

Sunday 8th December 2024



First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation

Responsorial Psalm

**What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.**

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

Gospel Acclamation

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

All mankind shall see the salvation 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

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PARISH CLUB

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

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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

Come and join us for a little festive cheer to get in touch with the true meaning of Christmas. Wednesday 11th December at 6.00pm Fr Christmas will be making an appearance and refreshments will be served after the service



8th DECEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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 7th December - Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Mary Hughes, Bernard Riley

Sunday 8th December - Second Sunday of Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Jerry Neville, Stephen Lacken



Monday 9th December - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass at 9.30am- Sr. Bernarda Branzuela, William Jarvis

Tuesday 10th December

Funeral Service 9.20 - Terry McCormick (Anfield Crematorium)

Wednesday 11th December

Funeral Service 10 am - Karen McIntyre

Mass 12.30 pm - Alice O'Brien, Mary Murray

Carol Service 6.00 pm followed by refreshments

Friday 13th December - Memorial of St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Mass 12 noon - Peter Halls, Irene Bannister

Saturday 14th December - Memorial of St John the Cross, Priest & Doctor

Mass 5.30 pm - Bob & Kathleen Latham, Terry McCormick

Sunday 15th December - Third Sunday of Advent

Mass 10.30 am - Stephen Lacken, Maureen Hamilton

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



Posada

The pregnant Mary, Joseph and the donkey will travel again this year through the community homes of Huyton during Advent, starting from the first Sunday in Advent (1 December 2024). If you would like to be part of the experience, please sign up to the list at the back of the church.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Our Christmas raffle will be drawn on 15th December

All the proceeds will be donated to Lyndale Cancer Support Centre. Many of our parishioners have benefited from the services offered at this centre and we remember our parishioners who have been affected by cancer

Lindisfarne Pilgrimage

We are planning a pilgrimage to Lindisfarne (St Aidan) in the summer of 2025, date to be confirmed.

If you are interested please contact the parish office.

SHARE KNOWSLEY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Want to make a difference to people's lives and do something rewarding? Come and join us. Share Knowsley is looking for volunteers. There are many different ways you can help:

- Helping staff at the drop-ins
- Supporting in the English classes
- Sorting donations
- Working 1:1 with a client
- Helping with casework

If interested please contact us

The admin@shareknowsley.org.uk and the phone number is: 07915 252300

We are also collecting prizes for our Christmas Fayre for tombolas and our raffle. If you have any donations, please bring them to the Old School House or to the back of church.

Thank you so much

Margaret Roche, Chief Executive Officer

Be Aware

We are familiar with John the Baptist's preaching: telling us to repent, to prepare a way, to stay awake, to be ready.

'Prepare a way.' What is this way? 'Travel the most ancient way of all: the path that leads you to the centre of your life. This journey is not about miles. It is not about how far you can walk or how fast. It is about **being** in this moment.' [1] 'The real spiritual path is wherever you are. God is everywhere. The spiritual journey is a growth in awareness that what you are seeking is where you are.' [2]

Our preparation will be to repent. When we hear the word 'repent' some negative feelings may rise up within us and we become totally focused on what **we** have to **do**. However, in the original Greek, the word which we have translated as 'repent' is *metanoia* which is translated as 'change of heart,' or 'change of mind.' For this to happen, it's not totally up to us. To 'be ready' is to provide an open heart and mind.

To 'stay awake' means to be fully conscious, alert and aware.

'There is a story about a lion that came upon a flock of sheep and to his amazement found among the sheep a lion that had been brought up by the sheep ever since he was a cub. It would bleat and run around like a sheep. The 'real' lion went straight for the 'sheep-lion' and said to him, "What are you doing among these sheep?" And the sheep-lion said, "I am a sheep." And the lion said, "Oh no, you're not. You're coming with me." So he took the sheep-lion to a pool and said, "Look!" And when the sheep-lion looked at his reflection in the water, he let out a mighty roar, and in that moment he was transformed. He was never the same again.' [3]

Advent is a time to find those people, places and activities that help deepen our awareness of who we truly are. In those moments 'when you are gifted with an understanding of who "I" is, you'll never be the same again.' [3]

Adapted: [1] Jan Richardson [2] Imre Vallyon [3] Anthony de Mello

Huyton Family of Parishes - Exploring the Future

The full version of this update is on the Notice Board in the porches. It will be posted on the parish Whatsapp. It can also be accessed via the link below:

<https://huytonfop.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/>

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, George Boland, Violet Chadwick, Grace Cheeseman-Woolerton, John Clintworth, James Corbett, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Marie D'arcy, Janet Davies, Despina, Suzanne Ellison, Tony Ferguson, Patricia Fisher, Iris Glover, Maureen Grimwood, Claire Hindley, Sue Hodgson, Barbara Holman, Marie Hunter, Claire Illingworth, Joelle, Peggy Kane, Dennis Ling, Sheila McGrattan, Maureen, Michael & Lawrence McClintock, Derek McEgan, Patricia Markey, Tim Merritt, Mary and Peter Muldoon, Ann-Marie Naylor, Kathleen O'Gorman, Jimmy Quai, Levinia Redpath, Mia Robinson, Nilma Cristina Rodrigo, Walter Runge, Sara, Betty Savage, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Joan Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Vera Whitfield, Kerry Wilson, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,

Lately Deceased

Tony Wernham, Sheila Collins,

Anniversaries

Richard Waldron, Joseph Lowe, Kenneth Sutton, Albert Jukka, Sally Jukka,

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 8th December - Asylum Seekers & Refugees

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.**

SHARe Knowsley

Please remember the box at the back of church for the collection of toiletries for those in need. *Thank you*

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Baptism

Baptism Preparation meeting:
First Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be on Monday 6th January

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
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 on 11th December
(last meeting for this year)

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

Craft Club

The next craft meeting will on **Thursday 12th December** 11 am — 1 pm.. We will now have a subscription of £2 per session

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 December

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'

Advent Preparation

Join us for an hour of music, readings and prayer as we prepare for Christmas. Sessions will be on Tuesdays: December 10th, and 17th. 10:30 am - 11:30 am in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room. **All are welcome**

Mission Boxes

Boxes are due to be emptied this month. Thank you for your continued support



Tuesday 10th December 2024

Community Prayer Circle at 1-3pm.

A space to come together and pray for the needs of our parish and our local community.

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

Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 11th December

Mass 12.30pm
Carols 6:00 pm

Wednesday 18th December

Reconciliation Service 7:30 pm

Saturday 21st December

5.30 pm

Sunday 22nd December

10.30 am

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

5:30 pm and 8:30 pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day Family Mass 10.30 am

Saturday 28th December

5.30 pm

Sunday 29th December

10:30 am

Wednesday 1st January 2025

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God Service 12 noon

SHARe Knowsley - THANK YOU!

On behalf of the SHARe Knowsley team, I wanted to thank everyone who helped make our Christmas Fayre the success it was.

From the donations we received for tombola prizes, beautifully handcrafted items and delicious cakes to sell, to those who helped set up and then man the stalls; and not forgetting all those who came to spend their pennies on the day. We certainly enjoyed the day and hope those who came along did too

We really appreciate your ongoing support. As I always say, we really couldn't do what we do if it wasn't for YOUR generosity.

We are now getting ready for our Christmas party. If you have any new toys to donate for the children, we would be really grateful.

Thank you again. Margaret Roche

Car Boot Sale

Last Saturday of each month 8am to 12 noon.
Next Car boot sale on 25th January 2025.

