

Sunday 4th May 2025



**First Reading** Acts 5: 27b-32. 40b-41  
*We are witnesses to these things and so is the Holy Spirit.*

**Responsorial Psalm**  
I will extol you, LORD, for you have raised me up

**Second Reading** Revelation 5: 11-14  
*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth*

**Gospel Acclamation**  
Christ is risen, who created all things and has shown compassion on the human race

**Gospel Reading** John 21:1-19  
*Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.*

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

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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](http://www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk)  
Newsletter items by Thursday morning to parish office

### PARISH CONTACTS

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**Deacon:**  
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# The Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 4th May 2025

Third Sunday after Easter

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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 3rd May - Sts Philip and James, Apostles

Mass 5.30pm - Peter and Hugh Reilly, Pat Barry

#### Sunday 4th May - Third Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.00 am - Teresa, Nora & John Fleming, Martin & Sarah Coffey

Mass 10.30 am - Joseph Patrick O'Donnell, Kay Murphy

#### Wednesday 7th May

7.30 pm - Time to Remember Service

A time to remember loved ones no matter what the circumstances or whether it is recent or many years ago. There is no set time to grieve

#### Friday 9th May

Mass 12 noon - Iris Glover, Special Intention

#### Saturday 10th May - St John of Avila, Priest

Mass 5.30pm - Lily Robson, Maurice O'Gorman

#### Sunday 11th May - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mass 9.00 am - James Hynes, Gerard McGuinness

Mass 10.30 am - Mike Twigg, Stella O'Rourke



**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



### V E DAY CELEBRATION

A fun packed afternoon at St Aidan's parish club on Thursday 8th May at 2pm—6pm.

Tickets £5

Entertainment and food

### Parish Holiday to Sri Lanka

We are excited to announce that a parish holiday to Sri Lanka with Fr Anton is currently being planned for 9th–20th February 2026. If you are interested in joining, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

Please note: Spaces are limited to 25



### Allegra Mutanda at Irenaeus Centre

**COME AND SEE DAY** - 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](#)

For more information contact [jenny@irenaeus.co.uk](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk) or Tel: 0151 949 1199

### Family of Parishes News

The Family of Parishes Executive Group continues to meet and since Easter spent a whole day visiting the churches and other property across the FoP.

Last week all the priests from the FoP spent an overnight away in Chester to share and also think about plans for the future. All felt that our discussions were positive and our time was beneficial and well spent.

There will be more news from the Family of Parishes in the near future



### Congratulations

To

**Bethany Patricia Owen**

and

**Philip George Kelley**

who will be married at

St Agnes & St Aidan's Church

On Saturday 10th May 2025

*Please remember*

*this couple in your prayers as they begin their married life together.*

### The dawn of a new day, new hopes and new possibilities

Today's Gospel reading creates a mosaic of significant events in the lives of the apostles. We could stay with each piece of the mosaic for as long as we want and as often as we want and hear it speak to us about the reality of our lives especially how 'in the presence of the risen Christ a healing of memories takes place.' [1]

- The setting echoes the story of the storm on the lake when lack of faith prevented those in the boat from recognising Jesus, and Peter's lack of faith caused him to sink. That experience is now recalled and integrated, leaving Peter free to give his energy to his mission. [1]
- *The second miraculous catch of fish resembles the first catch which resulted in Peter, James and John responding to Jesus' call to follow him. Peter's journey had high as well as low points. 'Peter needed to understand that he was not bound to or identified by his past and he is entrusted with his mission as shepherd.'* [2]
- The disciples did not know that it was Jesus. 'In every post-Resurrection story we notice that the people involved do not recognise Jesus. The limited presence we called Jesus has become a universal presence available beyond all the limitations of space, time, ethnicity, nationality, class and gender. The Christ Mystery is the indwelling of the Divine Presence in everyone and every thing.' [3]
- *There is a second reference to a charcoal fire in John's Gospel. The first is during Jesus' trial where Peter denies that he is a disciple of Jesus. This threefold denial cost Peter dearly. It left a residue of shame, guilt and loss of self-respect. Scars caused by past failures can become permanent if the wounds are not identified and cured.'* [1] *Peter's shame meets Jesus' unconditional love. 'When shame encounters God who is Love, it burns to ash and scatters.'* [4]
- "Do you love me?" Aware of our weaknesses, we, like Peter, reply: "You know that I love you." Jesus accepts us where we are at, knowing that our perception of love will grow.
- *The reference to bread echoes Jesus' words, "I am the bread of life." (John 6) Jesus tells us that he, his whole way of life, everything the Gospel tells us about him is real food for our daily living. Not to know and assimilate Jesus in this way is to be starved of the essential nourishment we need in order to live a full life.* [5]
- After Golgotha Peter and his friends took to fishing. When life gets difficult, when we become lost, confused, afraid, and when the changes of life are not what we wanted or think we deserve, we tend to run away. We try to go back to the way it was before – to something safe, something familiar. Returning to the familiarity of our former routines may help initially but at some point we may become aware that we need to 'cast our nets' in another direction, that we need to see and do things differently. The dark night of fishing gives way to the dawn of a new day, new hopes and new possibilities. [6]

Adapted: [1] [galwaydioces.ie/reflection](http://galwaydioces.ie/reflection) [2] Association of catholic priests  
[3] Richard Rohr [4] Brené Brown [5] Living space [6] Michael Marsh

### 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, 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, Ged Privilege, 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

Bridgett Scott, Frances Sutton

### Anniversary

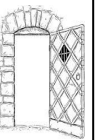
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### **Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 4th May - Pensioners Club**

**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**

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.

## Baptism

**Baptism Preparation meeting:**  
**First Monday of each month at 7:30pm.** The next meeting will be on **Monday 12th May**

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 14th May 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, which will be open, is on Sunday 18th May**

**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 13th May 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**

### **Car Boot Sale**

Last Saturday of each month  
8am to 12 noon.

**Next Car boot sale on 31st May .**



### **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)

## **First Communion 2025**

**This is the last weekend 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.**

7th May	Time to Remember Service - 7.30 pm
(5th, 12th, 19th 26th June )	<i>Workshops on the origins and continuing work of the Religious (Sisters) in our parish</i>
6th July	Parish BBQ
14th September	International Table organised by CARJ ( <i>Catholic Association for Racial Justice</i> )
17th October	WCMAD Fundraiser (We Can Make A Difference) St Aidan's Club (Parish Club)
19th October	World Mission Sunday

*Save  
the  
Date*

### **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.

