

Sunday 17th August 2025



First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

You bore me, a man of contention to the whole land

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make haste to help me!

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us

Gospel Acclamation

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them and they follow me

Gospel Reading Luke 12:49-53

I have not come to give peace but division

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

OFFICE/CHURCH

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(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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The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

17th October WCMAD fundraiser
(We can make a difference)
St Aidan's Parish Club

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 17th August 2025
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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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 August - St Stephen of Hungary

Mass 5.30pm - George & Colette Harper, Alicia Boloden

Sunday 17th August - Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass 9 am - We can make a difference (WCMAD), Pensioners Club

Mass 10.30 am - Michael O'Brien, Alicia Bowden

Monday 18th August - St John Eudes, Priest

9.30 am Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 20th August - St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

Funeral Service 11.15 am - Irene Canavan

7.30 pm - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Thursday 21st August - St Pius X Pope

Funeral Service 10.30 am - Mary Watterson

Friday 22nd August - The Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

Requiem Mass 10.00 am - Mary Johnson

Saturday 23rd August - St Rose of Lima, Virgin

Mass 5.30pm - Joseph Davies, Jennifer Kazandjian

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

Mass 9 am - Anne Maciver, Rita Carr

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

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



Fire

When we read Jesus' words: "I came to bring fire to the earth," it would be understandable if we latched on to all the destructive images associated with fire, especially when, in the verses following this statement, Jesus says he has not come to bring peace but division. 'This is a statement with which critics of religion would cynically agree. Religion is seen by some as a major source of division and suffering.' [1] 'Others may be puzzled by Jesus' words because for them he seems to contradict the Gospel's message of peace.' [2] 'Many people think that peace is about everyone being nice all the time. That's not true. We will always have differences and disagreements. It is the overcoming of those tensions – not the avoiding of them - that brings peace.' [1] 'What we have experienced as a breakdown can lead to a breakthrough.' [3]

Fire does two things: it destroys but it also transforms. In Malachi 3:3 we have the image of God 'who sits as a refiner and purifier of silver, purifying the sons of Levi.' The refiner sits because the process takes a long time. There is a story of a woman watching a silversmith at work. Eventually she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

'Much of the teaching of Jesus, like today's gospel, has paradox built into it, which is so hard for our minds to sit with. A paradox is an apparent contradiction. We can't figure it out. But that's the teaching: to awaken us to paradox, to awaken us to mystery and not knowing.' [4] 'If we open our hearts and minds to something that initially looks contradictory or impossible, we are allowing our way of understanding reality to be refined. We are led to that deep place within us where the paradox is simply held by love.' [1]

Love is the transforming fire that Jesus speaks of when he says, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and *how I wish it were already kindled.*" 'Divisive experiences are a necessary part of life. What is important is what we do with them.' [1] And 'what we do' may be similar to learning a craft, for example art, where we learn about aspects such as perspective and primary and secondary colours. 'Under guidance, we internalise the craft. However, the *craft* is the act of making or doing something again in exactly the same way. We learn the *craft*, but the *art* is where it catches fire. The craft is at the service of the art. The craft enables art to express itself.' [4] Our daily quiet time in prayer, our attempts to resolve, move beyond and lovingly deal with differences are all aspects of the craft of the art of loving. When we come to see God's image in ourselves and in others - that is when our art of loving catches fire.

Adapted: [1] Richard Rohr [2] Sacred Space [3] Connie Zweig [4] James Finley



Once again, thank you so much to everyone who made our International Table last Sunday such a wonderful success. This can only happen when a motivated and inspired community works together.

We are always delighted to welcome new member to our CARJ Group to enhance the work we have already done. However, I appreciate that not everyone is able to participate in this way. Therefore it is even more heartening to see so many people who lend their support when we do events such as these.

Thank you

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



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.

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, 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#

Jacqueline Collins, Patrick Courtney

Anniversary

Michael O'Brien

Sanctuary Lamp week 17th August - St Agnes & St Aidan Volunteers and helpers

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