

### **New Offertory Envelopes**

The new offertory envelope s, which start on 6th April, are now available for collection from the back of church. Please help by collecting yours today. Parishioners of St Aidan who regularly use their envelopes at St Agnes parish will be able to collect their new St Aidan's envelopes from St Agnes Church

### **Gift Aiders Tax Refund**

If you are a tax payer who regularly contributes to the upkeep of the church via the 'loose collection' may we ask that you consider making your offering tax effective by using offertory envelopes. In doing so your contribution would be worth an extra 20% to the church at no extra cost to yourself.

Last year we received the following refunds from the tax man in gift aid;

St Agnes £6,136.06

St Aidan £2,511.03

### **Offertory Envelopes**

If you would like to make use offertory envelopes for the first time then please fill in an application form which can be found at the back of the church.

You do not have to be a tax payer to use these envelopes.

Thank you

### **A Lent Course Based on 'Les Misérables'**



This Lent you are invited to a series of Lent reflections based on Victor Hugo's '*Les Misérables*'. Through discussion of some of the themes and principal characters we will explore the grace of God, alongside our imperfect state and opportunities for redemption and healing. We are invited to reassess what we can do with our lives, both for ourselves and for those around us. The reflection meeting's will continue on Tuesday's throughout Lent at 7.30pm in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly meeting room.



### **Dates for your Diary**

Please note that there is a list at the back of church for the date's of event's for the coming year.

### **Suriname WCMAD Mission Report 2014**

A comprehensive report for our parishioners, is available this weekend. We hope you will enjoy reading it.

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

## **NEWSLETTER**



**Sunday 23rd March 2014  
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**

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, Mary Parker, Maureen Lincoln, Mia Lewsey, Margie, June Hunt,  
 Michael Williams, Terry Thompson, Maisy Eason, Rose Saunders, Dean Easton, Jim Rose,  
 Anne Nolan, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Joe Muraski, Marie D'Arcy,  
 Christopher Massam, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Nel Jorden, Frank & Joan McCann.  
 Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie,  
 Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Lynn McNabb, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge,  
 Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Mary Organ,  
 Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Eddie Doran,  
 Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Mary Fullerton, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins,  
 Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Brendan Reilly, Christine Lees, Jennifer Hewitt,  
 Pauline Clegg, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougalle, Pat Madden, Mary Lyons, Eileen Mooney,  
 Philip Gallagher, Jenny Pye, Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, Ursula Erfani Clare Pendleton,  
 James Taylor, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Dolly Morten, Kay McNeill, Jennifer McLaughlin,  
 Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson,  
 Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Cubells, Rose Sankey,  
 Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Marion, Linda O'Keefe, Patrick McKeown,  
 Geraldine, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Wyn Graham, Margaret Murray, Margaret Sergison,  
 Josie Tinsley, Riley James Skeath, Anthony Winrow, Jimmy O'Neil, Ruth Grant.,  
 Philip Malone, William Stove

**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

Mary Smith, Pat Kilburn, Lily Jones, James McBride,

#### Anniversaries

Terry Fielding, Denis Andrews, Mary & Michael O'Hanlon, Catherine & William Burns,

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 23rd March 2014

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Lesley & Steve Sheridan**

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - The 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.**



no more, as he does to the man at the pool of Bethesda who had been paralysed or to the woman caught in adultery.

The woman's understanding of Jesus progresses from the simply observation that he is a Jew to pondering whether he is greater than Jacob. Another step is her recognition of him as a prophet when he uses the marital metaphor favoured by Hosea to speak of the peoples' relationship with God. Finally, she arrives at the conclusion that Jesus is the Messiah, which she shares with her townspeople in question form, so that they too can enter into the process of discovery that will culminate in faith.

This encounter illustrates a process by which enmity can be transformed into friendship. The two start by focusing on common thirsts that spring from their shared humanity. They had to let go of their ingrained stereotypes of the other and they had to stop avoiding each other. They had to be willing to stay in the conversation for a good deal of time and not give up when they stumbled over their differences. They had to be willing to overcome the objections of some of their own people. They had to be willing to stay with one another. As the waters of understanding wash away ignorance and fear, the gift of living water wells up within them, making each one a spring from which others who thirst may drink.

### PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Pray for the courage to discover the gift of living water in another's well.

Ask Jesus to deepen in you the desire to be one with all people, with whom you share a common thirst.

How do you conserve and share our precious water resources?

### St Aidan's Parish Club

Sunday 30th March

Mothers Day

Hot & Cold Buffet

Champagne on arrival

The Sensational Promotion

1-6pm (£15)

15th April 2014

Charity Night

Various Artists

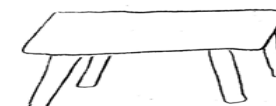
Curry Supper

In Aid Of Defibrillator at Club

### Table Top Sale - 29 March

This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm (£5 per table) in Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's room at St Agnes Church, Huyton Hey Road. Please ring the office to book a place.

0151 489 3085



### 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.



### Post Communion Hymn

Like the woman at the well I was seeking,  
for things that could not satisfy;  
and then I heard my Saviour speaking:  
"Draw from my well that never shall run dry".

Chorus

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up, Lord!  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul;  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!

### **WATER FROM ANOTHER'S WELL**



It is said that the next major wars will be fought over water, not oil. There are growing concerns over the increasing demand for fresh, clean water as the supply is decreasing. Today's challenges about ensuring access to safe water for every human being is one entry point to reflection on today's gospel, which centres on thirst for living water that is eternally replenished.

The account opens with a tired and thirsty Jesus asking a woman of Samaria for water. Like millions of women who even today spend hours of their day collecting water, the Samaritan woman comes, perhaps for a second time that day, to draw water. Most women would come to the well early in the morning, not at the hottest part of the day.

Most likely the Fourth Evangelist intends the noontime detail to be taken symbolically. In this gospel, light signifies coming to belief, while darkness corresponds to unbelief. In contrast with the preceding story of Nicodemus, who came to Jesus at night, and who is unable to believe, the woman of Samaria comes at the brightest part of the day and will come to full belief.

Jesus and woman enter into a deep theological conversation, laden with symbolism. As often happens in the Fourth Gospel, the two are cast as representative characters for the whole of their people. They begin by speaking of their thirsts, their shared human need, and this enables a conversation by which they can begin to break down the enmity between their two peoples. Elsewhere in the gospel, Jesus speaks of his thirst to draw all people to God through himself and of his desire for all to be one.

Step by step Jesus and the woman reveal themselves more deeply to each other. They speak of some of their deepest thirsts: for worship, salvation and the search for truth. They listen intently and allow their perceptions of the other to shift, just as we may need to change our former impressions of the Samaritan woman. The focus of the dialogue is not on her marital sinner nor is she said to be a sinner. Jesus does not tell her to go and sin

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday 22nd March

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Peter Traynor, Ellen Mary Hayes, Margaret & Samuel Grace,

#### Sunday 23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Catherine & William Burns

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Irene Roberts

#### Monday 24th March

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

#### Tuesday 25th March - The Annunciation of The Lord

St Aidan Holy Hour - 11.00am - 12pm

#### Wednesday 26th March

St Agnes 7.30 pm - Denis Andrews & David Bradshaw

#### Thursday 27th March

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1pm - Lily Jones

#### Friday 28th March

St. Aidan Mass 12 Noon - Ann Maguire

St Aidan - 7.00 pm - Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday 29th March

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Mary Spurrier

#### Sunday 30th March – Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Molly & Charles McCoy

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Maureen Johnson, Jimmy & Ella Watts

### 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

**Ellie Stevenson  
Luca & Ferial Yates  
Ralph Whicker**

*Who will be baptised on  
Saturday 22nd March  
at St Aidan's Church and*

*Who will be baptised at St Agnes on  
Sunday 23rd March*

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

### Teenage Baptism

Welcome to our parish family  
Carl Smith & Thomas Howard who will  
be baptised at St Agnes  
Sunday 23rd March.

### Parish Collections

Sunday 16th March

St Agnes - £827.38

St Aidan - £364.90

### **February Standing Orders**

St. Agnes - £829.00

St. Aidan - £174.00

St. Agnes' team to count: 2

***Thank you for your  
generous support***

### 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.

### St Agnes' Little Church

#### **Sunday 23rd March**

Maria and 1 other

#### **Sunday 6th April**

Carol and Janice

### Lourdes Pilgrimage

All deposits for parishioners travelling to  
Lourdes need to be paid by 25 March.

Cheques to be made payable to  
St Aidan's Parish. The booking is being  
made at the end of this week and unless  
your deposit has been received  
unfortunately we will be unable to reserve  
your place. Insurance arrangements for this  
trip are the responsibility of the person  
travelling and will need to be in place well  
before travel.

### 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



#### **SISTERS:**

#### Helpers of the Holy

#### Souls

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Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895

#### Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

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

0151 477 8260

#### Parish Clergy

#### **Parish Priest**

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0151 489 3085

#### Deacon: Mike Whelan

St Aidan Parish Club

0151 489 9024

St Agnes Parish Club

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