

Parish Collections

Sunday 16th July

St. Agnes - £609.02

St. Aidan - £144.00

June Standing Orders

St. Agnes - £1003.00

St. Aidan - £110.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 4

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

Page references for Mass **23rd July 2017**

Readings: 328

Psalm: O Lord, you are good
and forgiving.

Gospel Acc: May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our
mind, so that we can see
what hope his call holds
for us.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Preface: Pages 47-51

St. Agnes' Little Church



Sunday, 30th July
Alison, Jo and Joanne

Sunday, 6th August
Finished for Summer

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.

Welcome to the Parish
family of St Agnes
and St Aidan



**Marc Anthony Shepherd
& Lucas Liam Robert James Campbell**
who will be baptised
on Saturday, 22nd July 2017 at St. Aidan
and

**Eva Messa, Eve Grace Kerwick
& Harry Alexander Henderson**
who will be baptised
on Sunday, 23rd July 2017 at St. Agnes

Please remember these children
and their families in your prayers.

The Parish of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 23rd July 2017
16th Sunday of Ordinary Time
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, 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 McLaughlin, 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, Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jennifer McKeown, Christina Hill, Baby Sonny, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson, Kathleen Keenan, Kate Williams, Gerry Reid, 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, Anna Leatherbarrow, Sr Egno, Arthur Ventre, Bruce Dixon, Marjorie Clutton, Gerry Minghella, Grace Fernando, Peter Lovelady

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

David John Grocott, Patricia Moore, Tony Gavin

Anniversaries

Marguerita Parr, Natburga Johanna Colfar, Richard Wood, Elizabeth Davies, Ronald Crowney, Esther Weatherall, Edward Coffey, Norman & Siobhan Arnold, Mike Thomas,

Sanctuary Lamps week beginning – 23rd July 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.

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 as soon as possible 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.

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.



St. Aidan's Little Church



Sunday, 30th July
Jane

Sunday, 6th August
Finished for Summer



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017

Friday, 13th October

WCMAD Fundraiser,
St. Aidan's Club

Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic - or if you were baptised a Catholic but never made your Confirmation or Holy Communion - Please start attending Mass at St. Aidan or St. Agnes.

You will have the opportunity to come to know the parish community.

*Please make yourself known to
Christine Ball or Fr. Anton
(contact details in this newsletter).*

Those who attend Mass regularly and become part of this community will be baptised or received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter.



Saturday, 29th July 2017

This will be held on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm

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

FOOD BANK

Could any donations for the food bank be left at the back of either Church please.

Thank you for your continued support!

facebook

Please encourage those in your families who use facebook to click 'LIKE' to the parish facebook page. It is regularly updated with parish events and pictures



Romania & Suriname Projects



If you are a parishioner who is 16+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help on our projects in Romania or Suriname. There is a group that meets every first Thursday of the month

at 7.00pm
at the Presbytery
92 Adswood Road.

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE

'Sometimes you need to sit in a quiet room in order to hear your own voice and not let it drown in the noise of others' -

Charlotte Eriksson

The Old Schoolhouse on St John's Road has opened a room for quiet reflection, a space to think, a place to pray. It is open to all who feel the need for a time alone with their thoughts and a chance to speak with God.

Please know you are welcome to come anytime from

Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 5.00 pm

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND APRIL 2018

This will take place from the **3rd 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 £300.00. Now the total cost will be **£1,239** as we will only be taking 35 pilgrims (single room supplement of £70 per person per night equalling £560 extra). If you are travelling alone it may be possible to check if someone else is in a similar situation and try and see if you can share a room.

Cheques should be made payable to St Agnes Church or you may use cash if you prefer.

Could all those who have shown an interest in going on the trip please confirm by calling the office on 489 3085

Also, please submit a photocopy of your passport (photo page), telephone number and e-mail address (optional) along with your deposit to the parish office as soon as possible.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 22nd July - Feast of St. Mary Magdalene

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Daniel O'Neil & Julie Clarke

Sunday 23rd July - Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Michael Doyle, Parish Mission Group in Romania
St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Norman & Siobhan Arnold, Mike Thomas

Monday 24th July

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

Tuesday 25th July - Feast of St. James, Apostle

St. Aidan 11am-12 noon - Holy Hour

Wednesday 26th July - Memorial of St. Joachim and Anne

St. Aidan Funeral Service 12.15am - David John Grocott
St. Agnes 7.30pm Mass - Catherine Whittaker

Thursday 27th July

No Mass

Friday 28th July

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1pm—Tony Gavin

Saturday 29th July - Memorial of St. Martha

St. Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Mollie Simmins, Parish Mission Group in Romania

Sunday 30th July - Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am - Nick Redmond, Parish Mission Group in Romania
St. Agnes Mass 11.00am - Ron Taylor, Edward Coffey

Confessions: Saturday at St. Agnes 5 - 5.20pm and 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.

WHATS ON

Day/ Date	Event	Time	Venue	Contact in Parish
Mon 24/07	Quiet Room – space for quiet prayer and reflection	8:30am – 5pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse 480 9177
	Slimming World	3:30pm, 5:30pm & 7:30pm	St. Aidan's Club	Michelle 07940 181 515
	Keep Fit	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse
Tue 25/07	Quiet Room	8:30am – 5pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse
	Cleaning in St. Aidan's Church	8:30am – 10:30am	St. Aidan's Church	Mary McCloy
	Slimming World	9:30am – 11:30am	St. Aidan's Club	Michelle 07940 181 515
	Holy Hour	11am – 12pm	St. Aidan's Church	
	Toddler Group –£1 to cover cost of snack	9am- 12pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse
	Country Night	7:30pm -	St. Aidan's Club	Jacqui 489 9024
Wed 26//07	Quiet Room	8:30am – 5pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse
	Bingo	1pm -	St. Aidan's Club	Jacqui
	Yoga	6pm – 7pm	Old School House	OSH—Chris Ball
	SVP	7pm—8pm	St. Aidan's Church	John Cliffe Bob Singleton
	Quiz Night	7:30pm	St. Aidan's Club	Jacqui
Thurs 27/07	Quiet Room	8:30am – 5pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse
	Memory Lane	10am—2pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse
	Thursday Club – social group for people with disabilities		St. Aidan's Church	Alison Ponzini
	Bingo	7:30pm	St. Aidan's Club	Jacqui
Fri 28/07	Quiet Room	8:30am – 5pm	Old Schoolhouse	Old Schoolhouse
	Cleaning in St. Agnes' Church	1pm -	St. Agnes' Church	Honor Ambrose
Sun 30/07	Little Church & Tea Club	9:30am Mass 11am Mass	Both churches	
	Cabaret Night		St. Aidan's Club	Jacqui

MARY'S MEALS



It is that time of year again when we will shortly start collecting for Mary's Meal's. Items can be donated over the summer holidays at church. This is the sixth year our parish has participated and to date we have sent over 550 completed backpacks. Good quality second-hand items are ideal and many schools see this as a great recycling opportunity, while new items can be found in most supermarket value ranges. Complete backpacks and individual items are gratefully received!

The Backpack Project complements the main focus of our work, which will always be providing school meals for the world's poorest children.

Please only donate the items requested on the list, as any other items may be removed at the sorting centre to avoid difficulties at customs and also when the bags are distributed in the villages.

PLEASE NOTE

Re: Fundraisers

This is to clarify the position regarding fund-raising for charity in our two parishes: While we appreciate there are many worthy causes in need of assistance, we MUST restrict our own parish collections and fund- raising events to the WCAMD (We Can Make A Difference) projects, Mary's Meals and Lyndale Centre only.

If any individual or group wishes to aid any other charity or cause, they should do this privately and not on church premises or via the Tea Clubs.

Thank you

Fr. Anton

First Communions 2018 Mass Attendance



First communion children are reminded to attend Sunday Mass regularly and to introduce themselves to Fr Anton/Christine Ball/one of the Catechists

Many thanks.

Fr. Anton

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.**

Piety Stalls

Why not have a look at the Piety Stalls at either St. Agnes' or St. Aidan's after Mass this weekend!

There are some beautiful Mass cards, anniversary cards, medals and prayer books . Plus lots more.



St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

MONDAY

Slimming World

3.30pm, 5.30pm & 7.30pm

TUESDAY

Slimming World 9.30am, 11.30am

(Michelle: 07940181515)

Country Night 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY

Bingo at 1.00pm, **Quiz Night**

THURSDAY

Bingo 7.30pm

SUNDAY

Cabaret Night

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

"Let them grow together until the harvest."

Where does this darning come from?

Who has not at some point asked that question? You may not have used those same words and you may not have spoken it aloud but I'll bet everyone has, at some time or another, asked the question.

Maybe you've read or watched the news and wondered, "How did our world get in this shape? How did we get to this point?"

Maybe life's circumstances have left you asking yourself, "How did my life get like this? What has become of me?" We could all list the hurts and wounds of life, the betrayals and resentments, the addictions, fears, and loneliness. On and on the list goes.

Perhaps you've faced the death of a loved one, a devastating illness, or other tragedy and want to know, "Why, if God is good and loving, did this happen?"

We often live with the assumption that if we do good, work hard, and be nice everything should work out as we want. That's the illusion with which the slaves in today's parable live. "Master," they ask the farmer, "did you not sow good seed in your field?" Of course he did. They know he did. That's why they are so surprised when they discover the weeds. The weeds have shattered their illusion. This isn't supposed to happen. "Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

There is an urgency to their question. They want to know what happened and who is responsible. So do we. That's what we want to know when we discover weeds in our fields. We want an explanation and someone we can blame, hold accountable, and even punish. Jesus, however, seems less interested in this approach than we are. He doesn't give it much time or attention.

"An enemy has done this," he says. That's it. He doesn't explain it. He doesn't identify or name the enemy. He doesn't give instructions to find, drive out, and punish this enemy.

The reality, according to Jesus, is that our lives and our world are a field in which good and evil, life and death, joys and sorrows, that which we want and that which we don't want grow and live side by side. The wheat and the weeds stand together in our world and in each of our lives.

SHARe Knowsley Update

A big thank you to everyone for the lovely welcome to those who came from SHARe. They really enjoyed themselves.

APPEAL

We are appealing to anyone who thinks they may be able to spare some time to teach basic English to a small class.

If you are interested please get in touch with Margaret Roach on 08742185100 or by email : shareknowsley@gmail.com

That, Jesus says, is what the kingdom of heaven is like. That's good news for us. It means that despite the weeds in and around us the kingdom is still here. The weeds do not overcome or make absent God's kingdom. It may not be the fullness of the kingdom but it is, nevertheless, the kingdom.

But what about those weeds? What do we do about them? Surely we should do something. Not according to Jesus. "Let them grow together until the harvest," he says. That makes no sense. How can we let them be? The weeds are bad and the wheat is good. We must do something. We need to take a stand, draw a line in the sand, establish some boundaries.

"Don't you want us to pull up the weeds," the slaves ask their master. "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them." These aren't just generic weeds. The parable speaks of a particular weed called *zizania*. It's sometimes known as darnel or false wheat. It grows with the wheat. It looks like wheat. Its roots intertwine with the roots of the real wheat. The difference between the two is not always readily apparent.

It seems the separation between the wheat and the weeds is not as clear-cut or black and white as Facebook, the media, our politicians, and our personal opinions would often have us believe. In any event, we are not the ones to make that judgment. We're not the ones to uproot those we see as weeds. Jesus is clear about that.

"Let them grow together until the harvest," he says. Jesus shows more interest in growth than extermination. He is willing to wait and to be patient. If we are his followers we too will wait and be patient amongst the weeds of our life.

So do we do nothing? Just sit and wait? No, that's not what Jesus is saying. There is plenty to do and it will be a challenge. The words that are translated as "let them" in Jesus' statement, "Let them grow..." can also be translated as forgive them. It's the same words Jesus spoke from the cross in St. Luke's account of the gospel when he says, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). Even then, even on the cross, Jesus is unwilling to pull up the weeds.

There is no place in Jesus' gospel for Christian vigilantism, by word or by action, against another or against ourselves. Instead, Jesus commands love. Love your enemy. Love your neighbour. Love yourself. Love God.

Forgive the weeds? Love the weeds? The gospel is always a challenge. So, yes, forgive them. Love them. Maybe that's how the wheat begins to disentangle its roots from the weeds and show itself to be wheat and not weeds. Maybe love and forgiveness are what life in the mixed field of God's kingdom and this world is like.

Michael Marsh

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For your information:
Parish Newsletters are posted on
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New Parish Web Site:
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Newsletter items by Thursday
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