

### **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**

### **Up coming Parish Missions**



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



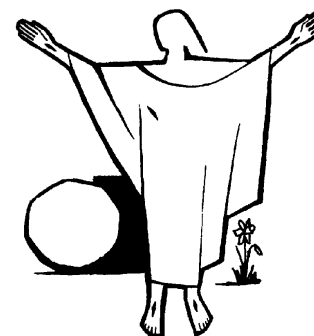
**Romania** (Summer camp in Homorodu de jos– Satu Mare): From the  
12th August –20th August.

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



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

## **NEWSLETTER**



**Sunday 13th May 2012**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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, 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, John Mulcahey, Karan McGurk, Averyll Fairfield, Tony Logan

*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

Michael Serridge, Mary Higgins, Rose Oscan, Patrick Carolan, Francis William McLoughlin, Peggy Ebbs, Christina Bell.

#### Anniversaries

Gregory Cyril Fernandopulle, Thomas Till, Wally Naylor, Bernadette O'Shaughnessy, John Harbourne, John Donnelly, Paddy Foran, Edward Cannon, Norman & Elizabeth Garlick, Margaret Foy, John Furlong, James Bennett, Irene Rollinson, Dorothy Carolan

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 13th May

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

**St. Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp— Suzanne Hill—(special intention)**

*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.*



Jesus demonstrated what such love entails when he washed the feet of all "his own," the many beloved friends, gathered for their final meal with him. He did not skip Peter and Judas. He explains this as the greatest kind of love: the willingness to lay down one's life for one's friends. This is not an obligatory service, such as a slave is bound to render. Rather, the love of friendship is freely chosen self-surrender. The most challenging aspect of this kind of love is that the friends of Jesus are asked not only to embrace within the community of beloved disciples all those whom Jesus befriends, especially those to whom we are not naturally drawn, but even to be willing to risk our own lives for such people. When this seems a humanly impossible choice, Jesus assures disciples that when they ask God in his name, the necessary grace will be given. Abiding with Christ in communion with all his best friends brings inner joy that is full to brimming over.

### **Praying with Scripture**

- Spend some time with Jesus, your best friend. Let his love and joy abide in you.
- Ask God for the grace to love those you find most difficult to befriend and love.
- Savour with Jesus the joy you experience in choosing to surrender yourself in love to another.

- Barbara E Reid

**facebook**

Visit our Facebook page to see **photos of the joint parish trip to Krakow in Poland**. You will find us at : 'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'. Please 'like' the group to access information and photos from the parishes.

If you do not want your child to appear on our FB, 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.



### **God's Favourites**

Today's readings speak of how God befriends humanity and shows no partiality. In the verses previous to today's readings from Acts, Peter struggles with this new insight. Three times God speaks to him in a vision, so that he is able to say to Cornelius, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality." Peter recognizes that in every nation whoever fears

God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God. The "fear" about which Peter speaks is not cowering or cringing before a God who has the power to crush you. Rather, it is becoming enraptured with awe at the Holy One whose immense love is beyond comprehension, and then responding by acting "uprightly," that is, in right relation to all: God, self, others, and all that is created. Even as Peter is speaking and still trying to grasp the implications of this, the Holy Spirit pre-empts any further attempts at explanation, and in the divine erratic, inexplicable way, falls upon all without distinction. As Peter rightly asserts, those who consider themselves already to be God's best friend must not try to put any obstacles in the way of the new best friends upon whom the Spirit falls. Like a parent who loves each child differently yet equally, so is the divine embrace.

The gospel is a continuation of the last discourse of Jesus to his disciples. John uses the term "disciple" more than seventy times to refer to all the women and men who believed in and followed Jesus. There is no scene in this gospel of choosing or sending the Twelve, nor do the Twelve figure in any prominent way in the narrative. They are mentioned only in passing.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus speaks of having chosen and befriended all who have remained with him. The offer of friendship to disciples is part of a chain of love that begins with the Father, whose love is poured out in the self-gift that is Jesus, who offers friendship to all. Jesus then tells his friends how to keep that chain unbroken: pay the love forward to others, befriending them in the way that he has done for them. He speaks of this as a "commandment," which seems an odd term in this context. How can one be commanded to love another person? In biblical parlance, "love," signifies deeds of loving kindness toward others, no matter how we might feel about them and whether or not they can reciprocate the love offered.

### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Saturday 12th May**

St Agnes -Mass 5.30pm– Joan Bettle

#### **Sunday 13th May Sixth Sunday of Easter**

St. Aidan Mass 9.30am– Joan Catterson

St.Agnes Mass 11 am– Michael Johnson

#### **Monday 14th May—Feast of St Matthias**

St Agnes 9.30am Celebration of the Word and Communion

#### **Tuesday 15th May**

**St Aidan Requiem Mass 10.00am—Francis William McLoughlin**

#### **Wednesday 16th May**

**St. Aidan Funeral Service 9am—Christina Bell**

St.Agnes Mass 7.30pm– Tricia McEvoy

#### **Thursday 17th May**

St Agnes Mass 9.30am - Paul Morgan

#### **Friday 18th May**

St Aidan Mass 12 noon– Jim Seddon

#### **Saturday 19th May**

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm— Patrick McNally

#### **Sunday 20th May—Seventh Sunday of Easter—The Ascension of The Lord**

St Aidan Mass 9.30am— Richard Wood

St Agnes Mass 11am— Olga Parr

#### **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:**

#### **Helpers of the Holy Souls**

*Sr. Elizabeth* - 0151 480 7904

*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**

*Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle*

0151 489-3085

**Deacon-Mike Whelan**

#### **Pastoral Assistant-**

*Claire Ball* 07899 937948

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Aidan'.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes



The pilgrimage is now full.

Urgent! Could any parishioner booked onto the pilgrimage who 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.

### **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.



### **A Mass of Welcome for New Catholics**

The department of Pastoral Formation warmly invites you to a welcome Mass for those newly received or baptized, their sponsors, families, parish priests, catechists, families and friends.

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick Kelly. Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Thursday, 31st May 2012, 7:30pm. All are welcome!

### **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!

### **Joint Parish Youth Club**

The youth group is for those of secondary school age and meets on Thursday evenings in the Sr. Elizabeth meeting room at St. Agnes' from 7-9pm. Entrance is 50p and there are refreshments available to purchase. Please join us!





### 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 Churches, the Parish Office (92 Adswood Road) The Old School House (St Johns Road) and St. Anne's School, (Marina Crescent).



### St Aidan's Nursery

Serving St Aidan's AND St Joseph's School.

Was your child born between 01/09/08 and 31/08/09? Or was your child born before this and not yet in Nursery Education?

Places are now being allocated for September 2012 at St Aidan's Nursery. Give your child a great start at a high quality Nursery. Nursery will prepare them for school in the best way possible.

### Confirmations

Thank you to those who have returned 'Request for Confirmation' forms. The numbers have now been finalised. The preparation meetings will be on Mondays at 7pm- 8:30pm on the 11th, 18th and 25th of June in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly room at St. Agnes. Please put these dates and the confirmation itself (28th June) in your diary. It is important that you attend all sessions.



### St. Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 13th May  
**Carol & Mandy**

Sunday 20th May  
**Janice & Marie**



### Parish Collections

#### Sunday 29th April 2012

St. Agnes £ 771.67

St. Aidan £ 399.78

Standing Orders: March 2012

St. Agnes £985.00

St Aidan £238.00

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

This week team 1

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.



#### St. Agnes' Welcoming Group

There will be a short meeting after 11am Mass on Sunday 20th May for all those who are currently on the Welcoming rota and for anyone who is interested in joining. Please consider volunteering for this important ministry.

### 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

**Sebastien James Butler**  
**Tafula Humphries**  
**Rocco Humphries &**  
**Indea Humphries**

Who will be baptised on  
Sunday 13th May 2012 at  
St. Agnes Church

Please remember these children and their  
families in your prayers.

## A Heart Full of Joy

Jesus wants us to be happy. Listen to what Jesus said in our Bible reading for today. "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow. That does not mean that nothing bad will ever happen in your life. But even when you are sad, you can still have joy in your heart because you know that Jesus loves you.



## *Word Search Puzzle*

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## 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.

## 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.



## Catholic People's Weeks



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.

Visit: [www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk](http://www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org.uk)

## 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.