

Please Note - Re: Fundraisers

This is to clarify the position regarding fund-raising for charity in our two parishes: Whilst we appreciate there are many worthy causes in need of assistance, we **MUST** restrict our own parish collections and fund-raising events to the WCMAD (We Can Make A Difference) projects, Mary's Meals and Lyndale Centre only. If any individual or group wishes to aid any other charity or cause, they should do this privately and not on church premises or via the Tea Clubs.

Thank you, Fr. Anton



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!

Children's Liturgy

There will be "An Afternoon Preparing to Celebrate Lent" held at LACE on Sunday 9th February 2014 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Refreshments will be served at 3.30 pm.

If any one who participates in Little Church wishes to attend could you please contact the office to enable your place to be booked.



Yoga

Yoga classes continue in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St. Agnes' on Wednesdays at 6.15 pm from 8th January.



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.

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Baptism of the Lord Sunday 12th January 2014 Year A

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, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May,
Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, Bill Jones
Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, May Cooper,
Marie Keights, Ian Gordon, Marie Mills, Dorothy Kelly, Bernard Foley, Anne Maguire,
Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, June Hunt, Michael Williams,
Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Rose Saunders, John Pollard, , Dean Easton, Anne
Nolan, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Joe Muraski,
Christopher Massam, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann. Vera Cummins,
Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy,
Thomas Clegg, Jim Rose, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Nel Jorden, Lynn McNabb,
Aidan James Morris, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maria Edge,
Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter,
Peggy Skidmore, Eddie Anthony Doran, Angela Hilda Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Mary
Fullerton, Mary Organ, Rose Rawlinson, Averyll Fairfield, Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan
Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Pauline Clegg, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougalle,
Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, Ursula Mary
Erfani, Jenny Pye, Clare Pendleton, Marie Higgins, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Dolly Morten,
Jennifer McLaughlin, Mary Lyons, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones,
Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly,
Brenda Cubells, Jim Poland, James Taylor, Janet & Ray Cragg, Josie Tinsley
Kenny & Maisie Pritchard, Marion, , Rose Sankey, Kay McNeill ,
Geladine, Roisin & Pdraig McRory

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

Paul Pickup, Patrick Tolmaer, William Jones, Anthony McIntyre, Debbie Hayes,
Alice Cummins, John Riley, Patsy McRory

Anniversaries

Bernadette Kinsella, James & Sarah Watts, Les Girvan, Kathleen & James Sexton,
Andrew McDonald, Chrissy Cliffe, Michael Gavin, Steve Sheridan, Kefe Akpogeneta,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 12th January 2014

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St. Agnes

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Tommy 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.



St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Monday

Slimming World

5.30pm & 7.30pm

Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30am, 11.30am

(Michelle 07940181515)

Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm, Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm

Sunday

Cabaret Night

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

All enquiries contact:
Jaqui on 0151-489-9024

St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

Mon/Tues

Darts Night

Tuesday

Ukele Group 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.**

All enquiries contact:

**Justyna on 0151-489-3990
07757594951**

Shaun Mudge

Norma Mudge and family would like to
thank all parishioners and friends for
their kind words, prayers and cards.

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.



Pastoral Meeting

The next joint Pastoral Meeting will be
in February 2014.

Date to be finalised.

St Agnes' Little Church

Next week

19th January- Janice & Carol



GRASPED BY GOD'S HAND

A frequently used technique in action film is a scene where a person is in danger, slipping off a cliff or a building or some other perilous perch. Someone grasps the person by the hand and desperately tries to pull him or her to safety. This is one of the images Isaiah gives us: God grasps the chosen servant by the hand and hangs on for dear life.



Set in the context of the return of the exiles from Babylon, the divine promise is to pull Israel back out of confinement and darkness into light and justice through the agency of a chosen servant. Scholars have long debated the identity of this servant, who features in three more oracles in the book of Isaiah. Some think the servant is to be understood as Israel collectively, others the prophet himself or another person who lived during the time of the prophet. Christians see Jesus as the fulfilment of this prophecy.

Matthew describes Jesus' baptism in similar terms. Like the Servant in Isaiah, Jesus experiences the Spirit of God gently settling upon him. The image of a dove evokes peacefulness and possibilities for a new beginning. Just as in Genesis 8, where a dove brings Noah the signs of hope for new life, so Jesus' mission opens a new hope-filled chapter in the history of God's saving action. Jesus experiences a profound opening to God's love and pleasure in him, which enables him to lead others to know God's delight and love in them. This rapturous moment of joy is like having the heavens ripped open as the divine love pierces through any barriers to the human heart. The powerful arm of the Holy One reaches out to grasp all of humanity by the hand, both to save from danger and to walk hand in hand like lovers forever.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

How have you experienced God grasping you by the hand? Talk with God about that.

When have you helped another to know how beloved he or she is?

How are you and your faith community working to establish justice on the earth?

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen & James Sexton

Sunday 12th January The Baptism of The Lord

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - William & Catherine Burns

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Les Girvan, James & Sarah Watts

Monday 13th January

St. Agnes 9.30am – Celebration of the Word & Communion

St Aidan Requiem 12 Noon- William Jones

Tuesday 14th January

St Aidan Holy Hour 11.00 am to Noon

Wednesday 15th January

St. Aidan Requiem 12 Noon- Paul Pickup

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Andrew McDonald, Michael Gavin

Thursday 16th January

No Mass

Friday 17th January

St Aidan Mass 12 Noon - Billy Munroe

St. Aidan's Funeral Service 1.30pm– John Brian Riley

Saturday 18th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Evelyn Brown, Tommy McClusky

Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

(Day of Prayer for Peace)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Shaun Mudge

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Kefe Akpogeneta, Steve Sheridan

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.

Holy Hour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 11am -12 noon in St. Aidan's church.

Please join us this Tuesday.

Thursday Club

We are looking for volunteers for the Thursday Club at 7.30pm. This is a social gathering of people with special needs held at St Aidan's church. If you are interested for more details please contact the parish office on: 489 3085

Parish Collections

Christmas Day Revised figure

St Agnes - £1,394.23

St Aidan - £839.16

Sunday 29 December

St Agnes - £749.64

St Aidan - £382.59

Sunday 5th January

St Agnes £791.89

St Aidan £377.75

December Standing Orders

St.Agnes-£892.50

St. Aidan-£208.00

St. Agnes' team to count: 4

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

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.

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 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.

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

Main Parish Office:

St Aidan's

92 Adswood Road

L36 7XR

Office Hours:

Monday 9am - 12.30pm

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

(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



SISTERS:

Helpers of the Holy Souls

Sr. Elizabeth - 0151 480 7904

Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara - 228 2239

Sr. Gabriel - 489 1302

Sr. Sarah - 489-1302

Primary Schools

St. Aidan

0151 477 8370

St. Joseph

0151 489 4072

St. Anne's

0151 477 8260

Parish Clergy

Parish Priest

Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

0151 489 3085

Deacon: *Mike Whelan*

St Aidan Parish Club

0151 489 9024

St Agnes Parish Club

0151 489 3990

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