#### 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.

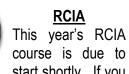
If any one who participates in Little Church wishes to attend could you please contact the office to enable your place to be booked.



## Yoqa

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





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





## **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, Rvan 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 McLaughin, 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 & Padraig 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.

<u>St. Aidan's Parish Centre</u> Memberships available <u>Monday</u> Slimming World 5.30pm & 7.30pm <u>Tuesday</u>: Slimming World 9.30am,11.30am (Michelle 07940181515) Country Night 7.30pm <u>Wednesday</u> Bingo at 1pm ,Quiz Night <u>Thursday</u> Bingo 7.30pm <u>Sunday</u> 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 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 Sundav Country & Western night.

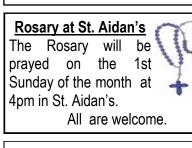
The Concert /Function room is available for hire on Friday & Saturday evenings, weekday afternoons & Sunday afternoons. All enquiries contact: Justyna on 0151-489-3990 07757594951

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

#### **Pastoral Meeting**

The next joint Pastoral Meeting will be in February 2014.

Date to be finalised.



<u>St Agnes' Little Church</u> <u>Next week</u> 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 <u>Tuesday 14th January</u> St Aidan Holy Hour 11.00 am to Noon <u>Wednesday 15th January</u> St. Aidan Requiem 12 Noon- Paul Pickup St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Andrew McDonald, Michael Gavin <u>Thursday 16th January</u> No Mass <u>Friday 17th January</u> St Aidan Mass 12 Noon -Billy Munroe St.Aidans 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 <u>Confessions</u>

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 Dav 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, vou 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	PARISH CONTACTS
<u>Main Parish Office:</u> <u>St Aidan's</u> <u>92 Adswood Road</u> <u>L36 7XR</u>	SISTERS: <u>Helpers of the Holy Souls</u> Sr. Elizabeth - 0151 480 7904
Office Hours:	Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895
Monday 9am - 12.30pm Tuesday 9.30am - 12.30pm Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm Thursday 10am - 4pm Friday 9am - 4pm <u>All Enquiries to</u> Tel/Fax : 0151 489 3085 <u>St Agnes Church 82 Huyton Hey Road L36 5SQ</u> For Mass Cards etc (Church no. 0151 449 2209) Also available from St Aidan's Church 489-3085	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 93085
Newsletter items by Thursday morning to Main Parish Office <u>New Email Address:</u> agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk <u>For your information</u> Parish Newsletters are posted on Parish Website every week.	<u>Deacon:</u> Mike Whelan St Aidan Parish Club 0151 489 9024 St Agnes Parish Club 0151 489 3990 <u>Pastoral Assistant</u> Claire Ball 07899 937 948 E-mail: clairem_ball@yahoo.co.uk
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