

Lourdes Pilgrimage - 12-17th September 2016

As in the previous year we will fly directly from Manchester to Tarbes (Lourdes Airport) and we will be staying in the same hotel, the '4* Hotel La Solitude'. The pilgrimage is for five nights. The cost, including meals, will be £609.00 per person sharing a double room. If you are interested please contact the office on 0151-489 3085 or enter your name on the list at the back of church.

(All intending to travel please pay a deposit of £250 before Sunday the 1st of May)



Thursday Club

We are looking for volunteers for the Thursday-Club held at St. Aidan's Church at 7.30pm. This is a social gathering of people with special needs. If you are interested for more details please contact the parish office on: 0151-489 3085

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Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love

Gospel Acc Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

Gospel; Luke; 13: 1-9

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St Aidan's Stations of the Cross

Will be held every Friday throughout Lent at 6.30pm. Try your best and join us!



The Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan

NEWSLETTER



Third Sunday of Lent

28th February 2016

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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, 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, Amy Adair, Phil Ridler, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Eddie Doran, Joseph Hill, Vera Jones, Angela Fleetwood, George Gibbons, Rose Rawlinson, Marie Higgins, Jennifer Hewitt, Averyll Fairfield Logan, Carol Atkinson, Christine Lees, Susan McDougale, Pat Madden, Philip Gallagher, Carl Atkinson, Ursula Erfani, Clare Pendleton, Marion, James Taylor, Rose Sankey, Dolly Morten, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Colette Wilson, Wyn Graham, Jennifer McLaughlin, Josie Riley, Caelan McKeown, Michael McDonough, Mary Davis, Margaret Flynn, 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, Anthony Wilson, Nathan Davies, Roisin & Pdraig McRory, Jerome Mitchell, Mrs Lynch, Ann Gavin, Lawrence McClintock, Moya Fleetwood, Pauline Irvine, Peter Kelly, John Kennedy, Dorothy Ireland, Laura Mitchell, Jim & Josephine Phillips, Sophie Bond, Colette Martin, Jackie Anders, Jennifer McKeown, Pat McGiveron, Christina Hill, Julie Bohanna, Philip Anders, Baby Sonny, Angela Smith, Alan McMahon, Eva Roberts, Graham Dawson, Tony Gavin, Nikki Hamner, Tony McCarthy, Kathleen Keenan, Jane Blakemore, Grace Fernando, Patrick Georgeson, Robert Williams, Angela & Gerry Reid, Joseph Cashman, Kate Williams

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

Jennifer Hewitt, Gordon Roberts, Stephen McMahon, Gabrielle Williams, Jean Samosa, Joseph Graham Flute,

Anniversaries

Barbara Bettie, Eric O'Ginsky, Dougie Maylor, John & Anthony Murray, The O'Hanlon Family, Grandma Joan, Mark Daly, Nancy & Paul Cardwell, Catherine & William Burns,

Sanctuary Lamps Week beginning – 28th February

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

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.

Responding to the Call Vocation Discernment Group

To support those exploring Vocations to the Priesthood in our diocese, a monthly day of recollection has been organised for the first Saturday of each month. These days will help men who feel called to ordained ministry to discover more about diocesan priesthood and meet others discerning a call to priesthood. There will be an opportunity to talk with and hear from priests who minister in the diocese, and also a time for prayer and discussion.

The next day of recollection will take place on **Saturday 5 March** at St. Charles' Presbytery, 224 Aigburth Road, Liverpool.

For further information, please contact Fr James Preston, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Liverpool, at frjamespreston@gmail.com or telephone: 0151 727 2493. Regular updates will be posted on our Facebook page: Archdiocese of Liverpool Vocations

MAKING A DIFFERENCE HAS NEVER BEEN SO EASY

The Old Schoolhouse (St Johns Road) continues to make an impact locally by working with, and supporting, many small community groups - from ju jitsu training to self help groups for people coping with a stroke, mental illness or simply trying to keep fit. While it raises income for running costs from the hire of rooms and long term tenants, there is never quite enough.

We are asking your support in a very easy fund raising initiative. It's called 'Give As You Live' - the funny thing is—you don't have to give any money. Neither do you have to give up any of your time. You do need to make a slight adjustment to your online shopping, though.

There are leaflets in the porches which explain a bit more, or you can go to www.giveasyoulive.com for more information. If you're already sold on the idea then take a trip to www.give.as/charity/theoldschoolhouse.

Thank you for your help.

St. Aidan's Parish Centre

Memberships available

Monday

Slimming World
3.30 pm, 5.30 pm & 7.30 pm

Tuesday:

Slimming World 9.30 am, 11.30 am
(Michelle 07940181515)
Country Night 7.30 pm

Wednesday

Bingo at 1 pm, Quiz Night

Thursday

Bingo 7.30 pm

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

St Agnes' Parish Centre

New Memberships available

Tues

Darts Night

Saturday

Evening live entertainment in the lounge

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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Rosary

If anyone would be interested in joining a Rosary Group primarily for reciting the Rosary in the homes of the bereaved on the vigil of the funeral, please let me know.

Many Thanks
Fr. Anton

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 make contact with Christine Ball or Fr. Anton (contact details in this newsletter).

Typically those interested begin to meet on a regular basis in September and are received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at Easter

Mass Intentions

Saturday 27th February

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Flo Ryan, Barbara Bettle

Sunday 28th February - Third Sunday of Lent

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - Sr. Mary Paul, Rose Coleman
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Mr Stuart, Eric Oginsky

Monday 29th February

St Agnes 9.30 Celebration of the Word

St Aidan Requiem Mass 1.30—Gabrielle Ann Williams

Tuesday 1st March- Feast of St David

St Agnes Requiem Mass 11.00am—Gordon Roberts

St. Aidan Holy Hour 11-12 pm

Wednesday 2nd March

St Aidan Requiem Mass 12.45—Stephen McMahon

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm - Anthony Gavin, Peter Ellison

Thursday 3rd March

St. Agnes Requiem 1pm— Jean Samosa

Friday 4th March

St Aidan Mass 12 Noon— Catherine & William Burns

St Aidan - 6.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 5th March

St Agnes Mass 5.30pm - Margaret, Mary , Mary Aloysius & Mary Benedict Rimmer

Sunday 6th March - Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

St Aidan Mass 9.30am - John & Anthony Murray, The O'Hanlon Family
St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Grandma Joan, Margaret Bowden

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.

What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

One of the recurrent themes throughout the Lenten season is the compassion and mercy of our God. It is something that we constantly need to be reminded about. Our God is always faithful and consistent. His love for us never changes, no matter how we behave. It has to be that way because our God not only loves, he IS love. Love is of the very essence of his being; he cannot not love.

The first reading today is a strong invitation to reflect on the fact that repentance (i.e. change) is not only turning away from something bad. It is turning to that which is good. The reading from Exodus tells us of God's appearance to Moses in the burning bush on Mt. Horeb or Sinai. This passage is so important, for it establishes the identity of the people of Israel by disclosing the identity of their God. Israel's God is not a disengaged monarch, but a loving parent who has compassion on his suffering children. The outstanding characteristic of the God who appears to Moses in the bush is mercy. Mercy is a special form of love, the kind of love that one has for a person who is suffering. It is a love that shares the struggles of those who struggle and experiences the pain of those who are in need.

Mercy is compassion, sharing in the distress of those who are in any way afflicted. This is the way God relates to the people of Israel enslaved in Egypt: I know their suffering and have come down to rescue them.

This is the God we are asked to turn to during Lent. The God of compassion and mercy invites us to let God's great mercy and compassion touch our hearts. We are also called to share that mercy with each other, trying to lift the burdens from each other's shoulders and set free the oppressed. Being repentant means turning to the God whose mercy to us can make us truly compassionate to each other. Faith in this God of mercy can make us people of mercy. It can make the Christian community a community of compassion. Really turning to this God can make us people who help heal the wounds of our struggling world.

In today's Gospel we have the image of God as the compassionate Gardener. The demanding landowner's attitude is "Produce fruit or be cut down." But that is not who God is and that is not how God deals with God's people. God does not cut down life. God gives, sustains, and grows life. Rather, these words of Jesus are the words of a compassionate and caring gardener who seeks to nourish life, who is willing to get down on his hands and knees, to dig around in the dirt of our life, to water, even spread a little manure, and then trust that fruit will grow. This gardener sees possibilities for life that we often cannot see in our own or each other's lives.

We are right to hear urgency and necessity in Jesus' call to repentance. This is not because God is vindictive but because life is short, precious, and sacred.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

There will be a talk by Cardinal Charles Bo of Burma at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 22 May at 2.00 p.m. Followed by Sung Vespers at 3.00 p.m.

Entrance is free and there will be a retiring collection for ACN's work in Asia and an ACN Trading stall.



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 project in Romania. There is a group that meets every first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm at the **Presbytery 92 Adswood Road**. If you are interested, please come along!

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

Piety Stall's

Why not take a look at our piety stall for your Mother's day and Easter card's and gift's over the next few week end's?



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.

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.

Refugee Appeal Update (SHARE)

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."..
(Matthew 25:35-40)

A BIG THANK YOU to all the those who donated food items, winter clothing, shoes, blankets, walking boots etc. Thanks to yet another generous parishioner for the very generous cash donation which enabled us to hire another van for the mission to Calais on Friday.

We appreciate very much all the volunteers who worked with Margaret Roche in sorting out all the items in preparation for this journey to Calais.

Margaret and Mark Roche and Monica and Bryan Blois were kind enough to drive the two vans to Calais last night. Please keep these four parishioners in your prayers.

Thanks for your ongoing 50 pence contribution to our 'Refugee-Appeal' boxes at St. Agnes and St. Aidan.

We will keep you updated re; the work ahead in supporting *'our sisters and brothers' in need* (refugees/ asylum seekers in Merseyside) in the near future. Please keep in your prayers all the volunteers at the Asylum Link centre at St. Ann's Presbytery on Overbury Street in Liverpool.

Please don't miss this meeting!

Please try your best to attend the SHARE General Meeting at St. Agnes church meeting room(*Sr. Elizabeth Kelly's room*) on Monday the 7th of March at 7pm.

For more info please visit

www.sharehuyton.org.uk

Email: sharehuyton@gmail.com

Twitter: @sharehuyton



. It is not because God is retribution but because God is love. Jesus does not seem as concerned about why people die as why people do not live. Everyone dies but not all truly live. Too often and too easily we perish even before we die – through our fear, prejudices, judgments and condemnations, the need for control, the victimization of others, and our impoverishment of God.

Jesus' call to repentance is the invitation to choose life. Live or perish. We choose which way we will turn. We must decide where we place our trust – in the mechanics of a distorted cause and effect or in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the God who has observed our misery, heard our cry, and come to deliver us.

Going Forward

"Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Mary Oliver's question is at the heart of Jesus' call to repentance. Her question underlies and guides our Lenten journey. Repentance is the means to reclaiming the "one wild and precious life" entrusted to us. Repentance is the way to life, the way of becoming most authentically who we are and who, at the deepest level, we long to be. What might repentance look like in your life? Ultimately, repentance is about choosing to live and live fully. So choose, and if you find you have made a wrong choice, choose again. It is never too late. "One more year," the gardener told the owner. That is not about time but about forgiveness, grace, love, and second chances. So, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

Dates for your Diary 2016



Wednesday 16th March	Reconciliation Service for all the First Holy Communion children, St Agnes Church
Monday 21st March	Reconciliation Service (Adults) St. Aidan 7.30pm
Wednesday 23rd March	Chrim Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral
Friday 29th April	WCMAD fundraiser, St Aidan's Club
Sunday 8th May 11am	Fr Richard's 40th Ordination Anniversary Mass
Sunday 12th June	Joe Morgan Diaconate Ordination Metropolitan Cathedral
Sunday 10th July	Joint Parish BBQ, St Aidan's
Mon 12th - Sat 17th Sept	Lourdes Pilgrimage
Friday 14th October	WCMAD Fundraiser, St Aidan's Club

PARISH OFFICE/PRESBYTERY

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Friday 9.00am - 4pm

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*Also available from St Aidan's
Church*

0151 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.**

New Parish Web Site

www.stagnes-staidan.org.uk

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'Parishes of St Agnes and St Aidan'.

Parish Collections

Sunday 21st February 2016

St Agnes - £618.17

St Aidan - £336.01

January Standing Orders

St Agnes £986.00

St Aidan £150.00

St. Agnes' team to count: Team 3

Combined Refugee Collection to date

£3,285.96

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

St Aidan's Little Church

Sunday 28th February

Caroline

Sunday 6th March

Jane

St Agnes' Little Church

Sunday 28th February

Alison, Jo & Joanne

Sunday 6th March

Kim & Honor

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 11am

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.



*Welcome to the Parish
family of St Aidan & St Agnes*

***Frankie Ernest Heron
Bella Jade Heron
Frankie Stephen Cook &
Grace Patricia Deluce***

*Who will be baptised at St Aidan
on Saturday 27th February*

*Please remember these children
and their families in your prayers.*