

Sunday 3rd March 2024



First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

The Law was given through Moses

Responsorial Psalm:

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Second Reading:

St Paul to the Corinthians 1: 22-25

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to people, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die.

Gospel: John 2: 13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

OFFICE/CHURCH

Parish Office:

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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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NEWSLETTER



*19th March - Lent
Reconciliation Service*

*1st May - Time to
Remember Service.*

**Sunday 3rd March
Third Sunday in Lent**

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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 2nd March

Mass 5.30 pm - Patsy Smith, Letitia Doyle

Sunday 3rd March - Third Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Joe O'Donnell, Oliver Molloy

Mass 11.00 am - Sheila Whitehead, Patricia Ellis

Monday 4th March

9.30 am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

Wednesday 6th March

6.30 pm - Stations of the Cross

Mass 7.30 pm - Ellen Vitone, Sr Josephine Vassallo

Friday 8th March - St John of God, Religious

Mass 12 noon in Sr Elizabeth Room - Sr Marie Vassallo, Nina Warchalowski

Saturday 9th March - St Frances of Rome, Religious

Mass 5.30 pm - Mary Johnson, Maureen Funnell

Sunday 10th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mass 9.30 am - Joe McDonnell, Mary McDonnell

Mass 11.00 am - Peter Ainsworth, Jean Foster

Confessions: Saturday 5pm - 5.20pm

(or by appointment during office hours)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



19th March - 7.30pm Reconciliation
Service for Lent

1st May - Time to Remember Service

9th June - International Table (CARJ)
@ St Agnes & St Aidan

14th July - BBQ and Fundraiser
@ St Agnes & St Aidan

6th Sept - Main Fundraiser
in St Aidan's Club

9th Sept - Parish Pilgrimage to Italy

27th Oct - World Mission Sunday(CARJ)

CONFIRMATION 2024

Archdiocese website for registration for the
Sacrament of Confirmation is now open and
will close on the **15th March**.

Any young person in year 8 can register for
Confirmation preparation at

www.liverpoolcalled.co.uk

While the registration period is open Animate
(Diocesan Youth Ministry) will visit schools in
the archdiocese to promote the Sacrament.
At the same time schools will teach about the
Sacrament in their RE classes.

If you need further information please contact
the parish office.



Preparation for Easter Bringing to life that which is dead within us

Five one-hour sessions of silent reflection based on James Finley's insights and
beautiful poetic imagery.

Venue: Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community Room

Dates: Tuesdays: March 5th, 12th, 19th

Time: 10.30am – 11.30am. Tea will be served after each session.

SPECIAL APPEAL

MONTHLY STANDING ORDER PAYMENTS

As we all try to overcome the problem of the 'Cashless Society' we urge as many as possible
to use the Standing Order option. You can do so by simply signing the form which is available
at the back of Church in plastic wall file holder.

Please collect an envelope which contains the Standing order mandate form for your bank
and all the necessary instructions. Please note the small application/ gift aid declaration, form
with your name address is to be handed over to the office.

However, parishioners who prefer to continue using Offertory Envelopes and **NOT** monthly
Standing order payments may continue to do so. Please note there are seven envelope boxes
for the next 6 weeks if anyone wishes to use them as a trial. The new envelope boxes will be
available at the end of March.

Thank you for your help

Fr Anton



The True Temple

Today's first and third readings speak about rules, sacred buildings and rituals which 'are meant to bring us into the awareness of the divine presence in us and in all of those around us.' [1] 'The gospel isn't about what is **present** in the temple but is about Jesus' deep concern with what is **missing**.' [2] 'The gospel tells us that the temple had become totally aligned with the king, the collecting of taxes and monies and the selling of forgiveness. It had become a place of transaction rather than transformation, a wholesale marketplace rather than a holy meeting place. Jesus takes a revolutionary approach to religion: from an emphasis on **sacrifice** by which we **earn** God's love, to **trust** through which we **know** God's love. Jesus is redefining 'the temple': the new temple is the human person. 'I am the temple.' The temple is transferred from any kind of physical building to the human person. Years later, Jesus' words will echo in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. "Do you not know," the apostle will ask them - and us - "that **you** are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" [3]

'The temple was the centre of Jewish life. It is what structured their community. It gave identity and meaning. We all have temples: things that we think give structure and order to our lives, provide security and stability. At least we think they do, until they fall.' [2] 'When we have the courage to face our spiritual clutter we learn to recognise God's presence in the midst of our lives. [4]

*In a building that is not a building but the dusty halls of my spirit,
in a heart that is not just a heart but an intended-to-be-holy temple,
there are sheep and there are cattle that are not sheep and cattle
but the worries and concerns and the sorrows of life,
and there are dulled coins and doves that are not coins and doves
but the tarnished hopes and dreams of an aging mind,
and they clutter and crowd the courtyard,
cloud the air with their smells and voices,
their noises of stress and hunger overpowering the words of prayer.
Lord, come into the spaces of this yearning-to-be-holy temple,
cleanse this heart of distractions, help me clear the clutter, the noises.
Make it more of a place of listening, open to the mystery of your presence. [5]*

Adapted: [1] Brian McLaren [2] Michael Marsh [3] Richard Rohr
[4] Pastor Asher [5] Andrew King

Prayer Requests

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. All names from last year have been removed.

Tricia Andrews, Lynn Ashton, Jane Blakemore, George Boland, Katie Brown, Violet Chadwick, Janet Cragg, Ray Cragg, Nicholas Cragg, Joan Critchley, Ted Davies, Despina, Annette Devine, Claire Hindley, Barbara and Mike Holman, Peggy Kane, John Kelly, Dennis Ling, Marie McFarlane, Sheila McGrattan, Peter Markey, Tim Merritt, Frank Molloy, Ann-Marie Naylor, Michael O'Brien, Kathleen O'Gorman, Levinia Redpath, Collette Stalford, Donna Sothern, Billy Turner, Mike Twigg, Sr Josephine Vassallo, Frank Walsh, Pamela Watson, Ian Webster, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Sr Clare Wilson, Jimmy Wolfe,



Lately Deceased

Eileen Day, Rita Hannigan

Anniversaries

Ellen Vitone, Arthur Southern

Sanctuary Lamp week beginning 3rd March: We Can Make A Difference (WCMAD)

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

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 4th March

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 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.**

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.



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 17th March

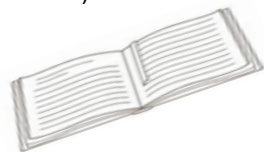
Instagram: St.Agnes_St.Aidan_LGBTQ & on **Facebook**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/580539512933145/?ref=share>

Facebook: 'Parishes of Sts Agnes & Aidan's LGBTQ+ Social Group'

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)



Parking

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

Thank you

PIETY STALL

There are a varied range of cards and gifts on the piety stall at the back of church.

We also have a variety of First Holy Communion cards, rosaries and candles.

If you cannot find what you are looking for we will attempt to obtain them for you if possible

FIRST COMMUNION DATES

19th March OR 21st March
Third Children's session
6pm - 7pm in church.

Reconciliation dates and rehearsals dates to be confirmed.

11th May St. Aidan's First Communion
10 am

11th May St. Joseph's First Communion
12:30 pm

12th May All other schools
First Communion 1:30 pm

18th May St. Anne's First Communion
10 am & 12:30 pm

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

Any school forms for the children who attend church regularly (mass attendance for at least two years) should not be filled in by the parents/guardians and should be handed over to Fr. Anton in person.

Monthly Craft Group

Our next get together will be held in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room.
21st March

Music Group: Tuesday 5th March at 7pm in the Sr Elizabeth Kelly Community room. All are welcome. Previous experience not necessary.

Community Prayer Circle Tuesday 5th March 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 statue) Tea and coffee served. Bring a packed lunch.

SOUP CLUB

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

Wednesday 20th March at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Spring Crafts

Wednesday 17th April at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Easter Quiz

Wednesday 15th May at 12.30 pm

Soup and a roll and Bingo

Sponsored by Livv Housing and Caring Connections



PARISH PENSIONERS' CLUB

Next meeting on 13th March

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

New Members always welcome

Mission Boxes

Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month

Thank you for all your support

