

### **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**

### **St Agnes' Parish Centre**

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**  
**07757594951**



### **Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes by Air**

Those who intend travelling to Lourdes in September (including All those who attended meeting on 27th March) may be interested to learn that there have been some new developments regarding the arrangements so it is important that you please attend the next meeting on Monday 2nd April at 7pm at St. Aidan's church. The duration of this trip will be 5 days (21st– 25th September inclusive). Many Thanks.



## **The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan**

NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 1st April 2012**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of  
the Lord**



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### **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, Phil Murray, Craig Wilson,  
Pauline Campbell, Kathleen Ross, Bill Browne, Christine Bell, 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, Mrs. Symonds, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie,  
Shirley Wozencroft, Michael Williams, June Hunt, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason,  
Brenda Cubells, Rose Saunders, John Pollard, Lily O'Neill, Dean Easton,  
Lawrence McClintock, Albert Wilson, Nicky Allen, 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,  
Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Baby Aidan James Morris, Lynn McNabb,  
Claire Waldron, Jim Rose, Kay Vaughan, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes,  
Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Ann Jones, Mary Organ,  
Josie Campbell, Jack & Winnie Witter, Harold Mascord, Fr. Jim Webb, Nel Jordan.  
Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Emma Davies, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons,  
Maria Edge, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson,

*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

Terry Fielding, Daniel Ingle

#### Anniversaries

Denis Welch, Terry Burns, Jimmy & Ella Watts, Maureen Johnston, Richard Rennison,  
Edna Boylan, Ronald Fleming

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 1st April

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp— Nina Wachalowski**

**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*



The whole purpose of this exposition in Hebrews is to exhort the hearers to imitate Jesus' attitude toward God. AS this Christian community experiences suffering, its members are directed to do as Jesus did. First, they should pour out their hearts to God, as Jesus did in the Gethsemane. Similarly, the psalms of lament, like today's responsorial psalm, supply a pattern. No human being, including Jesus, wants to suffer and die, and God hears such pleas. At the same time, Jesus approaches God with "reverence", that is, awe before the power of God. He knows that God hears him, and at the same time, he hears God, and knows the cost of being obedient to the divine mission of extending salvific love to us all. This is what the author of Hebrews wants us to emulate: obedience as faithfulness to God's desire for life to the full for all, and willingness to embrace the suffering this mission entails. We can learn this kind of obedience by imitating ("obeying") Jesus.

This paradox is expressed with another image in today's gospel: that of a grain of wheat that is planted and dies, so as to produce much fruit. Death, in this metaphor, is not the end of life but a transformation by which one is "made perfect," that is, reaches the full flowering of God's design. God is not intent on teaching us obedience by imposing suffering but leads us to follow Jesus, trusting that God accompanies us and strengthens us through experiences of suffering and death, which bring the full flourishing of life.

### **Praying with Scripture**

- In what ways has something you have suffered brought love to greater fullness in you?
- How does it affect our treatment of one another if we understand obedience as faithfulness to the demands of a love relationship?
- What does Jeremiah's image of the demands of love being written on the heart say to you?



### **Made Perfect**

There is a very troublesome assertion in today's second reading: "Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered." This verse conjures up an image of God as a disgruntled parent, who inflicts punishment on a disobedient child to teach the wayward one a lesson. Such an explanation for Jesus' passion is highly problematic, both theologically and pastorally. What was it that Jesus needed to learn? What needed to be "made perfect" in him? Does Jesus then treat us this way, who are called to "obey him?"

The notion of obedience being learned through the imposition of suffering can be misused by persons in authority as justification for abusive behaviour toward those who depend on them. In homes where there is domestic abuse, husbands beat their wives to teach them obedience and submission. Some parents use physical punishment to teach their children to respect their authority; there is an ugly history of slave owners doing the same. Surely this is not how we should understand today's readings.

It is important to understand the context of this passage from Hebrews, both within the whole of the document and in the broader biblical and liturgical context. Today's second reading is part of an elaborate exposition on Jesus' high priesthood. The author knows that the earthly Jesus was not a priest; he speaks metaphorically, arguing that Jesus' suffering and death have the saving effects that the temple sacrifices had, which were offered by the high priest. The author asserts that Jesus' sacrifice put an end to all need for further sacrifices. In the section we hear in today's reading, the emphasis is that in Jesus we have a "high priest" that is able to sympathize with us in every way.

Jesus is not moved from humanity in some inaccessible sacred sphere; he experienced everything that we do, except sin. The author of Hebrews is saying that the earthly Jesus, like all human beings, grew in consciousness of what his mission was and learned through his experience the full meaning of what it is to be obedient to God. The verb *teleiōthesis*, 'made perfect', does not refer to moral perfection but has at its root a sense of "completeness," "wholeness." Thus, it is Jesus' process of coming to full understanding of his mission and its cost to him that the author speaks of Jesus becoming "perfected."

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 31st March**

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm— Maureen Johnson

#### **Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Followed by Lenten Lunch

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am— Angie Toole

St. Agnes Mass 11am— Jimmy & Ella Watts

#### **Monday 2nd April**

St Agnes 9.30am—Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Tuesday 3rd April**

St Agnes—Mass of Reconciliation—7.30pm

#### **Wednesday 4th April**

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm— Walter Savage

#### **Holy Thursday 5th April—Mass of the Lord's Supper**

**St Agnes Funeral Service—10.00am—Daniel Ingle**

St. Aidan Mass—7.30pm—Fr Mark Brummell

#### **Good Friday 6th April**

St Aidan—10.00am Stations of the Cross followed by ecumenical Walk of Witness

St Agnes—3.00pm—Celebration of the Lord's Passion

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#### **Holy Saturday 7th April**

St. Agnes 9.00pm— Easter Vigil Mass— Rose & Edith Turner

#### **Easter Sunday 8th April—Mass of the Resurrection**

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am— Evelyn McCarten

St. Agnes Mass 11am— Bella Kearns

#### **Confessions**

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

#### **Please Note**

***All Mass Intentions have been filled until May 2012 for both Parishes. 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

**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:**  
[agnesaidan@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto: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*

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*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*

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### **Parish Clergy**

#### **Parish Priest**

*Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*

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***Deacon-Mike Whelan***

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'Parishes of St Agnes and St  
Aidan'.

## Thanks to our Posties !

Many thanks to those of  
you who took Easter  
cards to deliver. If you  
have any cards left over,  
please return them to  
church, or to the office, so they can  
be reallocated.



## 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!



**facebook**

There is a Facebook  
group for our parishes at: 'Parishes of  
St Agnes and St Aidan'. Please 'like'  
the group to access information and  
photos from the parishes.

If you do not want your child to appear in  
any of these photos, please contact the  
office.

## Confirmations

If you, or someone in your family is in year  
8 or 9 and would like to be confirmed,  
please collect a 'Request for Confirmation'  
form from the back of church. This should  
be completed and returned to the office as  
soon as possible. Bishop Malone will be  
celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation  
on 28th June in St. Agnes'. Arrangements  
for younger children will be made in 2013.



## Suggestion Boxes



There are suggestion boxes at the back of  
St. Agnes' church (by the statue of St.  
Agnes) and in the foyer of St. Aidan's  
church. If you have any suggestions,  
comments or feedback, please feel free to  
put them in the box.

**ASDA**

**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.



### St. Agnes' Nursery...

...at St. Anne's Catholic Primary School

Was your child born between 01/09/08 and 31/08/09? Would you like high quality nursery education for her/ him?

Places are now being allocated for September 2012.

Application forms are available at the back of both Church, the Parish Office (92 Adswood Road) The Old School House (St Johns Road) and St. Anne's School, (Marina Crescent).



Welcome To the Parish  
family of  
St Aidan & St Agnes

**Charles Terence Aubrey Jones**  
**Luis Busher**  
**Emily Jessica Busher &**  
**Astrid Melody Grace McKeown**

*Who will be baptised on*  
*Saturday 1st April 2012 at*  
*St. Agnes Church*

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

### St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 1st April  
**Palm Sunday**  
(no little church)

Sunday 8th April  
Easter Sunday  
No Little Church



### Catholic People's Weeks

Some of our events are for people of all ages – families with children, as well as people (of any age) without children. Others are for those aged 18 and over. Whichever you choose, you'll find food for thought, fun and friends.

In 2012, there are eleven events, varying between 2 and 7 days, on a range of themes. All our events – whether weekend, long weekend or week-long – offer the revitalising mixture of engaging talks and activities, prayer and socialising, in a community setting, that makes CPW so much valued by its members.

Visit: [www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk](http://www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk)

### Parish Collections

#### Sunday 25th March 2012

St. Agnes £ 821.01

St. Aidan £ 380.83

Standing Orders: February 2012

St. Agnes £922.00

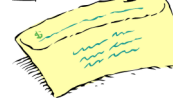
St Aidan £238.00

#### **St. Agnes' team to count:**

This week team 3

Thank you for your generous support.

### **Offering Envelopes**



Offertory Envelope  
Boxes

Please start using the new Offertory Envelopes from the Easter Weekend 7th/8th April. If you have not collected your box of envelopes please help us by collecting yours today from the back of Church.  
Thank you

### 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 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.

### **Congratulations To**

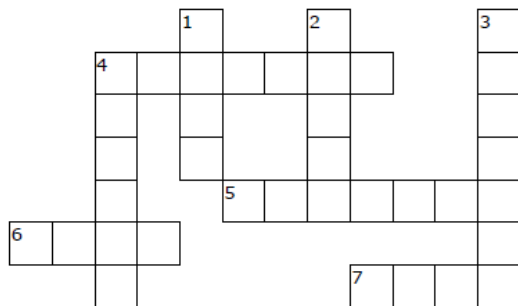
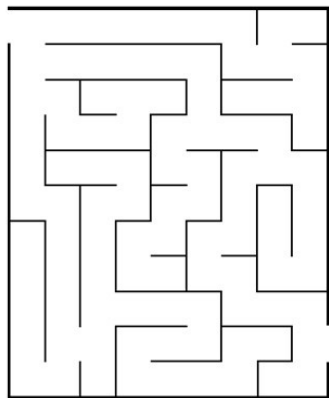
**Joe and Cathy Hart who  
celebrated their Golden Wedding  
Anniversary this week**

**50 YEARS**





## Palm Sunday



### ACROSS

4. Said something in a loud voice; called out; yelled
5. A word used for praise and adoration which means "save us"
6. A pathway for vehicles, persons, and animals; a street or highway

7. What a person is called

### DOWN

1. A young animal of the horse family; especially one under one year
2. The Son of God
3. A small town
4. To stretch out over a large area

JESUS  
VILLAGE

COLT  
ROAD

HOSANNA  
NAME

SHOUTED  
SPREAD

## Missing Parishioners...

If you have noticed somebody missing from Mass for a period of time, please let the office know. Sr. Margaret has designed a card to send out to people, telling them that they are missed and inviting them back. People stop coming to church for all sorts of reasons and it is nice for them to know that the community is thinking of them and praying for them.

## 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"*



This year's CAFOD Lenten appeal is "Thirsting for Change". Every 20 seconds, a child dies because of dirty water or unsafe sanitation. Women and girls in the poorest countries spend up to eight hours each day walking to collect water. They are robbed of a chance to earn a living, go to school, or simply spend time together as a family.

As well as raising money (which the government are matching pound for pound), CAFOD are asking us to e-mail David Cameron, calling on him to lead the world in demanding clean running water for all as he prepares to attend the G8 summit. There is a suggested e-mail at [www.cafod.org.uk/thirst](http://www.cafod.org.uk/thirst). Our faith calls us to act – and this is a very simple, straight forward way to play our part.