

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 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.



Yoga

Yoga classes continue in the Sr. Elizabeth Kelly Room at St. Agnes' on Wednesdays at 6.15 pm from 8th January.



Romania & Albania Projects



If you are a parishioner who is 18+ and regularly worship at St. Agnes or St. Aidan's you may like to help on our projects in Romania or Albania. There is a group that meets every first Saturday of the month at 6.30pm at **92 Adswood Road** (after 5.30 Mass).

If you are interested, please come along!

Children's Liturgy

There will be "An Afternoon Preparing to Celebrate Lent" held at LACE on Sunday 9th February 2014 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Refreshments will be served at 3.30 pm.

If any one who participates in Little Church wishes to attend could you please contact the office to enable your place to be booked.

St Agnes' Little Church

Next week

26th January-Lesley & Honor



Pastoral Meeting

The next joint Pastoral Meeting will be in February 2014. Date to be finalised.



RCIA

This year's RCIA course is due to start shortly. If you or anyone you know would like to become a Catholic, please give your name and contact number to the office.

The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Sunday 26th January 2014
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A

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

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

Paul Pickup, Patrick Tolmaer, Ann Freida Gibbs, Alice Cummins, John Riley

Anniversaries

John Birchall, Kefe Akpogheneta, Steve Sheridan, Tommy McClusky, John & Mary Coffey,
 Martha Jones, John Anderson, William Lacken, Thomas Munroe, Mary Hughes,
 Michael Langstaff, Mary Lally.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 19th January 2014

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp - Parishioners of St. Agnes & St. Aidan

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp - John Birchall

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.



He shares with his disciples the power to live this manner of life when he appears to them after the resurrection, breathing the Spirit upon them and commissioning them: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them". Just as John predicts in today's gospel, Jesus bathes his followers with the Holy Spirit, enabling us to live as he did, forgiving everyone we can. Living in this way extends John's testimony to the Lamb of God in our day and continues Christ's action of taking away the sin of the whole world.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Who first pointed you toward Jesus? Give thanks for that gift.

To whom do you testify about Jesus?

How do you experience the power of the Spirit to forgive?

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Monday

Slimming World

5.30pm & 7.30pm

Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30am, 11.30am

(Michelle 07940181515)

Country Night 7.30pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1pm, Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30pm

Sunday

Cabaret Night

Saturday 1st February

Star Night-guest Star-Andy Kane

Champagne on arrival, curry Supper

Tickets £5 7.30pm start

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

Tuesday

Ukele Group 7.30pm

Wednesday

Quiz night from 9.30pm

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
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THE LAMB OF GOD

As we return to Ordinary Time, the readings bring us back into reflection on the beginnings of our journey of discipleship. The liturgical cycle is not a circle that keeps us going around and around, repeatedly going over the same ground. Rather, each year, we approach the texts with freshness because our world is not the same as in the previous year and we ourselves have changed. Much as a couple, when celebrating their anniversary, retell the story of how they first met and fell in love, so the gospel invites us to reflect on the beginnings of how we came to know Jesus.

John the Baptist, who plays the role of best man, sets the stage for the first disciples to recognise and follow Jesus. His proclamation of Jesus as Lamb of God has caused much debate among scholars. For some, this title evokes the servant in Isaiah, spoken of in today's first reading. In subsequent chapters, there is emphasis on the suffering of the servant, who is oppressed and afflicted, "yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter." Others think of the lambs sacrificed in the temple as sin offerings. Still others think of the Passover lamb, whose blood was smeared on the doorposts of the Israelites the night before beginning their exodus from Egypt.

One difficulty with the first interpretation is that it fits better the Synoptic Gospels than the Gospel of John. In the Synoptic tradition, Jesus does not answer back through his trial and stands before his accusers in silence. In the Fourth Gospel, however, Jesus is depicted as fully aware and even in control of the events in the passion narrative. He does not remain silent but answers back in a confrontational manner when he is struck. In the book of Revelation, the victorious Lamb completes the picture begun in the Gospel of John.

Neither is the symbol of a sacrificial lamb the best fit for the Gospel of John. Jesus stops the sacrificial process in the temple, driving out the sheep and the cattle. Moreover, in this gospel, he speaks of himself not as an unwitting victim, but as the gate for the sheep and as the shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep.

Most likely it is the symbolism of the Passover lamb that the Evangelist intends. Just as in the exodus, the lamb's blood protects the people as they begin their arduous journey toward new life. At the death of Jesus, the Evangelist brings this symbolism to the fore again, by interpreting the decision not to break Jesus' legs, as they did to the other two crucified with him, as a fulfilment of the Scriptures that refer to the Passover lamb: "None of his bones shall be broken". As the new Passover lamb, Jesus protects his disciples and opens the way for the new liberation of his people. It is not as an expiatory sacrificial lamb that Jesus takes away the sin of the world, but as one who embodies a way of life that frees people from all sinfulness that holds them bound.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 18th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Evelyn Brown, Tommy McClusky

Sunday 19th January -Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

(Day of Prayer for Peace)

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Shaun Mudge

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Kefe Akpogheneta, Steve Sheridan

Monday 20th January

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

Tuesday 21st January - Feast of St. Agnes

St Aidan Holy Hour 11.00 am to Noon

Wednesday 22nd January

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Vera Sheridan, John & Mary Coffey

Thursday 23rd January

St. Agnes Requiem 12.30-Ann Frieda Gibbs

Friday 24th January

St Aidan Mass 12 Noon -William & Mark Burns

Saturday 25th January -Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - George Darwin, Kay McNeill

Sunday 26th January Third Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - Ken Keith

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - John Anderson, Martha Jones

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.**

Holy Hour

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays from 11am -12 noon in St. Aidan's church.

Please join us this Tuesday.



Welcome to the Parish
family of
St Aidan & St Agnes
Elliot Christopher London

who will be baptised on
Sunday 19th January
at St Aidan's Church
Please remember these children and their families

Parish Collections

Sunday 12th January
St Agnes - £797.01
St Aidan - £372.70

December Standing Orders

St.Agnes-£892.50
St. Aidan-£208.00

St. Agnes' team to count: 1

**Thank you for your
generous support**

SVP

The SVP of St.Agnes & St.Aidan would like to thank all parishioners for their generosity throughout 2013. Your donations enabled the SVP to make regular donations to the Food bank, a donation to the Lyndale Cancer support centre, a donation to one of our schools, to help under privileged children to go on a school holiday & supported a number of people in need in our communities. We also provided the buffet and entertainment for our yearly Christmas party, This is a small example of where your money has been spent. .

Thank you. May God bless you all.

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.

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.



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:

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For your information

**Parish Newsletters are posted on
Parish Website every week.**

Parish Web Site-

Parishes-of-stagnes-
staidans.org.uk

PARISH CONTACTS



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Sr. Barbara - 228 2239

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St Aidan Parish Club

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