

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Tuesday: Slimming World
10.00-11.00am & 6.30-7.30pm
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm
Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm (£3)

Function room for hire Friday,
Saturday and noon Sunday. Provide
your own catering or ask for a quote.

All enquiries contact:
Jacqui on 0151-489-9024

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New Memberships available

Mon/Tues—Darts Night

Thursday—Pensioners Club, 1pm-
3pm tea and coffee Bingo/Raffle
Bingo 7:30pm

Saturday evening—live entertainment
in the lounge

Sunday—Country & Western night.

The Concert /Function room is
available for hire on Friday & Saturday
evenings, weekday afternoons &
Sunday afternoons.

All enquiries contact:
Justyna on 0151-489-3990
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Quiet During Services

It is a strength of our parish
communities that we are friendly and
welcoming. We do need to be aware however
that during the Mass, we are in the presence
of Christ in a special way. Please help us to
create a quiet, respectful, and prayerful
atmosphere during services in both churches.

"Be Still and know that I am God"



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 29th January 2012
Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year B

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.
Reg Charity No 232709

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.*



Prayer Requests

For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Dougie & May Hayhurst, William McCluskey, Sue Johnson, Margaret Maguire, Bill Hall, John Hunter, Paul Roberts, John Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Claire Bruder, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Phil Murray, Pauline Campbell, Kathleen Ross, Bill Browne, Christine Bell, Tricia Robinson, Craig Wilson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, Gerard Taylor, May Cooper, Marie Keights, Ann Paterson, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire, Mrs. Symonds, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, Shirley Wozencroft, Michael Williams, June Hunt, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Brenda Cubells, Rose Saunders, Joan Catterson, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton, Lawrence McClintock, Albert Wilson, Nicky Allen, Terry Fielding, Bill Jones, Christopher Massam, Jim Phillips, Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Anne Nolan, Pauline Burgess, Joan Monaghan, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Jean Brailsford, Thomas Clegg, Baby Aidan James Morris, Lynn McNabb, Ben Crutchley, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Claire Waldron, Jim Rose, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Irene Rooney, Ann Jones, Mary Organ., Josie Campbell, We also remember all those mentioned in St. Aidan's Prayer Diary,

There are a number of young adults in our parishes who are terminally ill at the moment. Please remember them and their families specially in your prayers.

Lately Dead

Bill Garvey, Marion Atkinson, Norah Miles, Joan Clarke, Olga Parr, Patrick McNally, Harriet Wickstrom, Denis Welch, Michael Mullen, Arthur Robinson, Kathleen Joyce, John Campbell

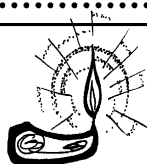
Anniversaries

Bob Leatherbarrow, Susan Tanner, Margaret McEvoy, Jonathan Corrigan, Nancy Cardwell,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 29th January

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp— Parishioners of St Agnes
St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp—Tony Smith



Please ensure that details of your dedication are written on the front of the envelope and placed in the black post box in the Sacristy. Please enter your Gift Aid number if you have one. Thank you.

Poland Trip – there will be a meeting after the Suriname trip. Flight and accommodation have been booked, so the main organisation is complete.

Parish clubs - At. Aidan's club is very successful while St. Agnes' club continues to be running at a loss. The parish is not responsible for this debt however – it is the responsibility of the Archdiocese's Clubs department.

Piety Stores – Our thanks go to Kathy for running the piety store at St. Aidan's. Jean Sime has offered to start a piety store at St. Agnes' – seasonal and fair-trade stock is to be a priority. AP: Set up piety store at St. Agnes', both stores to make sure that demand for stock is passed onto the office so that orders can be made.

Food bank – an number of parishioners are keen to explore the idea of starting a food bank at St. Aidan's. This would be part of the national charity, the Trussell Trust. It is a big undertaking so would need the support of other local churches and plenty of committed volunteers. AP: Claire Ball to contact the trust and local churches to organise a meeting for those interested.

Hymn books –We will be buying new books but the changes in the translation of the Mass has slowed down production of the new edition. AP: please share hymn books at St. Aidan's. At St. Agnes books are being damaged – please replace carefully on the shelves after use.

Gift Aid – Peter McLindon spoke of the tremendous support parishioners give to our parishes through the collection. There is a plea for more tax payers to join the Gift Aid scheme as this means that tax can be claimed back from the government and the donation is worth more. AP: Consider signing up to the Gift Aid scheme!

Rosary at St. Aidan's



The Rosary will be prayed on the 1st Sunday of the month at 4pm in St. Aidan's. All are welcome.

Collections

We are continuing to collect:

- Asda receipts for 'We Can Make A Difference', Clothes and currency for Nugent Care, wool for the special care baby unit.





Minutes of the Joint Pastoral Meeting **(Sunday 15th January)**

Thanks to all those (50 in total) who attended the joint pastoral meeting at St. Aidan's on Sunday. The following is a summary of our discussions with action

points (APs):

Review of Christmas – parishioners from both parishes spoke of how special the Christmas services were. Particular recognition went to the role of the children and their leaders in preparing their contributions to the family Masses. It was also noted that the Reconciliation service had offered the opportunity of a prayerful, reflective start to the Christmas liturgies. *AP: St. Aidan's children's contribution should be during the Mass next Christmas – maybe extend it and use costumes etc? Ushers are needed an hour before the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Aidan's.*

Winter Gathering – some of the proceeds from the Asda receipts has been used to buy raffle prizes. Organisation of raffle and shared table was discussed.

Provisional Events Dates – 20th April: 'We Can Make a Difference' fundraiser at St. Agnes', 15th July : St. Agnes BBQ, 26th August: St. Aidan's BBQ, 12th October: joint fundraiser at St. Aidan's. The winter gathering will be in January 2013. *AP: Anne Whelan and Lynda Roberts to book clubs.*

Reverence and prayer during Mass – it was agreed that the sanctity of the consecration and the need for silence and prayer during the Eucharistic prayer needs to be emphasised in both parishes. It was also felt that we should once again try to establish a quiet, prayerful atmosphere in the minutes immediately before Mass starts. *AP: Fr Anton to speak to the congregations, quiet music to be played immediately before weekend Masses.*

TV photo albums – this is being piloted at St. Aidan's to raise awareness of how much is happening in the parish. *AP: Look out for the TV at the back*

Mass Intentions

Saturday 28th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm– James & Sarah Watts

Sunday 29th January- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Marie O'Leary

St. Agnes Mass 11am - Des Maher

Monday 30th January

St. Agnes -Funeral Service 10.30am - Joan Clarke

Tuesday 31st January– St John Bosco

St Agnes Requiem Mass 12 noon– Bill Garvey

Wednesday 1st February

St Aidan Requiem Mass 12.30pm—Norah Miles

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm– Jim Riley

Thursday 2nd February– Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

St Agnes—Celebration of the Word and Communion—9.30am

St. Agnes Requiem Mass 12 Noon-Michael Mullen

Friday 3rd February

St. Agnes -Requiem Mass –10.00am—Olga Parr

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon— Ann Day

St. Agnes - Funeral Service—1.30pm - Patrick McNally

Saturday 4th February

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm-Angela Mitchell

Sunday 5th February—Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

(Education Sunday)

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am –Frank D'Arcy

St Agnes Mass 11am - Celia Wilkes

Confessions

Saturday at St. Agnes 5-5.20 pm & Friday after 12 Noon Mass at St Aidan's

(Until there is nobody waiting)

Please Note

All Mass Intentions have been filled until late March 2012 for both Parishes. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE

Main Parish Office:
St Aidan's
92 Adswood Road
L36 7XR

Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Office closed on Wednesdays

Thursday 10am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

All Enquiries to

Tel/Fax : 0151 489 3085

St Agnes Church
82 Huyton Hey Road
L36 5SQ

For Mass Cards etc

Hours: Friday - 1pm — 4 pm

(Church no- 0151 449 2209)

Also available from St Aidan's
Church
489-3085

**Newsletter items by Thursday
morning to Main Parish Office**

New Email Address:
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For your information

**Parish Newsletters are posted on
Parish Website every week.**

Parish Web Site-
Parishes-of-stagnes-
staidans.org.uk

PARISH CONTACTS



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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

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Sr. Barbara –228-2239

Sr. Gabriel-489-1302

Sr. Sarah-489-1302

Primary Schools

St. Aidan

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St. Joseph

0151 489 4072

St. Anne's

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Parish Priest

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Suriname Trip

The 'We Can Make a Difference' group have arrived safely in Suriname and have sent the following update:

Day 1 – Tuesday 24 January 2012

(Liverpool – Amsterdam – Paramaribo)

After an early pick-up in Huyton at 3 a.m. and some slight adjustments to the luggage in JLA to ensure that we all complied with the 23 kg weight limit, our flight left Liverpool on time at 6:10 am and arrived in Amsterdam at 8:10 am local time. Our flight to Paramaribo left Schiphol airport at 12:45 pm and after a 9.5 hour journey we arrived safely in Paramaribo to be greeted by the 28 degrees heat! The KLM cabin crew kindly let us take the blankets provided on the flight (we thought of the people in Romania), after Benny had done his usual begging for the project! Father Doris had arranged for us to be collected by bus at the airport and he was waiting for us at the pastoral centre/retreat in the capital where we would be staying. We had a meeting with Father Doris to run through a draft programme for our stay including the villages we would be visiting and the work we could be asked to undertake. There are already some challenges ahead ... one of the projects will be the construction of a toilet in Powakka! Our food in the evening was a typical parish shared table including leftovers from the plane and our own sandwiches we had packed for the journey.

Day 2 – Paramaribo – Wednesday 25 January 2012. We attended a meeting with the bishop at 10 am following which we picked up our vehicles to transport us into the interior and stock up on food provisions for the days ahead. Some of us were bitten by mosquitoes during the previous night so the mosquito nets have proved to be invaluable. Next three days we will be working in Powaka village. As we are three hours behind and we have got to get this to the parish office in Huyton by midday...we will update you again soon. You can follow us also at:
www.projectsurname.blogspot.com

Joint Parish Youth Club

The youth group is for those of secondary school age and meets on Thursday evenings in the Sr. Elizabeth meeting room at St. Agnes' from 7-9pm. Entrance is 50p and there are refreshments available to purchase. Please join us!



St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 29th January
Julie & Julie
Sunday 5th February
Diane & Maria



facebook

We have put photos from the Christmas liturgies on Facebook—the children were great and the photos capture this well. Please have a look!

If you do not want your child to appear in these photos, please let the office know.



Jim Seddon's family would like to thank the SVP, parishioners and friends for their support during his illness and the kindness and sympathy shown to the family. A Mass will be offered for St. Aidan's parishioners.

Denis Welch RIP

It was with sadness that we heard this week of the death of Denis Welch who will be known to many parishioners of St. Aidan's. Denis was the first Headmaster of St. Joseph's primary school. We remember him and his family in our prayers.

St Agnes' Altar Servers

There will be a practice for all altar servers on Saturday 4th February at 11.00am in Church.

Many thanks - Pat Canning



Parish Collections

Sunday 22nd January 2012

St. Agnes £ 899.80
St. Aidan £357.07

Standing Orders: December
St. Agnes £985.00
St Aidan £238.00

St. Agnes' team to count:
This week team 2



*Welcome To the Parish
family of
St Aidan
& St Agnes*

**Harrison O'Hare
& Alicia Raechel Webster**

*Who will be baptised on
Saturday 28th January at
St. Aidan*

*Please remember these children and their
families in your prayers*

Baptism

St. Aidan's Baptism Preparation:
2nd Monday of the month in
St. Aidan's church at 6:30pm

St. Aidan's Baptisms:
3rd Sunday at 10:30am
4th Saturday at 12 noon

St. Agnes' Baptism Preparation:
1st Tuesday of the month in
St. Agnes' church at 7:30pm

St. Agnes' Baptisms:
1st Sunday at 12:30pm
2nd Sunday at 2pm

If you wish to have your child baptised, please contact the Parish Office on 489 3085 and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.



Baptism Certificates

If you need a copy of a baptism certificate, please remember to give the office a couple of days notice. You will receive a phone call when it is ready and we would be grateful if you could collect it promptly. There are lots of certificates waiting to be collected!



A Prophet Like Moses

"A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you."
Deuteronomy 18:15

When it comes to prophets, you either love them or hate them. There is no lukewarm or neutral response to their incisive message. When a prophet's words challenge unjust systems and liberate folks who have been oppressed, those set free sing the praises of the prophet. But those whose power, privilege, and status are threatened by the prophet's words and actions will do all they can to silence and even eliminate them. To pray for a prophet like Moses is not only to ask for a prominent prophetic leader but also for each one in the community to be transformed by the prophetic spirit. Moses is famous for having shared a portion of his prophetic spirit with seventy other leaders and for wishing that all in Israel were prophets.

In our own day, it is easy to identify prophets such as Oscar Romero, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Stang, Jean Donovan, Dorothy Kazel, Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, Ignacio Ellacuria and many others like them because the stories of how their lives have been cut short for their prophetic witness have come to public attention. There are also everyday prophets, and communities of unsung heroes, who do difficult and agitating work for justice, who never come into the spotlight. They are those who know that trouble is sure to come alongside any triumph of justice. The trouble can even come from within one's own community of faith, not only from outside opponents. One thinks, for example, of the first Australian saint, Mary MacKillop, founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph, canonised in 2010. While she was building communities of sisters who could teach in schools and care for orphans, everyone lauded her. But once she turned a critical eye to an abusive situation in the church itself, she found herself excommunicated.

In the gospel, we see Jesus proclaimed as a prophet, whose fame spreads far and wide. He appears as the promised "prophet like Moses," who teaches with authority, and who has power to cast out unclean spirits. While at first people respond in amazement and wonder, they will quickly turn on him as the gospel progresses, as his challenging message upsets the *status quo*. To ask for such a prophet is not only to ask for a leader who will confront unjust forces external to the faith community but also that we ourselves be confronted by the prophet's searing ability to speak truth. It is to expose ourselves to the invitation to be purified and transformed, to have any 'demons' within us tamed and cast out.

The documents of Vatican II make it clear that it is precisely through engagement with the concerns of the world that Jesus' followers exercise their discipleship. In a sense, all followers of Jesus are called to exercise a prophetic ministry like Moses and Jesus. The readings today invite us not only to pray for prophetic leaders but also to exercise our own prophetic gifts both within and without our faith communities.

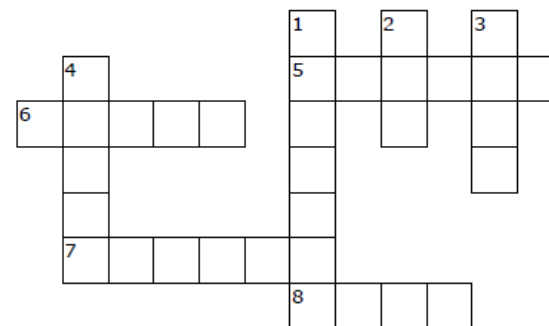
Living by the Rules



God made us the rules and he showed us how to live by the rules. Now he wants us to live by the rules so that we will enjoy life the way he intended it to be.

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



ACROSS

5. To be completely surprised or shocked by something
6. To help another person to learn how to do something; to give lessons
7. A being (such as a ghost) that has no physical body
8. Something that is considered as sacred or set apart for God

DOWN

1. The day of the week set aside in a religion for rest and worship
2. A rule or set of rules that control the actions of people
3. A report of recent events or of something previously unknown
4. The Son of God

SPIRIT
AMAZED

JESUS
LAW

SABBATH
NEWS

TEACH
HOLY