

Lourdes Pilgrimage - 12-17th September 2016

As in the previous year we will fly directly from Manchester to Tarbes (Lourdes Airport) and we will be staying in the same hotel, the '4* Hotel La Solitude'. The pilgrimage is for five nights. The cost, including meals, will be £609.00 per person sharing a double room. If you are interested please contact the office on 0151-489 3085 or enter your name on the list at the back of church.

(All intending to travel please pay a deposit of £250 before Sunday the 1st of May)



Thanks

The Family of Katie Wood would like to thank friends, neighbours and parishioners for their kind words, cards, flowers and prayers on the passing of their mum Katie. Thank you to Fr. Anton, Fr. Pat O'Brien and Joe Morgan.

St Aidan's Stations of the Cross

Will be held
every Friday
throughout
Lent at
6.30pm .

Try your best
and join us!



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Psalm: The Lord is my light and my help

Gospel Acc From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him!

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

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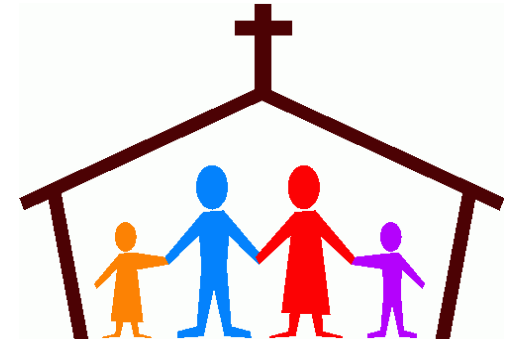
This will be on the last
Saturday of every month from
8am - 12pm (£5 per table) in
Sr Elizabeth's Meeting room at
St Agnes church, Huyton Hey
Road/St Mary's Rd.

To book a table ring
0151 489 3085



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Second Sunday of Lent

21st February 2016

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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.*



Prayer Requests

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

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Mary Organ, Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Amy Adair, Phil Ridler, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Joseph Hill, Vera Jones, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jennifer Hewitt, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Christine Lees, Susan McDougale, Pat Madden, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Marion, James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Dolly Morten, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Colette Wilson, Wyn Graham, Jennifer McLaughlin, Josie Riley, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Mary Davis, Margaret Flynn, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Jimmy Jones, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans, Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Sr. Ann, Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone, Anthony Wilson, Nathan Davies, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland, Laura Mitchell, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jackie Anders, Jennifer McKeown, Pat McGiveron, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Philip Anders, Baby Sonny, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Eva Roberts, Graham Dawson, Tony Gavin, Nikki Hamner, Tony McCarthy, Kathleen Keenan, Jane Blakemore, Grace Fernando, Patrick Georgeson, Robert Williams, Angela & Gerry Reid, Joseph Cashman

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

Anthony Murphy, Jennifer Hewitt

Anniversaries

John Alfred Moore, Bob Moore, Margaret Bowden, Nora & John Fleming, Marie Mallon, Margaret Nile, Barbara Bettle, Catherine Howarth, Ruth Parsley, Francis White.

Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 21st February

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp – Robert Williams

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp – Maureen Hamilton

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.

Reading Café

St Anne's Primary School is holding a 'Reading Café Event' on Tuesday 23rd February in the school hall between 2.00pm - 3.00pm and would like to invite parishioners to come along with their newspaper or book and have a cup of tea and a biscuit. Children will also be reading in the hall and there will be a selection of books from which they can choose. If any parishioner would like to listen to a child read, or to read to a child, then that would be lovely too.

It is intended to be a very welcoming, relaxed and informal event in which the school is opened up to the parish community so that books and reading can be enjoyed together.

If you are interested, please let Christine Ball know (07846 737 043) by Monday 22nd February. Many thanks!



Olive Wood Carves from the Holy Land

All the olive wood crosses, figures and crafts have been produced by the Christians of Palestine. They are hand carved from the trimmings of Bethlehem's olive trees.

Sale of these will support and help the Palestinian Christian Families in Bethlehem to stay at work as the olive wood carves is the most important source of income for them. Having this income may also stop Christian people from migrating from the holy land to other parts of the world.

We will visit your parishes on the weekend of 27-28 February.

Thank you on behalf of the Christians in the Holy Land for your support.

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St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Monday

Slimming World
3.30 pm, 5.30 pm & 7.30 pm

Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30 am, 11.30 am
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30 pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1 pm, Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30 pm

Sunday

Cabaret Night

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

St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

Tues

Darts Night

Saturday

Evening live entertainment in the lounge

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

All enquiries contact:
Justyna on 0151-489-3990
07757594951

Rosary

If anyone would be interested in
joining a Rosary Group primarily for
reciting the Rosary in the homes of
the bereaved on the vigil of the
funeral, please let me know.

Many Thanks
Fr. Anton

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 make contact
with Christine Ball or Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Typically those interested begin to meet on a regular basis in September and
are received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday 20th February

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Margaret Bowden, Catherine McCarthy

Sunday 21st February - Second Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Terry & Frank Burns, Carol Crowder & Pat McGiveron
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Nora & John Fleming

Monday 22nd February - Feast of the See of St Peter the Apostle

St Agnes Requiem 10.00 am - Joan Brookes

Tuesday 23rd February

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1.00pm - Anthony Murphy

Wednesday 24th February

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1.00 pm - Mary Byrne

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm -

Thursday 25th February

No Mass

Friday 26th February

St Agnes Requiem 12.00 - Eileen Gannon

St Aidan 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 27th February

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Flo Ryan

Sunday 28th February - Third Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Sr. Mary Paul, Rose Coleman
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Mr Stuart, Eric Oginsky

Confessions: Saturday at St. Agnes 5-5.20 pm & Friday after 12 Noon
Mass at St Aidan's *(Until there is nobody waiting)*

***Please contact the Parish office if you would like an anniversary added
to the Prayer List in the Newsletter. Thank you.***

Living on the Mountain Peak and in the Valley

Jesus Christ is the unique revelation for which all of God's previous revelations have been preparation.

It must have been a glorious experience for Peter, James and John. And they wanted to stay there, as we all do when we have a peak experience. "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Humanity can never build a dwelling place for God. It is, rather, God who makes humanity the dwelling place of divinity. And so, they had to descend into the valley, to live their lives, to follow Jesus and that seems necessary for real growth. As much as we would like, it doesn't seem that we grow in depth if we only have peak experiences, if we stay on the mountain top.

Consider this: things have trouble growing on mountaintops; beyond the timber line, the tree line almost nothing will grow. (Too cold and lack of moisture). Living things grow best in the valley: they can develop roots, become grounded if you will. While they may lack the excitement of mountain peaks, valleys tend to be growing places. Isn't that true spiritually also? Don't we grow more in the valley than on the mountaintop?

Of course, we would all like to go from peak experience to peak experience, but that doesn't seem to lead to real maturity, emotionally or spiritually. Of course, it is wonderful to ascend to the peak and those moments are priceless and important ...e.g. a retreat experience ... an experience in nature ... an experience in a special relationship ... a wedding ... the birth of a child. But it is in the valley that we really acquire depth, rootedness, strength and flexibility. That is where we are called to mature emotionally and spiritually, to follow Christ. Of course, we need both; we can't always live in the valley.

Of course, the mountain top experience referred to in the gospel story today is a unique peak experience, an intimate encounter with the divine, but it can happen to us also – as it did for Peter, James and John. And it only needs to happen once and it will change everything and, I believe it is offered to everyone at one time or another. We can't programme it but we can ask for it, we can expect it. We probably won't be able to talk about it, and won't need to. Our ordinary shining lives down in the valley will be the best proof of it. We need both in following Christ. Hopefully, we have a nice balance of peaks and valleys and can give thanks for both in our journey.

<http://qac-ohio.org/>

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

There will be a talk by Cardinal Charles Bo of Burma at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 22 May at 2.00 p.m. Followed by Sung Vespers at 3.00 p.m.

Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for ACN's work in Asia and an ACN Trading stall.



Romania & Suriname Projects



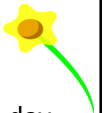
If you are a parishioner who is 16+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help on our project in Romania. There is a group that meets every first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm at the **Presbytery 92 Adswood Road**. If you are interested, please come along!

First Communions 2016 Mass Attendance

First communion children are reminded to attend Mass regularly and mark the register at the end of the Mass.

Many Thanks. Fr. Anton

Piety Stall's



Why not take a look at our piety stall for your Mother's day and Easter card's and gift's over the next few week end's?

Missing Parishioners

As parishioners we need to be aware that if we don't see anyone for a few weeks we should find out what has happened. Sometimes it is due to the fact that a bus route has changed and it's time and no longer ties in with the mass times. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you become aware of anyone who has not been seen for a while and we will make arrangements for someone to keep in touch with them if they so wish.



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.

Refugee Appeal Update (SHARE)

The SHARe (Support in Huyton for Asylum seekers and Refugees) group would like to thank all the parishioners for their generosity over the past few months and more recently for the Calais Appeal.



We especially want to thank the members of 'Windleshaw - Wednesday-Club, all the members of the 'Windleshaw St. Vincent de Paul' and very specially Mrs. Elizabeth Swift for their generous cash donations (*petrol for the Calais-Van*) and all the food, clothing and other items they donated recently. The total raised in our two parishes (Agnes-Aidan) so far, now stands at £3,213.38. We have spent £480 on 30 high quality sleeping bags which have already been sent directly to the charities in Calais and will now be keeping 30 people a bit warmer at night.

Thanks to the kindness of Karen Bennett and her husband we now have a van for the Calais trip. We will be leaving on Friday 26th February, taking the aid directly to the Care4Calais warehouse and then onto the camps on Saturday. To this end we would ask that we receive all donations by Sunday 21st February so that we have time to sort and pack them. Just to remind you, we are appealing for donations of tinned and non-perishable food, winter clothing for men, sleeping bags, wind up torches and lanterns. A list of appropriate food and clothing items is provided. Given that we now have a great amount of certain tinned food, we need more of the food items listed below, especially long life milk, coffee and spices (not in glass jars):

1L oil - 1kg rice - 1kg sugar - tinned meat (No pork or ham products) packets of biscuits - tea and coffee - 750g salt - tinned fruit - vegetable stock cubes, spices such as chilli, cumin, turmeric and cinnamon, cardamom (for tea), salt & pepper sachets, chilli flakes sachets - Long Life full fat milk. If possible ring pull tops and make sure everything is IN date! No pasta please.

Clothing: Men's walking boots (size 38 - 45), Men's jeans or jogging bottoms (28 - 34 waist), Fleece, warm socks, vests and underpants, Hats, gloves and scarves.

This week we will be sorting on Monday from 11am , Wednesday from 9am and if needed on Thursday at 11am in the Lady Chapel. If you think you can help please call Margaret Roche on: 07842185100

Going Forward

This Lent, let us reflect on the road we take to deepen our experience with God. Let us allow ourselves time to ask for an intimate encounter with the divine.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE HAS NEVER BEEN SO EASY

The Old Schoolhouse (St Johns Road) continues to make an impact locally by working with, and supporting, many small community groups - from ju jitsu training to self help groups for people coping with a stroke, mental illness or simply trying to keep fit. While it raises income for running costs from the hire of rooms and long term tenants, there is never quite enough.

We are asking your support in a very easy fund raising initiative. It's called 'Give As You Live' - the funny thing is—you don't have to give any money. Neither do you have to give up any of your time. You do need to make a slight adjustment to your online shopping, though.

There are leaflets in the porches which explain a bit more, or you can go to www.giveasyoulive.com for more information. If you're already sold on the idea then take a trip to www.give.as/charity/theoldschoolhouse.

Thank you for your help.

Dates for your Diary 2016



Wednesday 16th March	Reconciliation Service for all the First Holy Communion children, St Agnes Church
Monday 21st March	Reconciliation Service (Adults) St. Aidan 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd March	Chrism Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral
Friday 29th April	WCMAD fundraiser, St Aidan's Club
Sunday 8th May 11am	Fr Richard's 40th Ordination Anniversary Mass
Sunday 12th June	Joe Morgan Diaconate Ordination Metropolitan Cathedral
Sunday 10th July	Joint Parish BBQ, St Aidan's
Mon 12th - Sat 17th Sept	Lourdes Pilgrimage
Friday 14th October	WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

Parish trip to Rome (2017) 17th April. (details to be confirmed)

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

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L36 7XR

Office Hours:

Monday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 4pm

All Enquiries to

Tel/Fax : 0151 489 3085

St Agnes Church

82 Huyton Hey Road

L36 5SQ

For Mass Cards etc

(Church no. 0151 449 2209)

Also available from St Aidan's
Church

0151 489-3085

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

New Email Address:

agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

For your information

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

New Parish Web Site

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara - 0151 481 0968

Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302

Sr. Louise - 0151 489-1302

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St. Joseph

0151 489 4072

St. Anne's

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Deacon: *Mike Whelan*

St Aidan Parish Club

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'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'.

Parish Collections

Sunday 14th February 2016

St Agnes - £607.56

St Aidan - £437.18

January Standing Orders

St Agnes £986.00

St Aidan £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2

Combined Refugee Collection to date

£3,213.38

***Thank you for your
generous support***

St Aidan's Little Church

Sunday 21st February

Kath H

Sunday 28th February

Caroline

St Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 21st February

Lesley, Jean & Paula

Sunday 28th February

Alison, Jo & Joanne

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.



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 11am

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,
you must contact the Parish Office on
489 3085 and you will be booked into a
preparation meeting.



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

**Niamh Louise Love
James Terence Love
& Joshua David Love**

*Who will be baptised at St Aidan
On Sunday 21st February*

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