

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:
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The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 9th December 2012
2nd 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, 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 McDougale,
 Mary Scaife, Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, John Birchall, Ron Crowney,
 Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, David Critchley, 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

Timothy Ryan, Anne Marie Norris, Lillian Kirwan, Veronica (Vera) Rimmer, Ann Paterson

Anniversaries

Christopher Byrne, Patrick McLindon, Jim Seddon, Jessie Hughes, Mary Shankey, Doris Moore

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 9th 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

Thanks to those going to Krakow for providing your passport details. We have now booked flights the flights. Unfortunately because there so many of us, the prices went up as we were booking! The price for each person is £163.39. Please make cheques payable to "St. Aidan's Parish".

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

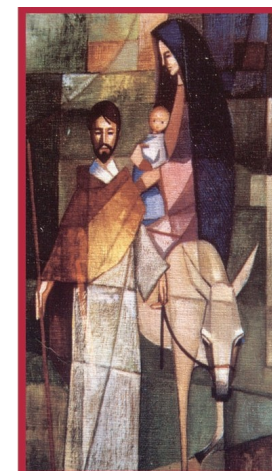
St. Aidan – 9:30am

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"

Welcome To the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes

Grace Elizabeth McGrath
*who was baptised on 2nd December
at St Agnes Church
&
Abbie Rose Watkin
Adam Watkin &
Jacob William Forster*

*who will be baptised on
Sunday 9th December 2012
at St. Agnes Church.*

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



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.

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.



Mission Boxes

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday 10th December

St Agnes Funeral Service 12 noon—Timothy Ryan

Tuesday 11th December

St Agnes Requiem Mass 12 noon—Lillian Kirwan

Wednesday 12th December

St. Agnes Mass 7.30pm— Eric Williams

Thursday 13th December

St Agnes Requiem Mass 10.00am—Veronica (Vera) Rimmer

Friday 14th December

St Agnes Mass 9.30am – Norma Murphy

St Aidan Mass 12noon— Tommy McGeehan

Saturday 15th December

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm—Denis Keogh

Sunday 16th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am—Jack Carolan

St Agnes Mass 11.00am—Bob Latham

St Aidan- Benediction—3.00pm

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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Sr. Barbara –228-2239

Sr. Gabriel-489-1302

Sr. Sarah-489-1302

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St. Joseph

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St. Anne's

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introducing Herod and Pilate before these two prophets have even spoken their opening words.

Luke's hearers already know the end of the story. It is in this context that we hear John's invitation not only to turn away from personal choices that impede God's coming but also to collective repentance and a turn toward divine mercy. Any desire for revenge, any attempts to try to retaliate with violence, must give way to forgiveness on the part of the victims. This forgiveness invites repentance on the part of the offenders. Using Isaiah's words, John first speaks in imperatives: prepare and make straight the way. But then the verbs shift to the passive voice, implying that it will be the Coming One himself who will do the filling in of the valley's and levelling of the mountains, straightening out winding roads, and smoothing the rough ways.

For them and for us, his coming does not eliminate these challenges along life's path but fills us with saving joy, justice, forgiveness, and mercy as we open ourselves to the great things God has done and continues to do for us.

Praying With Scripture

- What robe of mourning does God wish to take away from you in order to clothe you with joy and splendour?
- How has God's compassion carried you over the rough places of your journey?
- What is being healed, forgiven, and restored in you as you prepare the way this Advent?



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!



Rough Ways Made Smooth

In some cultures, a woman who has been widowed or who loses a child wears black for a year or more, signalling her mourning. Her face too wears the marks of grief. The sparkle in her eyes gives way to ready tears and her gait becomes heavy from sorrow. Such is the image of the city of Jerusalem in today's first reading.

Baruch, a disciple of Jeremiah, characterizes the devastated city as a woman in mourning for her exiled children who have been forcibly taken away from her.

The prophet declares that it is now time for Jerusalem to exchange her robe of mourning and misery for a brilliant new mantle. Her new cloak is spun from justice and glory from God. If she despaired for her children, thinking God had forgotten them, the prophet insists that "they are remembered by God."

The humiliation of their forced march into exile on foot will be undone by their being carried back aloft, as if they were royalty. The heights of despair and the depths of depression will be levelled out. It is not that the suffering is forgotten, or that anything could go back to being the way it was before the tragedy, but now the divine gift of joy settles over the grieving mother as rebuilding life out of the ruins begins. The returnees are led by God's light, and their companions are mercy and justice.

Divine mercy embodies God's motherly care, as she grieves with all who mourn and acts with compassion to bring relief for all who suffer. Divine justice is the setting of aright of all relationships: with God, self, others, and the whole of the cosmos. With these two companions come healing, restoration, and the chance for a new beginning.

In the gospel, there is a similar invitation to a new beginning announced by John the Baptist. The narrative starts on an ominous note, as John's ministry is set against the backdrop of the Roman imperial rulers. Luke is not simply displaying an interest in history by naming Tiberius Caesar, the emperor; Pontius Pilate, the governor; Herod, Philip and Lysanias, the tetrarchs; and finally, Annas and Caiaphas, the high priests who colluded with the Roman authorities. He is reminding his hearers of the omnipresent imperial power that kept the inhabitants of Palestine in fear and grief at many levels. He foreshadows the terror of John's execution and of Jesus' crucifixion.

Parish Collections Sunday 2nd December 2012

St. Agnes £721.24

St. Aidan £369.91

Standing Orders: Oct 2012

St. Agnes £954.00

St. Aidan £256.00

St. Agnes' team to count:

This week team 3

Year of faith

As part of the Year of Faith, we will be holding a Holy hour on Tuesdays at 11am-12 noon. This will be at St. Aidan's church. Please join us this Tuesday.



Sacramental Preparation

Thanks to all the children and parents who attended the third Sacramental Preparation session this week. The children will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation when Fr. Anton visits the schools next week. **If you were unable to attend the session, please contact the office to make alternative arrangements for your child.**



Christmas card Deliveries

It is that time of year again! We are looking for volunteers to deliver Christmas Service cards to houses in our parishes. This time we really want to concentrate on areas in the parish where there are households with less contact with the church. Please sign up to deliver to a couple of roads. There is a list at the back of church of the roads we would like to target. Your help is much appreciated!



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!

St Agnes' Little Church

Christmas practices during December.



If your child would like to be part of the nativity tableau at Mass on Christmas Day, please encourage them to come along to Little Church!

Winter night

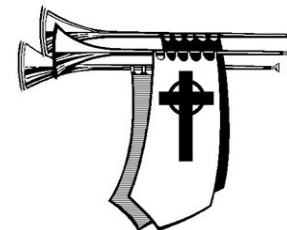
Thanks to all those who attended the Winter night. A special thanks too those who worked so hard to organise it—the food, raffles etc. It was great to see everyone having such a good time.



Pastoral Meeting

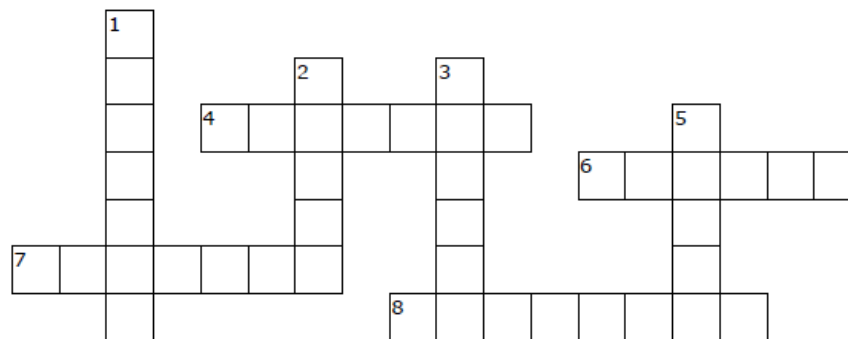
Thanks to those who braved the cold to look together at the Pastoral Area Plan. Your comments and suggestions will be forwarded to the working party.

Fanfare for a King



The word fanfare is also sometimes used to describe any big celebration surrounding a special event. We have a real fanfare leading up to Christmas with all the preparations, parities etc. But there was none of this when Jesus was born. The Bible tells us that there was only a man named John who was like a voice calling out in the desert saying, "Prepare the way for the Lord." That wasn't much of a fanfare the 'King of Kings.' Today we light the second candle on our Advent wreath. We light the candle of peace - for our King -- the Prince of Peace.

Word Search Puzzle



ACROSS

4. Having bends, curves, or angles.
6. Having a surface free from roughness
7. To grant a pardon for sin.
8. Having no bends or curves.

DOWN

1. To make things one's own ready.
2. What we use to speak.
3. To turn away from one's sins.
5. Having an irregular, coarse, or shaggy surface

STRAIGHT
REPENT

VOICE
ROUGH

FORGIVE
SMOOTH

PREPARE
CROOKED