetings: Interested in our projects, traveling to Romania or helping with fundraising? Join us on November 9th 2025, March 8th, and July 12th 2026 at 12.30pm after the tea club to learn more and get involved!

Parish Bank Details

As requested by some parishioners below are full details of our bank

St Agnes Church (062) Account no. 81545035
Sort code 40-29-12
Bank name HSBC plc
Address 99-101-Lord Street
Liverpool L2 6PG

All cheques payable to : St Agnes Church
If you would like to pay by standing order please collect an envelope from the wall mounted letter caddy at the back of the church



Jubilee of Social Justice Saturday 20th September

Join Caritas Social Action Network as they host the Jubilee of Social Justice in Liverpool Met Cathedral for all those involved in Catholic Social action in England & Wales.

Holy Mass at 12 pm.

Chief Celebrant Most Rev. Malcolm McMahon OP (Emeritus Archbishop of Liverpool)

Followed by light lunch and Social Action Exhibition in the Pontifical Hall.

Reflections from Leaders in Catholic Social Action