

### Mary's meals

The Backpack project is a simple way of helping children from poor families in countries like Malawi and Liberia get to school. Very often the parents of the children Mary's meals support cannot even afford to buy the basic things like pens, paper, even suitable clothes for their children to wear to school. And so their children miss out on school and the education that can help them escape from the poverty when they grow up. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parish to make a real difference to the future of these children. Most people will already have many of these items at home.

If anyone would like to become involved please find the information at the back of church. If you wish to buy a backpack and fill it with the items required, that would be fantastic. However, you may prefer to donate either the bag or any of the items from the 'Wanted' list and we will do the rest. Second hand clothing/uniform items are perfectly acceptable provided that they are in good condition.

Donations can be left at Church or St Anne's school. School donations no later than 18/7/13, Church donations no later than the first Sunday in August.

For more information contact [amanda.badger@talktalk.net](mailto:amanda.badger@talktalk.net)  
Have a look at the website to see the wonderful work they carry out: [www.marysmeals.org](http://www.marysmeals.org)



**Mary's Meals will replace our usual 'Shoe box appeal'**

### Holy Hour

There will be **no** Holy Hour during the month of July. Apologies for any inconvenience.  
Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

31st Aug - St. Aidan's BBQ  
17 Oct - WCMAD Fundraiser at  
St Aidan's Club  
19 Nov - Holy Souls Mass—St Agnes



### 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"*

## The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

# NEWSLETTER



**Sunday 3rd August 2014**  
**18th 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**

*Dougie & May Hayhurst, Sue Johnson, Margaret Maguire,  
 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,  
 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, Joseph Hill, Susan McDougale, 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,  
 Rose Sankey, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones, Margaret Flynn,  
 Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Cubells,  
 Patrick McKeown, Janet & Ray Cragg, Maisie Pritchard, Marion, Linda O'Keefe,  
 Margaret Sergison, Geraldine, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Wyn Graham, Margaret Murray,  
 Josie Tinsley, Riley James Skeath, Anthony Winrow, Jimmy O'Neil, Philip Malone,  
 William Stove, Martin Thomas, Sr. Ann Collette Garlick, Maureen Quinn, Kathleen Hughes,*

**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

*Maureen Fairclough, Mary Margaret Welsh, Sr. Christine, Margaret Collins,  
 Rosemary Hastie.*

#### Anniversaries

*Stephen O'Hanlon, Sheila Galway, Robert Kelly, Norman Arnold, Paul Cardwell,  
 Maureen Renwick, Mary Mc Hugh, Peter & Nellie Lynch, Tess Hall,*

### Sanctuary Lamps

This week 20th July

**St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Brenda Cubells**

**St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - The Mulcahey Family**

*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.**



If the parable proper reflects struggles of the early Christians to include as full participants Gentiles and other "sinners", the symbolic explanation points outside the Christian community to "the world" as the ground of conflict. In these verses, the patient self-control of the householder is gone as the end-time reapers throw all the evil-doers into the fiery furnace. There is a distinct difference from the situation in verses 24-30. Now it is the harvest time, a metaphor for end-time judgement and the action is carried out by God's angels, not human beings. There is an implicit warning to us not to impetuously assume the role of the divine judge, who alone sorts out good from evil.

The nonretaliatory reproach of the householder who has been humiliated by his enemy can seem weak. When read with the parable of the leaven, it speaks instead of the womanly strength of God, whose transformative work is hidden in the agitating action of kneading the bread. With the first reading from Wisdom, it points to divine justice and might become manifest in leniency, clemency and kindness. It is this contradictory approach to rooting out evil, exemplified in Jesus' boundless forgiveness and inclusive table practices, that we are offered.

### **PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE**

Pray for the grace of forbearance.

Reflect on how goodness only grows through struggle with its opposite.

Let the Spirit's "groaning" intercede through you when you do not know how to pray.

### **Lourdes Pilgrimage**

The final amount of £449 for those sharing a room or £599 for those having a single room is now due for the Lourdes pilgrimage. Please make cheques out to 'Parish of St. Aidan's and hand them in to the parish office by August 3rd please..

Many thanks

### **St Agnes' Little Church**

**20th July 2014**

Carol and Janice

**27th July 2014**

Jean and Lesley





## WISDOM ABOUT WEEDS

What is one to do when an enemy who has been the mastermind behind thousands of deaths is discovered hiding with the territory of a friendly nation? What to do when weeds are discovered sprouting among the good grain? Do you pull out the destructive intruders or let them grow? How did they get there?

Who or what were the “weeds” in the minds of the Matthean Christians? Were they Gentiles who were infiltrating with their corrosive influences, like pesky, pungent mustard that violated the set boundaries and spread uncontrollably into well-defined Jewish fields? Were they evildoers in general or persecutors of the followers of Jesus, who, in the minds of the latter, should have been already permanently defeated now that the Messiah had come? Why is the evil one still exercising power?

Today's gospel opens myriad questions and gives helpful directions toward finding answers. The householder who sowed the good seed first acknowledges that the weeds are the work of an enemy and takes the onus off the worried slaves who might have been blamed for not tending the field well or for sowing inferior seed. The parable focuses more on what to do than explaining how it happened.

One line of response proposed by the slaves is to pull up all the weeds immediately. The landowner decides against this course of action. Pulling up the weeds might uproot the wheat along with them. The separation can happen later, at the harvest time.

Is this a wise decision? Are the ones who actually work the land thinking that this absentee landlord doesn't know anything about farming? Will his approach be shown to be unrealistic when his wheat has been choked out by the weeds and when it proves impossible to sort out darned from wheat by winnowing?

Authoritative voices in the early church agreed with the householder and urged forbearance toward sinners. Saint Augustine, for example, used this parable to argue that heretics or the lapsed should not be cut off from the church. Bishop Calistus of Rome likewise interpreted “Let the tares grow along with the wheat” as “Let sinners remain in the church”.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday 19th July

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Molly Simmins, Tess Hall

### Sunday 20th July Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Ellen Mulcahey, Robert Kelly

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Peggy Coyne, Peter & Nellie Lynch

### Monday 21st July

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

### Tuesday 22nd July - St Mary Magdalen

St Aidan - There will be no Holy Hour during July

**Sr. Christine -Requiem at Christopher Grange-12.45pm Youens Way L14 2EW**

### Wednesday 23rd July - St Bridget

St Agnes 7.30pm - William Holden

### Thursday 24th July

**No Mass**

### Friday 25th July - St James, Apostle

**St. Agnes Funeral Service 2pm - Rosemary Hastie**

### Saturday 26th July - Saints Joachim and Anne

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Ann & John Turner

### Sunday 27th July Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Margaret McGuinness

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Mike Thomas, Norman Arnold

## 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.**

### Parish Collections



Sunday 13th July 2014

St Agnes - £802.49

St Aidan - £340.88

### **June Standing Orders**

St. Agnes - £902.50

St. Aidan - £184.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 2

**Thank you for your generous support**



Welcome to the Parish family of  
St Aidan & St Agnes

**Heidi Kelly Mulhaney  
Lucas Mark Riccio**

Who will be baptised on  
Sunday 20th July at St Aidan's Church

Please remember these children  
and their families in your prayers.

### **Car Boot Sale - 26 July**

This will be on the last Saturday of every month from 8am - 12pm (£5 per table) in the car park at St Agnes parish club, Huyton Hey Road/St Mary's Road. Please ring the office to book a place.

0151 489 3085



### 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.

### **Pilgrimage to Holywell**

A Pastoral day Pilgrimage to Holywell

Monday 25th August 2014

Cost £8 (bring a packed lunch)

#### Coach Pick up times

9.30am-St Alberts

9.40am St.Columba

9.45am- St Aloysius

Returns approx 5pm

Please contact Fr. David Potter at St. Albert's Parish as soon as possible to secure your place & arrange payment.

**Phone 228-7126**

### **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

0151 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:**

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*Sr. MaryRose - 0151 482 6895*

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