

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Tuesday: Slimming World
9.30am, 11.30am & 5.30pm
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm
Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm
Zumba 6.30-7.30pm (£3)

December Events

Saturday 15th December 2012

4 course Christmas Meal

Cabaret & Disco

(£20 per person)

Boxing Night

Cabaret 'Scott Jones'

£3 per ticket

(£4 visitors)

New Years Eve

'The Commotions'

Cabaret and Disco

Tickets only £6 per person

(£8 visitors)



St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

Mon/Tues—Darts Night

Tuesday

Bingo 7.30pm

Wednesday

Quiz night from 9.30pm

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.

December Events

Children's Christmas Party
(ages 1-7)

Saturday 15th December
between 2-5pm £1 per ticket

Lots of fun and
surprises



All enquiries contact:
Justyna on 0151-489-3990
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The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 2nd December 2012
1st Sunday of Advent

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, Sue Johnson, Margaret Maguire, Bill Hall,
 John Hunter, Paul Roberts, John Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols,
 Daisy May, Claire Bruder, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell,
 Kathleen Ross, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall,
 Gerard Taylor, May Cooper, Marie Keights, Ann Paterson, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills,
 Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey,
 Margie, Michael Williams, June Hunt, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Brenda Cubells,
 Rose Saunders, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton, Anne Nolan, Lawrence McClintock,
 Nicky Allen, Bill Jones, Christopher Massam, Jim Phillips, Joe Muraski, Marion Fallon,
 Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer,
 Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Jean Brailsford,
 Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Jim Rose, Tony Clintworth, Baby Aidan James Morris,
 Lynn McNabb, Claire Waldron, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes,
 Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter,
 Peggy Skidmore, Nel Jordan, Baby Eddie Anthony Doran, Emma Davies,
 Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Maria Edge, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson,
 Averyll Fairfield, Hilda Logan, Mary Organ, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine
 Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Pauline Clegg, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougalle, Mary Scaife, Pat
 Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, John Birchall, Ron Crowney, Carl Atkinson,
 Phil Ridler, David Critchley, Anne Marie Norris, Mary Robinson,
 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

William Munro,

Anniversaries

Irene Kilburn, Martin Conway, Richard Markey John Hall, Tom Sweeney,
 Christopher Byrne,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 2nd December 2012

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp – Parishioners of St Agnes

St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp— Parishioners of St Aidan

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.



Krakow Trip

After the success of the trip to Krakow earlier this year, we have decided to organise another trip from 2nd– 5th April. To get good prices (currently approx £140 return from Liverpool with Ryanair) we are booking the flights this Wednesday. If you have your name on the list or would like to join us, please give a copy of the photo page of your passport in to the office asap. We cannot order to book your flight without this.

Nugent Care

Donations of good quality clothes can be left at the back of either church after Mass or handed in to the office. They are also **collecting any type of currency** (coins or notes) including old English and Euros. The money is then sorted, bagged and sent to a coin exchange. So if you have any left over holiday money—please dig it out, however little!



Christmas Mass Times

Wednesday 19th Dec

Reconciliation Service

St. Agnes - 7:30pm

Monday 24th Dec

Christmas Vigil Mass
 Followed by mulled wine
 & mince pies

St. Aidan – 5:30pm

Christmas Vigil Mass

St. Agnes' – 8:30pm

Tuesday 25th Dec

Christmas Family Mass

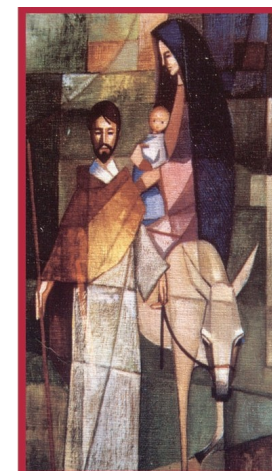
St. Aidan – 9:30am

St. Agnes – 11:00am

Wednesday 26th Dec

Boxing Day Mass

St. Aidan – 12 noon





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"



Missionaries Of Charity

The sisters at Seel Street will be providing gifts for homeless men and the poor in Liverpool at Christmas. They would appreciate donations of gifts for men, e.g. socks and underwear would be accepted. Please leave at the back of Church, or hand them into the office. They thank you all for your ongoing generosity.

Joint Parish meeting

There will be a meeting on Sunday 2nd December in St. Aidan's church at 3:30pm. This is to discuss the Pastoral Area (Deanery) plan. The plan and its recommendations are due to be submitted to the Archbishop and it is important that parishioners are fully aware of what it contains and have a chance to give feedback. Please read the Plan before coming! Copies are at the back of church.



Mission Boxes

St Agnes' Mission boxes are due to be emptied this month. Many thanks for all your help.



*Who will be baptised on
Sunday 2nd December 2012
at St. Agnes Church.*

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

Abbie Rose Watkin
Adam Watkin
Harry Flynn Richardson &
Gabriel Jason McDougall-Robinson

Mass Intentions

Saturday 1st December

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm—Harry Berks

Sunday 2nd December 1st Sunday of Advent

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am— Robert Kelly

St Agnes Mass 11am— Richard Markey

Monday 3rd December

St Agnes 9.30am Celebration of the Word & Communion

Tuesday 4th December

St Aidan- **No Mass**

Wednesday 5th December

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm— Rose McCormick

Thursday 6th December

St Agnes Mass **12 Noon**—Evila de Silva

Friday 7th December

St Agnes Mass 9.30am — Graham & Kevin Hesketh

St Aidan Mass 12noon—Maurice McGurk

Saturday 8th December –Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm—John Hall

Sunday 9th December 2nd Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am— Vincent Belton

St Agnes Mass 11am— Georgina Dunn & Lucy Starbuck

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 MARCH 2013
for St. Agnes & February 2013 for St. Aidan. Thank you**

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office:

St Aidan's
92 Adswood Road
L36 7XR

Office Hours: Monday 9am-4pm

Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am—12.30pm

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:
agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk

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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Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

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

0151 477 8260

Parish Clergy

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

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drowsy during the long wait. Like lovers whose passion fades and whose loves are lulled into routine, the people's ardour may dim and they may be found unprepared for the coming crisis. Luke advises not letting our hearts go after things that satisfy only for a time, and not becoming weighed down with anxiety. Be always watchful, he says, so as not to be taken by surprise. Pray for strength, and be ready for the embrace of the One who is Love Incarnate.

Paul tells the Thessalonians to strengthen their hearts. He prays, "May the Lord make you increase and abounding love for one another and for all," reminding us that it is God who initiates and sustains is in love, and that it is a love meant to be shared with all. Daily prayer and practices of loving outreach prepare us well for the crisis times, when disaster strikes, when jobs are lost, when illness or death turns our world awry, when violence rips at the fabric of our world. With hearts already strengthened by God's love, we are able to withstand any assault.

The expectation of the birth of a child can often reignite the ardour of a flagging love relationship. So too in Advent, if our hearts are weary or drowsy, our preparation for the celebration of the Christ, who has already been born as one of us, can spark our love once again, not only toward the One who came as a child in our midst, but also to all God's beloved children.

Praying with Scripture

- How are you keeping your heart from becoming drowsy this Advent?
- How has God strengthened your heart in times of crisis?
- How have you experienced the God who fulfils promises?

- Barbara E. Reid

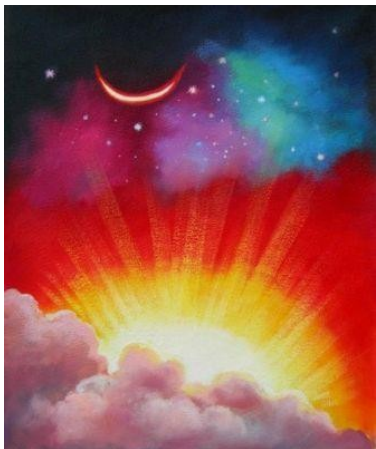


RCIA

This year's RCIA course is due to start shortly. If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, please give your name and contact number to the office.

Piety Stalls

The Piety Stalls at St. Agnes' and St. Aidan's now have Christmas stock—cards, calendars etc. It is difficult to get Christmas cards with a religious message in the shops so why not have a look after Mass this weekend!



Promises Fulfilled

How do people who fall in love sustain their hopeful expectation of one another throughout their lives? Some relationships begin to crumble after the infatuation wears off, the delight in mutual commitment fades, and routine life settles in. Some relationships don't make it through a lifetime. Others weather the passage of time with moments of renewed celebration of promises made and kept, and of crisis faced together, strengthening the lifelong bond. Such

experiences reveal something of how God interacts with us.

As Advent begins, people in the Northern Hemisphere may be inclined to snuggle into the shortened dark days of approaching winter to calmly contemplate the coming of Christ. But the readings put us in a crisis-mode that is anything but restful. Jeremiah addresses the exiles who are undergoing great distress. He had earlier prophesied that the Davidic dynasty would be resorted soon after the fall of Jerusalem. Instead, the weary exiles have experienced disaster after disaster, and they are grasping for some sign of hope. "The days are coming" it is an expression that in the Bible ordinarily introduces a pronouncement of judgement, instilling fear in the hearers. Instead, Jeremiah uses the phrase to startle the careworn exiles with an assurance that God will fulfil the promises made to Israel and Judah.

As partners whose relationship has hit the rocks may be able to recapture the initial fervour of their love when reminded of the joy and delight with which their promises of commitment were made, so God's beloved are wooed away from their woes to focus on the sure promise of redemption at hand. There is a wordplay: Israel's last king was Zedekiah, whose name derives from the Hebrew word for "justice." While the people look for a new "just shoot" from David's branch, Jeremiah proclaims that it is God's own self who is "our justice."

While Jeremiah's hearers were waiting for fulfilment of God's promises in an existing crisis, Luke and Paul's hearers were waiting for an apocalyptic end of time that seems long in coming. Luke's warning is not to let one's heart grow

Parish Collections Sunday 25th November 2012

St. Agnes £785.29

St. Aidan £361.91

Standing Orders: Oct 2012

St. Agnes £954.00

St Aidan £256.00

St. Agnes' team to count:

This week team 2

St Aidan's Primary School Open Morning

Is your child ready to start school in September 2013? If so, please come along to our Open Morning on **December 5th 9.30-12 noon** to look around our school and find out what we can provide.

St Aidan's is an excellent school and we believe St Aidan's will provide your child with memories and experiences that will make them lifelong learners.

We are looking forward to meeting you all.

Sacramental Preparation

Thanks to all the children and parents who attended the second Sacramental Preparation session at St Aidan's this week. **If you missed the 2nd session please contact the office to arrange to collect the materials in advance of the next meeting.**



The 3rd preparation sessions will be as follows:

Tues 4th Dec St Agnes' Parish Club
6pm-7pm

Wed 5th Dec St Aidan's Parish Club
6pm-7pm



St Agnes' Little Church

Due to lack of space we can no longer accommodate as many children as we were able to, therefore in order to be able relay the message of the gospel correctly we will need to limit the age range to children between reception and year 6. If your child is below or above this age range, please keep them in church with you.

We are also looking for children who would like to be readers during youth Mass once a month. Please speak to one of the Little Church helpers if your child would like to read.



St. Agnes' Little Church

Christmas practices during December

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



Romania & Albania Projects



If you are a parishioner who is 18+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help on our projects in Romania or Albania. There is a group that meets every first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at **92 Adswood Road** (after 5.30 Mass). If you are interested, please come along!

Advent Retreat Day

Sunday 9th December 10am-4pm



There are a couple of places left on the retreat day. If you would like to set aside some time to prepare spiritually for Christmas, you are welcome to join us at Loyola Hall, Rainhill. The day will be led by Fr. Richard Sloan, Sr. MaryRose & Claire. Loyola ask for a donation of £5 per person. Please bring a packed lunch. To reserve a place please ring Sr. MaryRose or Claire on 482 6895 or 07899 937 948. We look forward to being with you there.



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.

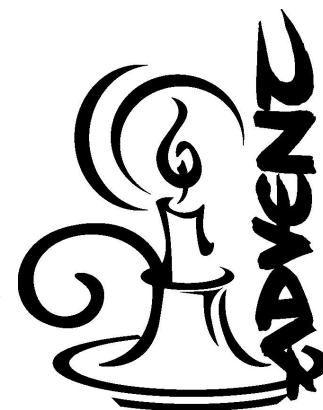


Table Top Sale

Over the winter months, the car boot sale will become a table top sale in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly meeting room at St. Agnes' (entrance on St Mary's Road). This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am-12pm (£5 per table). You must ring the office to book a place. Please feel free to come and look around for a bargain!

Waiting and Watching

Christmas is not only a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is also a time to remember that Jesus promised that he would come again. As we look forward to Christmas day, we also look forward to the day when Jesus will come again. Today we light the candle of hope on our advent wreath. Just as the people of Israel found hope in the promises of God, we find hope in Jesus' promise that he will come again.



Word Search Puzzle

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