

### Parish Collections

St Agnes - £730.35  
St. Aidan - £325.48

### February Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £983.00  
St. Aidan - £110.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2

*Thank you for your  
generous support*

**The retiring Collection  
(during Lent) after Mass is  
Lenten Alms**

### NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new offertory envelopes boxes are now available for collection at the back of the church. They are sorted into alphabetical order of surnames. Please help us by collecting your box today. The envelopes can be used in either Church.  
*Thank you for your support.*

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**Psalm:** O that day you would listen to his voice:  
'Harden not your hearts.'

**Gospel Acc:** Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.

**Gospel:** John 4: 5-42

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### 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 (Deacon)  
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 & 2pm  
4th Sunday at 12.30pm (Deacon)

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.

#### **John Mulcahey**

would like to thank parishioners and friends for their prayers, kind words and cards sent to him over the last few weeks during his recent spell of ill health. Thank you to all.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017**



#### **Wednesday 29th March**

Reconciliation Service for all the First Holy Communion children, St Agnes Church 7.30pm

#### **Friday 7th April**

WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

#### **Wednesday 12th April**

Chrism Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral

#### **Sunday 16th July**

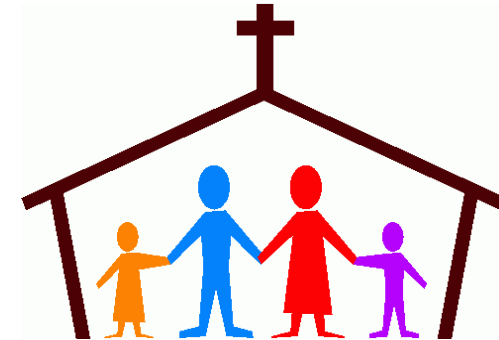
Parish BBQ, St Agnes

#### **Friday 13th October**

WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

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

## **NEWSLETTER**



**19th March 2017**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

Liverpool Roman Catholic Archdiocesan Trustees Inc.  
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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***

Vera Cummins, Philip Bromwell, 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, Eddie Doran, Sandra Rowley, Winnie Witter, Joseph Hill, Vera Jones,  
Rose Sankey, George Gibbons, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Sr. Ann,  
Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Marion, James Taylor,  
Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton,  
Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Jennifer McLaughin,  
Caelan McKeown, Mary Davis, Jimmy Jones, Margaret Flynn, Aaron Carmichael,  
Triona Bromwell, Patrick McKeown, Maisie Pritchard Janet & Ray Cragg,  
Maisie Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans, Collette Garlick,  
Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone, Anthony Wilson,  
Nathan Davies, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell,  
Lawrence McClintock, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly, John Kennedy, Laura Mitchell,  
Tony Gavin, Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jackie Anders,  
Jennifer McKeown, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Philip Anders, Baby Sonny,  
Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson, Kathleen Keenan, Kate Williams,  
Gerry Reid, Fiona Wilson, John Humphry, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Hunter,  
Michael Bruder, Tommy Swift, Nicholas Cragg, Sarah Doherty, Sheila Kinsella,  
Fr Ron McGivern, John McCormack, Eileen Critchley, Terry Martin,  
Fr. Bernard Higham, Michael Ryan, Stella Passey. Fr Simon, John Mulcahey,  
Hannah Leatherbarrow

***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**

Ronnie Bennion

### **Anniversaries**

Alf Moore, Annie Kearns, Ann Rowley, Martin & Sarah Coffey, Jimmy & Ella Watts,  
Denis Andrews, Terence Feilding, Ian Clarke, Esther McGurk, James Middleton,  
Joan Evans.

### **Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 19th March 2017**

**St Agnes** - Parishioners of St. Agnes and St. Aidan

**St Aidan** - Parishioners of St. Agnes and 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.*

## **PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY**

### **Main Parish Office:**

**St Aidan's**

**92 Adswood Road, 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 - 4.00pm

### **All Enquiries to:**

**Tel/Fax: 0151 489 3085**

### **St Agnes Church**

**82 Huyton Hey Road, L36 5SQ**

*For Mass Cards etc.*

**Tel: 0151 449 2209**

Also available from  
St Aidan's Church 0151 489 3085

### **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

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

## **PARISH CONTACTS**



### **SISTERS:**

**Helpers of the Holy Souls**

*Sr. Elizabeth* 0151 480 7904

*Sr. Mary Rose* 0151 482 6895

### **Sisters of St. Mary of Namur**

*Sr. Barbara* 0151 481 0968

*Sr. Gabriel* 0151 489 1302

*Sr. Louise* 0151 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

### **Deacons:**

*Mike Whelan, Joe Morgan*

### **PARISH CLUBS:**

**St Aidan:** 0151 489 9024

**St Agnes:** 0151 489 3990

### **PASTORAL ASSISTANT:**

*Mrs. Christine Ball*

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'Parish of St. Agnes and St. Aidan'

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND APRIL 2018

We have now set a date for our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This will take place from the **2nd April, 2018** for eight nights. Places are limited and if you wish to be part of this group you will need to pay a deposit of £250.00 by the end of April 2017. Cheques should be made payable to St Agnes Church or you may use cash if you prefer. Please submit your full name (as it appears on your passport), telephone number and e-mail address (optional) along with your deposit to the parish office.

***N.B. This is a non-refundable deposit!***

At present, we are still in consultation with the tour operators but the estimated cost of the trip will be £1200. This will include flights, half board and coach tours in the Holy Land. If you wish to pay the balance in instalments this can be arranged.

**It is important you reserve your place before April 2017 as there are a limited number of spaces available.**



WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## FASHION SHOW

To be held on **Friday, 23rd June 2017** at The Old Schoolhouse commencing at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets £5.00

*All the proceeds from ticket sales, refreshments and raffle will go towards WCMAD*

Tickets will be available soon but please keep the date for your diary.

**Shop2Drop Ltd** offer up to 75% on big names in sizes 8-20.



## SHARe Knowsley are holding an Information/Training Session

for existing volunteers and for anyone who is interested in becoming involved.

**To be held at The Old Schoolhouse.**

**on Tuesday 21st March starting at 7pm.**

To book please contact Margaret Roche either by

[email:shareknowsley@gmail.com](mailto:email:shareknowsley@gmail.com)

or by phone: 07842185100

## SHARe Knowsley Appeal

We delighted that two of our families and three adults have received refugee status. This means that they will have to find new accommodation and will be in need of household items.

**We are appealing for kitchen items including: crockery, pots, pans, utensils, baking trays etc**

## TABLE TOP SALE

**Saturday, 25th March 2017**

This will be held on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's meeting room

**St. Agnes Church, Huyton Hey Rd/St. Mary's Rd**



## St Agnes' Little Church

**Sunday, 26th March**

Carol, Janice and Annette

**Sunday, 2nd April**

Alison, Jo and Joanne

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 18th March -

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Joan Crowney, Marie Crowney

### Sunday 19th March - Third Sunday of Lent

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Megan Harrison, Peter Murphy

St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Ian Clarke, Alex Malone

### Monday 20th March—Solemnity of St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

St. Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word and Communion

**St. Aidan Funeral Service 12.30pm - Michael Francis Essouissi**

### Tuesday 21st March -

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11.00am - 12noon

### Wednesday 22nd March

St Agnes 7pm - 'Future Of The Church' meeting

### Thursday 23rd March

No Mass

### Friday 24th March

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon - Eileen Lewis

### Saturday 25th March - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Esther McGurk, Edmund Steven

### Sunday 26th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Sammy Alexander.

St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Jimi Hynes, Denis Andrews

**Confessions: Saturday at St. Agnes 5 - 5.20pm & 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.*

## If we knew the gift of God

We all start our lives with what we think we want and we rush out to get it, trying to fill an empty hole inside us. It's been said that the joy of buying something new lasts until we take it home and open the box! All the fun is in the buying of it but we then ask ourselves, "Am I any happier, am I any *more* now that I have this new thing?" But still we continue to rush out to buy more and more, and each time always thinking, "This will do it, this will fill the emptiness, this will take away my inner thirst."

The work of mature religion is to lead us beyond what we think we want to what we really need. The woman in today's gospel has come to the well because she needs water. Jesus tries to lead her, step by step, beyond what she thinks she wants and to help her see that water is just the symbol of what she really needs. He's not talking about water. He's talking about spirit. He starts by making her aware of her own thirst, her own hunger, her own need. Then he leads to a rather profound theological reflection on the universality and availability of God. He refers to the conflict between the Jews and the Samaritans, both groups claiming to have the truth. Jesus tells her that the time is coming when both groups will realise that they missed the point. If we don't get the spirit, if we don't find the living water, then it doesn't matter which group we belong to. No group-joining or group-belonging can ever substitute for inner experience. And he uses the most wonderful metaphor for this inner experience: 'a fountain within you bubbling up unto eternal life.'

Spiritual knowing, spiritual cognition is always really re-cognition. It's the realisation that "I already knew this. At some deep level I had a premonition, a suspicion, an intuition that this might be true: that I might just be the son/daughter of the holy one, a beloved child of God." But then we'll say, "O but that's too good to be true." Jesus said to the woman very directly, "If you but knew the gift of God." Many of us don't. We're still trying 'to get it.' We already have the gift of God. From our very beginning every one of us is a child of God. *That* is the water bubbling up from within us but we don't dare to believe it. We shout out, "Lord I am not worthy." The good news is that worthiness is not even the issue. Who is worthy? When we stop seeking our own worthiness, that's when the fountain begins to bubble and we begin to know the gift of God: that it's all gift, and it's all free and all we can do is learn to enjoy it. And that changes everything.

Richard Rohr.



## First Communion Preparation

Just a reminder of the next meeting dates.

**Tuesday 21st March in the Old School House 6pm-7pm**  
**Thursday 23rd March in St Aidan's Church 6pm-7pm**

Please ensure that if you would like your child to celebrate the Sacraments this year, they are expected to attend all 7 sessions and complete all 7 home sessions. Children should also be attending Mass each week.

## Refugee Appeal Update (SHARE Knowsley)

A big thank you for all your generous support. We now have a new drop-in in Prescot as well as Kirkby, both of which are going well. We are currently supporting 7 families and 15 single adults - for some the drop-in is very much a lifeline. Your generous donations have been helping fund transport costs of those who have to get public transport to the drop-in as well as purchasing some basic food stuffs to give out small food parcels as they only receive £5 a day to live on. The group is also very appreciative of the toiletries, so please keep donations coming. We have been teaching some of the women to knit so any spare wool or needles would come in handy. Good news is that two families and one gentleman have now received refugee status.

*Thank you again for all your ongoing support.*

## THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

The Archbishop has asked us to get together to help him in his thinking/discerning.

As lay people in the Church, how do you see the way forward with fewer priests and fewer buildings (in the Archdiocese in general)?

Can we get as many people as we can to get together on

**Wednesday, 22nd March, 2017**  
**at St. Agnes Church, Huyton at 7pm**

to be creative, brainstorm, produce ideas to see where the Spirit of God is leading us and leading the Church. We need young people to please come too. We need your thoughts... you too will create the future.

## Mission Story Teller's Evening (WCMAD)

**To be held on 24th March**  
**in St Aidan's Club**  
**6.30pm**

An evening of story telling and shared experiences for anyone who has been on any of our church missions to Suriname or Romania.

*Please feel free to bring food for a shared table.*

## Congratulations



To  
**Lauren Bayliss**  
and  
**Kieran Busby**



Who will be married at  
St Agnes Church  
On Saturday 18th March 2017

*Please remember*  
*this couple in your prayers as they*  
*begin their married life together.*

Welcome to the Parish  
family of St Agnes  
and St Aidan



**Jacob Noah Malone**  
**Joshua Patrick Malone**  
**Louie Evans-White**

*who will be baptised at St. Aidan's*  
*on Sunday, 19th March, 2017*

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

## 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.**