

Please Note - Re: Fundraisers

This is to clarify the position regarding fund-raising for charity in our two parishes: Whilst we appreciate there are many worthy causes in need of assistance, we **MUST** restrict our own parish collections and fund- raising events to the WCMAD (We Can Make A Difference) projects, Mary's Meals and Lyndale Centre only. If any individual or group wishes to aid any other charity or cause, they should do this privately and not on church premises or via the Tea Clubs.

Thank you, Fr. Anton



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.



Yoga

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

Classes will resume on
8 January 2014



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

Baptism of the Lord Sunday 12th January 2014 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, Bill Hall, John Hunter, Paul Roberts, Rose Bryan, Katie Nichols, Daisy May, Clare Deane, Martin Thomas, Craig Wilson, Pauline Campbell, Tricia Robinson, Ryan Johnson, Brian Whiteacre, Barbara Shervall, May Cooper, 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, Bill Jones, Dean Easton, Anne Nolan, Jim Phillips, Lawrence McClintock, Nicky Allen, Joe Muraski, Christopher Massam, Marion Fallon, Betty Johns, Frank & Joan McCann, Vera Cummins, Rose Rimmer, Philip Bromwell, Pauline Burgess, James Soundie, Marie D'Arcy, Thomas Clegg, Jim Rose, Daphne Flynn, Tony Clintworth, Nel Jorden, Lynn McNabb, baby Aidan James Morris, Wendy Paveley, Elsie Blundell, Kitty Barnes, Maureen McGurk, Vera Murphy, Sandra Rowley, Josie Campbell, Winnie Witter, Peggy Skidmore, Maria Edge, Baby 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, Carl Atkinson, Phil Ridler, Ursula Mary Erfani, Jenny Pye, Clare Pendleton, Marie Higgins, Victoria Hill-Edmundson, Dolly Morten, Jennifer McLaughlin, Mary Lyons, Baby Caelan McKeown, Margaret Buckley, Michael McDonough, Arthur Jones, Margaret Flynn, Colette Wilson, Aaron Carmichael, Triona Bromwell, Geraldine Kelly, Brenda Cubells, Jim Poland, James Taylor, Janet & Ray Cragg, Jim Poland, Kenny & Maisie Pritchard, Marion, Josie Tinsley

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,

Anniversaries

Bernadette Kinsella,

Sanctuary Lamps

This week 12th January 2014

St Agnes Sanctuary Lamp -

St Aidan's Sanctuary Lamp -

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.



responsorial psalm likewise sings of how every nation on earth will adore God's Anointed One. The letter to the Ephesians emphasises that "the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel". There are no second-class members and no privileges for those who had priority in the faith. All are equal co-members.

The very insistence on the equal status of Gentiles, backed up with the assertion that this has now been revealed to the apostles and prophets by the Spirit, reveals the struggles of the early Christian communities to make this a reality. The difficulties in welcoming Gentiles have long ago been overcome but others still face us today. What welcome is given to people of different races? to people of different socioeconomic strata? to women? to those whose marital status is irregular? to those of a different sexual orientation? Facing our prejudices and working to dismantle them is a most difficult task. It can take a lifetime but it is possible to do with the help of the Spirit, who continues to reveal the co-partnership of all in the body Christ.

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Pray for the graced to welcome people unlike yourself into your faith community. Ask for the Spirit's help to accept the gifts of "outsiders" who come with authentic faith.

Ask Jesus for the healing of any prejudices you recognise within yourself or your community.

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Pastoral Meeting

The next joint Pastoral Meeting will be in February 2014.

Date to be finalised.

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.





ALL ARE WELCOME

Some years ago at a gathering of sisters who were discussing the decline in vocations, Jamie T Phelps, OP, posed this question to the predominantly white group: What if I told you that there were two hundred healthy, energetic, faith-filled young women who were ready to join you tomorrow? Of course heads nodded and smiles revealed the warm welcome they would be accorded. Sister Jamie queried further: What if

I told you the two hundred women were black? The sisters suddenly found themselves struggling with their response as they faced their own unconscious racism.

The sisters' experience may not have been far removed from that of the Matthean community, which was predominantly Jewish, struggling to welcome Gentile believers. This is the gospel in which Jesus emphatically warns his disciples, when he sends them out on mission, not to go anywhere near Gentiles or Samaritans but only to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel".

This is also the community that told the story of the Canaanite woman whom Jesus rebuffed when she pleaded with him to heal her daughter. He declared that he had been "sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel". Her faithful persistence helped him to see that his mission could embrace others beyond the borders of his own people. This openness to other people than Jews reaches a climax at the conclusion of the gospel, where the final words of the risen Christ are his instruction to go and make disciples of all nations.

This all-inclusive mission of Christ is already foreshadowed in the opening chapters of the gospel, where exotic visitors from the East are the first to do homage to Jesus. The term "magi" originally referred to a caste of Persian priests. They were not kings themselves but served their king with skills such as interpreting dreams. In the gospel they also appear to be adept at interpreting the movement of the stars. Following the star, they are the first Gentiles to seek and recognise Jesus, offering their precious gifts to him. In so doing, they foreshadow the way Gentiles will flock to the Christian communities, bearing gifts for mission.

All the readings for today's feast underscore the welcome extended to all in God's embrace. Isaiah speaks of how peoples from every nation will stream toward the renewed Jerusalem, all bearing their gifts and proclaiming God's praises. The

Mass Intentions

Saturday 11th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm - Kathleen & James Sexton

Sunday 12th January The Baptism of The Lord

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am - William & Catherine Burns

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am - Les Girvan, James & Sarah Watts

Monday 13th January

St Agnes 9.30am - Celebration of the Word & Communion

Tuesday 14th January

St Aidan Holy Hour 11.00 am to Noon

Wednesday 15th January

St Agnes Mass 7.30 pm -

Thursday 16th January

Friday 17th January

St Aidan Mass 12 Noon -

Saturday 18th January

St Agnes Mass 5.30 pm -

Sunday 19th January Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

St Aidan Mass 9.30 am -

St Agnes Mass 11.00 am -

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.

Thursday Club

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

Parish Collections

Christmas Day Final figure

St Agnes - £1,394.23

St Aidan - £839.16

Sunday 29 December

St Agnes - £749.64

St Aidan - £382.59

Sunday 5th January

St Agnes £791.89

St Aidan.£377.75

St. Agnes' team to count: 4

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

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.

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.

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:

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



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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

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St. Joseph

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Rev. Fr. Anton Fernandopulle

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Deacon: Mike Whelan

St Aidan Parish Club

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St Agnes Parish Club

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