

### **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**



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

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## **NEWSLETTER**



**Sunday 6th May 2012**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

### **Up coming Parish Missions**

**Albania** (Summer camp in Shkoder): Parishioners will be away from  
the 28th of July to the 4th August.

**Romania** (Summer camp in Homorodu de jos– Satu Mare):  
From the 12th August –20th August.

Please keep all those who are preparing themselves for these  
missions in your prayers. Many Thanks

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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, Peggy Skidmore, Fr. Jim Webb, Nel Jordan.  
 Baby Eddie Anthony Doran., Emma Davies, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons,  
 Maria Edge, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson, Rose Oscroft, Josie & John Mulcahey,  
 Karan McGurk, Averyll Fairfield,

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

Neta Lang, John (Sean) Creedon, Thomas Morton, Charlotte Elizabeth Mary Nolan,  
 Michael Serridge, Mary Higgins, Theresa Bibby

#### Anniversaries

Joan Bettie, Michael Johnson,

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 6th May

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp—Parishioners of St Agnes**

**St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp—**

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



disciples is, "Where are you staying (*pou meneis*)? Another important moment is when the Samaritans ask Jesus to stay (*menein*) with them. In the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus tells his followers, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide (*menei*) in me, and I in them." True disciples abide in Jesus' word and Jesus' words remain in disciples. When Jesus tells his disciples he is going to prepare a dwelling place for them, it becomes clear that the "abiding place" is not a geographical locale but is Jesus himself, where also the Father makes his home, along with the Spirit.

How can we insure that we are abiding in Christ and he in us? The second reading gives us a simple formula: "Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit that he gave us." The writer also spells out what it means to keep the commandments: "we should believe in the name of... Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us."

### **Praying with Scripture**

- Ask Christ to prune in you whatever impedes your "bearing much fruit."
- Spend some quiet time today enjoying simply dwelling with the Triune One who makes a home in you.
- Give thanks for the Word and for Eucharist, through which we abide in Christ and Christ in us.

- Barbara E Reid

### **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. Photos from Easter and Holy Week are now there.

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



### **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.



### Already Pruned

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of the Father as a vintner who prunes branches that are bearing fruit so that they will produce even more. There is a strong emphasis on "bearing fruit"; the expression occurs five times in the passage. It speaks not only of the fecundity on our relationship with God but The image of God as a vine grower and Israel as the vineyard is a familiar one in the Scriptures. Most often the metaphor is used to express God's

disappointment in the lack of yield from the vine so tenderly planted and nurtured. In the Gospel of John, this is not the case. The disciples Jesus is addressing in this Last Supper scene are "already pruned" so that they will bear more fruit. Branches that do not bear fruit are taken away.

There is a wordplay between the verb *airei*, "takes away," and its compound *kathairei*, "prunes." Moreover, there are verbal echoes of other parts of Jesus' farewell discourse and the supper and the passion narrative. The imperative discourse and the supper and the passion narrative. The imperative form of the verb *airei* is found in the cry of the people who call for Jesus' crucifixion, "*aron*," "Away with him!" The adjectival form of the verb *kathairei*, which literally means "to make clean," occurs in the foot washing scene, where Jesus assures the disciples they are clean (*katharoi*).

Pruning, then, is another Johannine metaphor for the passion. It is akin to the image in John where Jesus speaks of the seed that must fall to the ground and die in order to bear much fruit. The emphasis is on the life that sprouts forth from the dying and the pruning. Expert gardeners know that the place to prune is, paradoxically, where the nodes are bursting with life. From pruning, the stress in the gospel shifts to the importance of the branch remaining united to the vine in order to bear fruit. A branch cannot bear fruit on its own; cut off from the vine, it withers and dies, and then is good only for kindling. That remaining or abiding in Jesus is crucial for disciples is evident in that the verb *menein*, "to abide," occurs eight times in these eight verses. This mutual indwelling has been spoken of since the opening chapter of the Gospel, where the first question asked by the initial two

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 5th May

St Agnes -Mass 5.30pm– Walter Savage

#### Sunday 6th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am– Elizabeth & Norman Garlick

St.Agnes Mass 11 am– Kit Kelly

#### Monday 7th May

St Agnes 9.30am Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### Tuesday 8th May

St Aidan Mass 9.30am—Fr Anthony Antrobus

#### Wednesday 9th May

**St Agnes Requiem Mass 1pm—Michael Serridge**

St.Agnes Mass 7.30pm– Angela Mitchell

#### Thursday 10th May—

St Agnes Mass 9.30am - Carol McDonagh

#### Friday 11th May –

St Agnes Mass 9.30am—Bill Garvey

St Aidan Mass 12 noon– Fr Vincent Doyle

#### Saturday 12th May—Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm— Joan Bettle

#### Sunday 13th May

St Aidan Mass 9.30am—Joan Catterson

St Agnes Mass 11am— Michael Johnson

#### 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 August 2012 for St.Agnes and late June for St. Aidan.***

## 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](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:**  
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'Parishes of St Agnes and St  
Aidan'.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The pilgrimage is now full.

Urgent! Could any parishioner booked onto the pilgrimage and has not given their passport details please contact the parish office as soon as possible (before 15th May). Flight details cannot be confirmed until passport details have been supplied.

*Congratulations  
to*



*John and Nicola  
Who will be getting married at  
St Aidan's Church  
On Sunday 6th May 2012*

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

## Baptism Certificates

If you need a copy of a baptism certificate, please remember to give the office a couple of days notice. You will receive a phone call when it is ready and we would be grateful if you could collect it promptly. There are lots of certificates waiting to be collected!

## Sts. Aidan-Agnes Joint Parish Meeting

There will be a joint parish  
meeting  
on Sunday 3rd June 2012 at  
3.30pm. Venue to be announced.  
Please try your best to attend this  
meeting.

## Thank You



Thank you to all those who helped organise the 'We Can Make A Difference' fundraiser last Friday in St Agnes Club. It was a great night and good fun all around. The total raised was **£902** which I think you will all agree is a very generous amount.

Thank you for your support.

### 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).



### St Agnes' Little Church Helpers

There will be short meeting on Tuesday 8th May at 7pm in the Sr. Elizabeth Meeting Room to discuss the latest CRB criteria and any other issues. Please try to come along

Thank you

### Confirmations

Thank you to those who have returned 'Request for Confirmation' forms. Details of the preparation meetings will be available within the next couple of weeks. Children below year 8 will be confirmed next year—details to follow.



### St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 6th May  
Children's Mass

Sunday 13th May  
Carol & Mandy



### Parish Collections

#### Sunday 29th April 2012

St. Agnes £ 766.25

St. Aidan £ 362.19

Standing Orders: March 2012

St. Agnes £985.00

St Aidan £238.00

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

This week team 4

Thank you for your generous support.

### Mass Cards

We now have a range of Mass cards available specifically for St. Agnes and St. Aidan's parishes. Our thanks go to Sr. Margaret for her beautiful designs. The cards can be admired and purchased in the Piety Stall at both St. Aidan's and St. Agnes.

### Happy Birthday!

To Fr. Anton on 5th May.  
Hope you enjoy the day—from all the parishioners of St. Agnes' & St. Aidan's.



### 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.



Welcome To the Parish  
family of  
St Aidan & St Agnes

*Millie Standlee  
Scarlett Elizabeth Hardacre  
Jessica Louise Dryhurst  
Charlie Michael Riley*

Who will be baptised on  
Sunday 6th May 2012 at  
St. Agnes Church

Please remember these children and their  
families in your prayers.

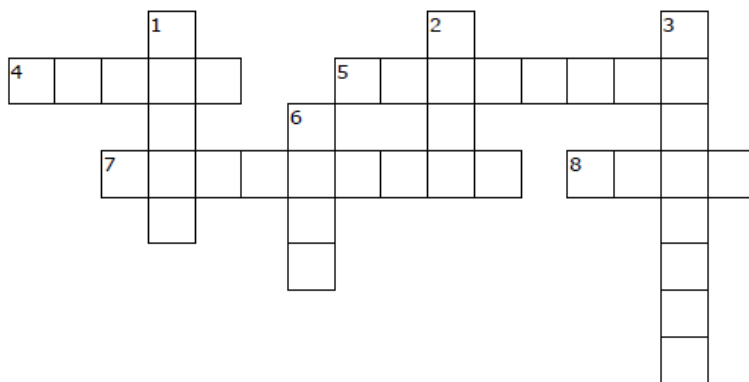


## I am the vine—you are the branches

If we keep our life connected to Jesus, we will grow. Our life will produce beautiful leaves and delicious fruit. But if we are separated from Jesus, our leaves will wither and die and we will never put forth any fruit.



## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 4. Praise or honor
- 5. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 7. Those who follow Jesus
- 8. A plant that climbs or creeps along the ground

### DOWN

- 1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- 2. The opposite of false
- 3. Arms that grow out from the trunk of a tree
- 6. Burning flame

FRUIT  
TRUE

FIRE  
DISCIPLES

BRANCHES  
GARDENER

GLORY  
VINE

## 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"*



## Catholic People's Weeks

**CPW**

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.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Could Eucharistic ministers who visit people in their own homes please let the office have a list of names and addresses of the people you visit. We need this for our records. Many thanks.