

### 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.



### Yoga

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



### 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!

**ASYLUM LINK MERSEYSIDE (ALM)** is holding a Musical Evening on Saturday 1st March at 7pm at St Anne's, Overbury Street L7 3HJ. There will be performances by St Julies School Choir, guitarist Mark Pountney, Hope University's Voices of Hope, Allerton Brass, L8Sings, singer and keyboard Hayli Kincade and the Oriel Singers. Tickets £5 from ALM Overbury Street or cheques payable to ALM or email [info@asylumlink.org.uk](mailto:info@asylumlink.org.uk)

**St Agnes' Little Church**  
**Sunday 16 February**  
Lesley and Jean



### St Agnes' Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The rotas for St Agnes readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be available for collection this week-end from the back of church.

### Marriage and Family Life

Celebratory Mass with  
Bishop Tom Williams

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral  
of Christ the King

Sunday 16 February 2014  
at 11.00 am

All Welcome: See posters in the porch

# The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

## NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 9th February 2014**  
**Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**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, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, Bill Jones, May Cooper, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, 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, Jim Rose, Anne Nolan, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Joe Muraski, Christopher Massam, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Nel Jorden, Marie D'Arcy, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Lynn McNabb, Aidan Morris, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maria Edge, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Eddie Doran, Angela Fleetwood, Mary OrganGeorge Gibbons, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jim Poland, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt, Pauline Clegg, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Eileen Mooney, Philip Gallagher, Jenny Pye, Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, Ursula Erfani Clare Pendleton, Mary Lyons, James Taylor, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Dolly Morten, Jennifer McLaughlin, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Cubells, Janet & Ray Cragg, Josie Tinsley, Kenny & Maisie Pritchard, Marion, Rose Sankey, Kay McNeill, Linda O'Keefe, Geraldine, Roisin & Padraig McRory, Patrick McKeown, Wyn Graham, Margaret Murray

**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

Irene Casey

#### Anniversaries

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 9th February 2014

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan**

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St. Agnes & 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.**



joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fuelled by her faith, hope and trust in God and his promises. Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. Do you know the joy of a life fully surrendered to God with faith and trust?

Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. She is a model of godliness to all believers as we advance in age. Advancing age and the disappointments of life can easily make us cynical and hopeless if we do not have our hope placed rightly. Anna's hope in God and his promises grew with age. She never ceased to worship God in faith and to pray with hope. Her hope and faith in God's promises fuelled her indomitable zeal and fervour in prayer and service of God's people. What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness. How do we grow in hope? By placing our trust in the promises of Jesus Christ and relying not on our own strength, but on the grace and help of the Holy Spirit. Does your hope and fervour for God grow with age?

"Lord Jesus, may I never cease to hope in you and to trust in your promises. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always recognize your saving presence in my life. Help me to point others to Christ and to be an example of faith and devotion as Simeon and Anna were to their generation."

### Fourth Dimension Shop

Do you have a couple of hours free during the week? If so the Fourth Dimension Shop in the village is in need of new volunteers and would love to hear from you. The shop is an ecumenical charity founded to raise money through the sale of goods and refreshments to assist in developing countries and to meet the needs of our own area. If you are interested in helping, please contact:

The Fourth Dimension Shop in Huyton Village  
- 07582 867 463

### 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.



### **"The favour of God was upon him"**

Do you know the favour of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favour is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God? And do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?

What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

Jesus is the new temple (John 1:14; 2:19-22). In the Old Testament God manifested his presence in the "pillar of cloud" by day and the "pillar of fire" by night as he led them through the wilderness. God's glory visibly came to dwell over the ark and the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-38). When the first temple was built in Jerusalem God's glory came to rest there (1 Kings 8). After the first temple was destroyed, Ezekiel saw God's glory leave it (Ezekiel 10). But God promised one day to fill it with even greater glory (Haggai 2:1-9; Zechariah 8-9). That promise is fulfilled when the "King of Glory" himself comes to his temple (Psalm 24:7-10; Malachi 3:1). Through Jesus' coming in the flesh and through his saving death, resurrection and ascension we are made living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16-17). Ask the Lord to renew your faith in the indwelling presence of his Spirit with you and give him thanks and praise for coming to make his home with you.

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. But her

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 8th February**

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Rose & Joe Sankey

#### **Sunday 9th February Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Mary Murray, Jean Brailsford

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Catherine Lodge

#### **Monday 10th February**

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

#### **Tuesday 11th February**

St Aidan Holy Hour 11.00 am to Noon

#### **Wednesday 12th February**

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm -

#### **Thursday 13th February**

#### **Friday 14th February**

St Aidan Mass 12 Noon -

#### **Saturday 15th February**

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm -

#### **Sunday 16th February Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A**

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am -

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am -

### **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.**



Welcome to the Parish  
family of  
St Aidan & St Agnes

Georgia Angela Burdett  
Frankie George Kennedy  
& Reece James Kennedy

Who will be baptised on  
Sunday 9th February  
at St Agnes Church

Please remember these children  
and their families in your prayers.

### Parish Collections

Sunday 2nd February  
St Agnes - £819.58  
St Aidan - £344.93

### **December Standing Orders**

St. Agnes-£892.50  
St. Aidan-£208.00

St. Agnes' team to count: 4  
**Thank you for your  
generous support**

### 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,  
you must contact the Parish Office on  
489 3085 and you will be booked into a  
preparation meeting.

### 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

### Holy Hour

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

Please join us this Tuesday.

### 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



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St. Joseph  
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0151 477 8260

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