Holy Souls

The annual mass for the Faithful Departed/Holy Souls of our parishes will be held on 27 November at St Aidan. Feel free to bring a picture or memento of your loved ones to be placed on the altar.

THE OLD SCHOOLHOUSE

The Old Schoolhouse Community Project is looking to fill vacancies on its Board of Trustees. The Old Schoolhouse is a significant contributor to the local area of South Huyton, being a base for a number of voluntary organisations and community groups.

The Trustees have successfully guided the project from inception to the vibrant facility that it is today. However, an exciting, but challenging, future lies before us and we are looking for people who share a passion for this local community and wish to help steer the organisation forward.

In particular, we would benefit from adding marketing skills to the range of skills and experience that the Board currently offers. However, what is required firstly is a desire to strengthen this community and develop an important part of the infrastructure on which that community is built.

If you would like to consider becoming a Trustee for our organisation contact Karl Hart on 0151 480 9177 for more information.

St Agnes' Readers and Eucharistic Ministers

The rotas for St Agnes readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be available for collection today from the back of church.

Thank you

St Agnes Altar Servers

Please could all altar servers try and attend the next practice which is on Saturday 7th November at 11am in Church.

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Psalm: Such are the men who

seek your face, O Lord

Gospel Acc: Come to me, all you who

labour and are overburdened, and I will give you

rest, says the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5: 10-12

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan





1st November 2015

Solemnity of All saints

Year B

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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.



<u>Prayer Requests</u> For those who are sick or in special need of our Prayers

Vera Cummins. Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Mary Organ. Thomas Clegg, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Aidan Morris, Maria Edge, Kay McNeill, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Phil Ridler, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Joseph Hill, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jennifer Hewitt, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Christine Lees, Susan McDougalle, Amy Adair, Pat Madden, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Marion James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Dolly Morten, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Vera Jones, Jennifer McLaughin, Wyn Graham, Josie Riley, Caelan McKeown, Colette Wilson, Michael McDonough, Margaret Flynn, Mary Davis, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Patrick McKeown, Jimmy Jones, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Linda O'Keefe, Margaret Sergison, Nancy Evans, Margaret Murray, Geraldine, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Anthony Winrow, Nick Gregory, Kathleen Hughes, Philip Malone Roisin & Padraig McRory, Anthony Wilson, Jerome Mitchell, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Colette Wilson, Nathan Davies, Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Pauline Irvine, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland, Laura Mitchell, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jennifer McKeown, Pat McGiveron, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Peter Kelly, Jackie Anders, Philip Anders, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Graham Dawson, Eva Roberts, Baby Sonny, Nikki Hamner, Kathleen Wilson, .

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

Albert Mulvaney

Anniversaries

Agnes Bruder, Jean McNally, Margaret Sweeney, Josephine Tinsley, Tommy Kearns.

Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 1st November 2015

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Ann Glavisky

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - Dominic Minghella

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.

Parish Collections

Sunday 25th October 2015

St Agnes - £766.83 St Aidan - £360.68

September Standing Orders

St Agnes £977.50
St Aidan £350.00
St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2
Thank you for your
generous support

Welcome to the Parish family of St Aidan & St Agnes



Francis James McDonough
Maisy May Robinson
McClellan
Alicia McClellan
Francis Lee
Luis Lee

Who will be baptised at St Agnes on Sunday 1st November Please remember these children and their families in your prayers.

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 <u>must</u> contact the Parish Office on 489 3085 and you will be booked into a preparation meeting.

First Communions 2016 Mass Attendance

First communion children are reminded to attend Mass regularly and mark the register at the end of the Mass.

Many Thanks. Fr. Anton

Dates for your Diary 2015-2016

2015

Friday 27th November Holy Souls Mass—St Aidan's 7.30pm

2016

Friday 22nd January Winter Mon 12th—Sat 17th September Lourdes

Winter Night, St Aidan's Club Lourdes Pilgrimage

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Tuesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 9.00am - 12.30pm

Friday 9.00am - 4pm

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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.

New Parish Web Site
www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

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Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

Sr. Barbara — 0151 481 0968 Sr. Gabriel - 0151 489 1302 Sr. Louise - 0151 489-1302

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St. Anne's

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 31st October

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Flo Derrie, Margaret (Peggy) Coleman

Sunday 1st November - Solemnity of All Saints

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Bernie Mudge, Frank Kearns St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Tom Collins, Eileen Markey

Monday 2nd November – Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed

St Aidan Mass 12 Noon - The Holy Souls

St.Agnes Mass 7.30pm - The Holy Souls

Tuesday 3rd November

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

St Agnes Requiem Mass 1pm - Albert Mulvaney

Wednesday 4th November

St Agnes 7.30pm - Siobhan Arnold, Elizabeth McCormack

Thursday 5th November

No Mass

Friday 6th November

St. Aidan Mass 12 noon - Maurice McGurk, The O'Hanlon Family

Saturday 7th November - Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Pat Morrissey, Mary Margaret Coleman

Sunday 8th November

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - The Holy Souls

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Florence, George & Michael Lewis

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.

Living the Beatitudes

When we celebrate the feast of all saints we are not celebrating those who have died. This way of thinking causes us to believe that sanctity can only happen after a person has died. No, we are celebrating all who have experienced the gospel message and know that God dwells with them now. Death is not the criterion required for sanctity. Neither is perfection. Often, in fact, the road to wholeness/holiness is through imperfection.

Sanctity isn't something we achieve. It is something with which we participate. We each have within us at this moment the power of God. The only thing that prevents us from living the power of God is that many of us are not aware that we have it. We are all children of God, not later when we die, but now, this moment. In the trauma and setbacks of life we discover that we cannot do life by ourselves. As we admit our need of God we find purity of heart. The arrogance of self-sufficiency gives way to meekness. We realize that all that we are and have is from God and we begin to know ourselves as poor in spirit. Our own misfortunes awaken and connect us to the pain of the world for which we cannot help but mourn. We think less about ourselves and become merciful to others. We have nowhere else to go and so we turn our gaze back to God. The longer we gaze at God the more we hunger and thirst for righteousness, for God's life, and we become peacemakers reconciling ourselves to God and our neighbour. This is the life for which Christ's disciples are willing to be persecuted, a life of righteousness, the life for which Christ died and rose again.

The temptation is to think that the beatitudes are rules or conditions for being blessed or receiving our heavenly reward. They are not that at all. They are not about building up, accomplishing, or acquiring. They are about letting go, surrendering, living with a vulnerable and open heart. That does not mean we run away, back down, or isolate ourselves from the realities of our life and world. It means we engage them in a different way, Jesus' way. The beatitudes teach us to trust God more than the external circumstances of our lives. They invite dependence on God rather than self-reliance.

The beatitudes are not so much about <u>what</u> we do, our actions, but <u>how</u> we do, our being. They are less about actions and more about relationships. To live the beatitudes is to live a life of reckless, exuberant, self-abandonment to God and our neighbour. That's called love. The only reason we can do that is because we know and trust ourselves to have already been blessed by God. We live the

beatitudes as a response to God blessing us. That is the way of Christ. That is not only the way forward through this life, it is the way to life. If we are to follow Christ it must become our way.

Going Forward

This week let us reflect on and try to recognise the power of God that exists within US!

Collection for Syrian Refugees

We are all too painfully aware of the plight of so many in Syria. We have seen footage of those desperately seeking refuge from their war torn country and the risks they are willing to take to do so. Pope Francis has asked us to "be 'neighbours' to the littlest ones, the most abandoned ones ... give them real hope." We feel we are being called to act with compassion and respond to this very real need.

The two parishes have formed a committee and are currently working with the Archbishop's official Justice and Peace field worker, Steve Atherton. If you would like to find out ways that you can help or be involved in what the committee are working towards, please speak to Dave Monaghan or Margaret Roche. In the next few weeks we hope to start a weekly collection for the Syrian Refugees. We are suggesting that a donation of 50p from yourselves, each week, will go a long way to creating a substantial and meaningful fund to help a family and others. If you would like to donate more or set up a standing order, this would be greatly appreciated. You can set up a standing order by contacting the Parish Office during office hours.

Food Bank

There has, for a long time, been a facility to donate to the food bank at St. Aidan's. We would like to extend this opportunity to St. Agnes' Parish. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items with a long shelf life, we will continue to ensure these are redistributed. We hope that as well as helping people in our local community this may become a resource we can use to help the refugees. Please start bringing these items to church where there will be a central collection point for them.